

Oil Shale, Oil Sands, and Heavy Oils,” Part 1. Testimony was heard from Russell George, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

MIGRATORY BIRD AND GREAT APE CONSERVATION MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 518, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2005; and H.R. 2693, Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VETERANS’ COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT; OVERSIGHT—VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH COSTS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1220, Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing to examine the budget modeling and methodologies used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and forecast veterans’ health care cost and utilization projections for future years. Testimony was heard from Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; John Kokulis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs for Health Budgets and Financial Policy, Department of Defense; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

REVIEW TAX DEDUCTION FOR FACADE EASEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to review the Tax Deduc-

tion for Facade Easements. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Miller, Tax-Exempt and Government Entities Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from James B. Lockhart, Deputy Commissioner, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Patrick J. Purcell, Specialist in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine U.S. military strategy and operations in Iraq and associated funding issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.