

Reform. Testimony was heard from Bradley Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Mark Warshawsky, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the challenges facing the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in 2005, focusing on security and human rights, after receiving testimony from Dimitrij Rupel, Chairman, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Army, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense science and technology budget and strategy, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; to be followed by a hearing to examine the state of the securities industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, 3 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Lynn Scarlett, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and Jeffrey Clay Sell, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 131, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the Personal Responsibility and Individual Development for Everyone (PRIDE) Act, and the nominations of Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr.,

of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, S. 525, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Act, to improve early learning opportunities and promote school preparedness, and S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, and the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; to be followed by an oversight hearing on trust reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, to continue hearings on Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Acting Commissioner for FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on National Intelligence Program Budget, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, on FEMA, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Energy, 9 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., and on Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request for space activities, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on Department of Defense unmanned aerial vehicle and Joint Unmanned Combat Air System investment programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to markup the Budget Resolution Fiscal Year 2006, 10:30 a.m., Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to markup H.R. 366, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to markup H.R. 29, Spy Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Implementation of GEOSS: A Review of the All-Hazards Warning System and its Benefits to Public Health, Energy and the Environment," 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "GSE Reform and the Federal Home Loan Bank System," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee Management, Integration and Oversight, hearing entitled "CBP and ICE: Does the Current Organizational Structure Best Serve U.S. Homeland Security Interests?" 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to markup the following measures: H. Con. Res. 18, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; H. Con. Res. 32, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic; H. Con. Res. 34, Honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhanjan, a leader of Sikhs, and expressing condolences to the Sikh community on his passing; H. Con. Res. 81, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba; H. Con. Res. 82, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the arrest of Ayman Nour, the leader of the al-Ghad party, by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the support of Congress for continued progress toward democracy in Egypt; H. Res. 101, Urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations; H. Res. 120, Commending the outstanding efforts by members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees

of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development in response to the earthquake and tsunami of December 26, 2004; H. Res. 135, Providing for the establishment of a commission in the House of Representatives to assist parliaments in emerging democracies; H. Con. Res. 83, Urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the 61st session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce a resolution calling upon the Government of the People's Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China; H. Res. 99, Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Madrid that occurred one year ago, on March 11, 2004, and expressing deepest sympathy to the individuals injured in those attacks and to the people of the Kingdom of Spain; and H. Res. 108, Commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania, Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Combating Human Trafficking: Achieving Zero Tolerance, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on Developments in U.S.-Russia Relations, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward the Palestinians in the Post-Arafat Era, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on The State of Democracy in Latin America, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to markup the following measures: S. 167, Family Entertainment and Copyright Act of 2005; H.R. 683, amended, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005; H.R. 1037, To make technical corrections to title 17, United States Code; H.R. 1036, To amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to copyright royalty judges; H.R. 1038, Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2005; and H. Con. Res. 53, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the issuance of the 500,000th design patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on FY'06 President's Budget for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on the NSF Budget and Management Challenges, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Future of Social Security, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on the Budget, 12 p.m., and, executive, hearing on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Russian-Syrian connection and threats to democracy in the Middle East and the great OSCE region, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Joint Committee on Taxation: Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, 5 p.m., S-219.