

the Department of Defense; General Leon J. LaPorte, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; John R. Miller, Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; Sarah Mendelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Martina E. Vandenberg, Jenner and Block, Chicago, Illinois.

TAX RELIEF, SIMPLIFICATION, AND EQUITY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the 9/11 Commission intelligence recommendations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the condition and regulation of the insurance industry, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lloyd O. Pierson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to continue mark up of the proposed National Intelligence Reform Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2686, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, S. 518, to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy, S. 2283, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools, S. 1217, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, S. 2526, to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, S. Res. 389, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to prostate cancer information, and other pending legislation and pending nominations, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the contributions of Native American code talkers in American military history, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism legislation and proposals, including the USA PATRIOT ACT (P.L. 107-56), and the SAFE Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher A. Boyko, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 3:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Repairing the 21st Century Car: Is Technology Locking the Consumer Out?" 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation's Schools to the Internet," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Implement the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Access to Recovery: Improving Participation and Access in Drug Treatment," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Dietary Supplements: Nature's Answer to Cost Effective Preventative Medicine," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Combating Terrorism: The 9/11 Commission Recommendations and the National Strategies," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Identity Theft: The Causes, Costs, Consequences, and Potential Solutions?" 2:45 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Asia's Environmental Challenges, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, hearing on Disarmament of Libya's Weapons of Mass Destruction, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 5107, To protect crime victims' rights, 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; and H.J. Res. 22, Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to consider a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Custodian of Records, United States Commission on Civil Rights, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H.J. Res. 102, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the end of Imperial Japanese control of Palau during World War II and urging the Secretary of the Interior to work to protect the historic sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to establish commemorative programs honoring the Americans who fought there; H. Res. 737, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam during World War II; H. Res. 752, Expressing continued support for the construction of the Victims of Communism Memorial; H.R. 2440, Indian Health Care Improvement Act; H.R. 3176, Ojito Wilderness Act; H.R. 3283, Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act; H.R. 3391, Provo River Project Transfer Act; H.R. 4593, Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act; H.R. 4650, Wichita Project Equus Beds Division Authorization Act of 2004; H.R. 4683, Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act; H.R. 4887, Cumberland Island Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 4908, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2004; H.R. 5016, To extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska; H.R. 5083, To designate certain lower-elevation Federal lands in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington as wilderness, to designate a portion of such lands for

management as a backcountry wilderness management area; H.R. 5104, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program; and S. 347, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2603, To impose limitations on the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to claim title or other rights to water absent specific direction of law or to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water; H.R. 4580, To remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; and H.R. 4623, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Impact of High Natural Gas Prices on Small Farmers and Manufacturers," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Trade Preferences for Haiti, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Cyber Issues, 4:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Emergency Warning Systems: Ways to Notify the Public in the New Era of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine consumer choice and addressing "adverse selection" concerns with regard to health insurance, 10 a.m., SD-628.