

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Ballistic Missile Defense Programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, United States Strategic Command; David W. Duma, Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on the Administration's views on

how best to improve and reform regulatory oversight of the housing government-sponsored enterprises, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; and Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Thune, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8 in pro forma session, and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education, and Extension. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services,

Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on OSHA, on the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jonathon Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA; David Dye, Acting Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and John Howard, M.D., National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the GSA. Testimony was heard by Stephen A. Perry, Administrator, GSA.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on BRAC/Global Posture Review. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Resale and Morale Welfare and Recreation Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; MG Kathryn Frost, USA, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service Command; RADM Robert E. Cowley, USN, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Michael P. Downs, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Patrick Nixon, CEO and Acting Director, Defense Commissary Agency; BG John A. MacDonald, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center; RADM Christopher Weaver, USN, Commander, Navy Installations Command; Arthur Meyers, Director, Services, USAF; SFC Peter Cawley, Army National Guard; GySgt Alan R. Gilly, USMC; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform,: Held a hearing entitled “No Computer Left Behind: A Review of the Federal Government’s D+Information Security Grade.” Testimony was heard from Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; Karen S. Evans, Administrator, Office of E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; the following officials of AID, Department of State: Bruce N. Crandlemire, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and John Streufert, Acting Chief Information Officer; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Frank Deffer, Assistant Inspector General, Information Technology; and Steve Cooper, Chief Information Officer; and the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ted Alves, Assistant Inspector General, IT and Financial Management; and Daniel Matthews, Chief Information Officer.

Joint Meetings

KYRGYZSTAN REVOLUTION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the recent revolution in Kyrgyzstan and the prospects now for consolidating democracy, focusing on the implications for Central Asia, Belarus, Russia and the United States, after receiving testi-

mony from Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Daniel Kimmage, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, both of Washington, D.C.; and Zamira Sydykova, Res Publica, and Yulia Savchenko, Pyramid TV, both of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 11 through April 16, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations. Also, at 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Paul A. Crotty, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 12, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and global intelligence programs, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

April 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

April 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of the Chief Economist, the Office of Farm and