

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture's management and oversight of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Agriculture, 8:30 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist in ongoing military, diplomatic, and intelligence operations in the Global War on Terror; Stabilization and counter-insurgency activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other humanitarian assistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to resume hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine self-regulatory organizations in the securities markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to continue markup of concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, 9 a.m., S-207, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 3:15 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Alexander A. Karsner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, all of the Department of Energy, and David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine agencies' progress relating to reporting improper payments, focusing on the success or failure of agencies to report and/or reduce improper payments in fiscal year 2005 performance and accountability reports, and to discuss whether or not the various ways in which agencies measure improper payments is accurately depicting the magnitude of the problem, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, business meeting to consider S. J. Res. 12,

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Small Business Administration, and related measures, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Blinded Veterans of America, The Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Jewish War Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine how to prepare Americans for long-term care financing, 10 a.m., SD-138.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Army Budget and Acquisition Overview, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, on United States Coast Guard, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE, Environment Management, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on HIV/AIDS Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on VA/DHP Information Technology, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

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

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Missile Defense Agency and Ballistic Missile Defense Programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Act Budget Request for the Department of Defense major rotorcraft programs, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, hearing entitled “Department of Energy’s Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Proposal,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “The Federal Role in Facilitating Recovery and Long-term Rebuilding Efforts in the Gulf Coast Region,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider the following: H.R. 4855, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for 5 additional years the public and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act; S. 1736, To provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies; a Committee Report on the National Drug Control Strategy for 2006 and the National Drug Control Budget for Fiscal Year 2007; H.R. 4674, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 North Chestnut Street in Olathe, Kansas, as the “Governor John Anderson, Jr. Post Office Building;” H.R. 4688, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office;” H.R. 4786, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 535 Wood Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as the “H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building;” H.R. 4805, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 105 North Quincy Street in Clinton, Illinois, as the “Gene Vance Post Office Building;” H.R. 85, Supporting the goals and ideals of National “MPS Day;” H.R. 517, Recognizing the life of Wellington Timothy Mara and his outstanding contributions to the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States; and H.R. 556, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic; followed by a hearing entitled “The Regulation of Dietary Supplements: A Review of Consumer Safeguards,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, to mark up H.R. 4439, Transportation Security Administration Reorganization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, to mark up H.R. 1606, Online Freedom of Speech Act, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Afghanistan: Progress Report, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghanistan: Is the Aid Getting Through? 8 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1458, To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, to continue oversight hearings on White Collar Enforcement (Part 2): Corporate and Criminal Fraud Accountability, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the FY '07 Budget Request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1370, Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act; H.R. 1644, Puerto Rico Karst Conservation Act; H.R. 2110, Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act; H.R. 4382, Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act; H.R. 4789, To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district; and S. 56, Rio Grand Natural Area Act, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to continue hearings on lobby reform, entitled “Lobby Reform: Reforming the Gift and Travel Rules,” 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Should Congress Establish “ARPA-E,” The Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration’s Finance Programs,” 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Foreign Operations of U.S. Port Facilities, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service contract services and its coordination with the Department of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Background on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.