

Treasury; Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

“TRUTH REVEALED: NEW SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES REGARDING MERCURY IN MEDICINE AND AUTISM”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “Truth Revealed: New Scientific Discoveries Regarding Mercury in Medicine and Autism.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William Egan, Acting Director, Office of Vaccines Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA; and Melinda Wharton, M.D., Acting Deputy Director, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

“ASSESSING SEPTEMBER 11TH HEALTH CARE EFFECTS”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Assessing September 11th Health Care Effects.” Testimony was heard from John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the GAO: Janet Heinrich, Director, Health Care-Public Health Issues; and Robert Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security; and public witnesses.

PROJECT SAFECOM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Project SAFECOM: More Time. More Money. More Communication? What Progress Have We Made in Achieving Interoperable Communication Between Local, State, and Federal First Responders?” Testimony was heard from William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David Boyd, SAFECOM Program Manager, Wireless Public Safety Interoperable Communications Program, Science and Technology Directorate; and Timothy L. Beres, Associate Director, State and Local Program Management Division, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness; John Muleta, Chief, Wireless Bureau, FCC; Tom Worden, Chief, Telecommunications Branch, Office of Emergency Services, State of California; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4571, amended, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2004; H.R. 1787, amended, Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 1084, amended, Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act; H.R. 3369, Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 3369, Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 4661, amended, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2004; H.R. 4077, amended, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2004; H.R. 1775, To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the oak tree as the national tree of the United States; and H.R. 4319, amended, Title 46 Codification Act of 2004.

BRIEFING—FAY REPORT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Fay Report. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D849)

H.R. 5005, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on September 8, 2004. (Public Law 108–303)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 10 a.m., SD–116.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the investigation of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade at Abu Ghraib Prison, Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Panel to Review Department of Defense Detention Operations, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1368, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement; to be followed by a hearing to examine the

impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and developments concerning international convergence, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Sudan and prospects for peace, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1635, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure the integrity of the L-1 visa for intracompany transferees, S. 1700, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 2396, to make improvements in the operations and administration of the Federal courts, H.R. 1417, to amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copyright arbitration royalty panels with Copyright Royalty Judges, S. 2204, to provide criminal penalties for false information and hoaxes relating to terrorism, S. 1860, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, S. 2195, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating to steroids and steroid precursors, S.J. Res. 23, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the event that one-fourth of the members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate are killed or incapacitated, proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Justice, and the nominations of Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, David E. Nahmias, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, and William Sanchez, of Florida, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, both of the Department of Justice, Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Michael O'Neill, of Maryland, and Ruben Castillo, of Illinois, each to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Final Report of the Independent Panel to Review Department of Defense Detention Operations, 9:30 a.m., and a hearing on the investigation of military intelligence activities at Abu Ghraib prison facility, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Examining Professional Boxing: Are Further Reforms Needed?" 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Publication and Disclosure Issues in Anti-Depressant Pediatric Clinical Trials," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "G.I. Finances: Protecting Those Who Protect Us," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Creating Secure Borders and Open Doors: A Review of DHS-State Collaboration on U.S. Visa Policy," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up S. 878, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 4984, Potash Royalty Reduction Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3834, Desalination Energy Assistance Act of 2004; H.R. 4775, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project; H.R. 4893, To authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; and the Bureau of Reclamation Contract Renewal, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Delay Reduction Efforts at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Terrorism Update, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.