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COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the Department of Defense regarding homeland defense and support to civil authorities in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine defective products relating to criminal penalties ensuring corporate accountability, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, on GPO, Library of Congress, Open World Leadership Center, GAO, and CBO, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2006, 9:30 a.m., 2212 RHOB.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 13 through March 18, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the budget resolution, if available. At 11:30 a.m., Senate will begin a period of morning business until 1:30 p.m.; following which, Senate will continue consideration of the budget resolution. Also, at 5:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and vote immediately on the confirmation of the nomination.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including the debt-limit.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 14, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Boyd Kevin Rutherford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Sec-

retary, Gale A. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Marc L. Kesselman, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel, and Linda Avery Strachan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Office of Science, the Energy Supply and Conservation account, and the Fossil Energy Research and Development account within the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 14, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the D.C. Courts, D.C. Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and the D.C. Public Defender Service, 3 p.m., SD-192.

March 15, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, and the Capitol Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for military construction, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 16, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Research, Education, and Economics, Rural Development, and Natural Resources Conservation Service, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine National Nuclear Security Administration budget, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: March 13, to hold a closed briefing on an update from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, 3 p.m., SR-222.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 14, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine health benefits and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SR-325.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F-136 Alternate Engine Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 15, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine ground forces readiness in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F136 Alternative Engine Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 16, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Global Strike Plans and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 14, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, and Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 14, to hold hearings to examine wireless issues spectrum reform, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Wall Street perspective on telecom, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

March 16, Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine impacts on aviation regarding volcanic hazards, 10 a.m., SD-562.

March 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 3 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 16, to hold hearings to examine the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's strategy to restore and protect the Great Lakes, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: March 14, to hold hearings to examine administrative challenges facing the Social Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 16, Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine Cuno and competitiveness, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 14, to hold hearings to examine a status report on United Nations reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the

Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 109-04), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc. 109-05), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc. 109-07), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-08), 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Post-Palestinian election challenges in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 15, business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace, 9 a.m., SD-430.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act relating to enhancing public health and medical preparedness, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 14, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Federal contractors with unpaid tax debt, focusing on the extent to which contractors are tax delinquent and what can be done about it, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 15, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the programs on the Government Accountability Office's high-risk list, including whether a proposal to create a Chief Management Officer at the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense would foster a culture of accountability necessary for improved high-risk program performance, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 16, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine understanding the obligation of Funds Transparency Act, focusing on the need for earmark reform and legislation that would be an important step toward achieving such reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 15, to hold hearings to examine S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 14, to hold hearings to examine consolidation in the oil and gas industry, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial and executive nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

March 15, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine hospital group purchasing, focusing on if the industry's reforms are sufficient to ensure competition, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 16, to hold hearings to examine the homeless programs administered by the VA, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: March 15, to hold hearings to examine eliminating retirement income disparity for women, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 15, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance System, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 14, hearing on the House of Representatives, Office of Compliance and the Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Central Command, 1:30 p.m., 143 Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on the Attorney General, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE, Nuclear Waste Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on USAID Programs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 9 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on SBA, 10 a.m., H-309 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Food and Nutrition Service, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Navy/Marine Corps Budget and Acquisition Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, on Secure Border Initiative/Immigration Customs and Enforcement/Customs Border Protection, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE, Energy Supply and Conservation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Smithsonian, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on SEC, 2 p.m., H-309 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Federal Judiciary, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 14, hearing on the Department of Defense Quadrennial Defense Review, 2 p.m., and to mark up H. Res. 685, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to any entity with which the United States has contracted for public relations purposes concerning Iraq, 5:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Central Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee in Military Personnel, hearing on the Military Resale and Morale, Welfare Morale, Welfare and Recreation Overview, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Navy's Fiscal Year 2007 Shipbuilding Acquisition Strategy and How it Supports the Navy's Long-Range Fleet Plan, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Implementing the Global War on Terror strategy: Overcoming Inter-agency Problems, 5 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Southern Command, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for space activities, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the

Navy and the Department of the Air Force Aviation Acquisition Programs, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 16, Hearing on the Key Budget Process Reforms, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 16, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Mine Safety and Health: A Congressional Perspective," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on Status of the Yucca Mountain Project, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "What's the Cost? Proposals to Provide Consumers With Better Information About Healthcare Service Costs," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 14, hearing entitled "Review of the Rudman Report on Fannie Mae, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 14, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Drowning in a Sea of Faux Secrets: Policies on Handling of Classified and Sensitive Information," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled "Strengthening the Nation's Water Infrastructure: The Army Corps of Engineers' Planning Priorities," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Improving the Quality of Healthcare in the FEHBP," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled "OMB's Financial Management Line of Business Initiative Too Much Too Soon?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Taking on Water: The National Park Service's Stalled Rulemaking Effort on Personal Watercraft," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing entitled "Leave No Computer System Behind: A Review of the 2006 Federal Computer Security Scorecards," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 16, to continue mark up of H.R. 4439, Transportation Security Administration Reorganization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, March 15, hearing on the Status of Reform and Fraud Investigations at the United Nations, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, joint hearing on the Northern Ireland Peace Process: Policing Advances and Remaining Challenges, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Unrest in South Asia: Recent Developments in Nepal and Sri Lanka, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Monitoring Respect for Human Rights Around the World: A Review of the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2005, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, to mark up the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 328, Condemning the anti-democratic actions of Venezuelan President Hugh Chavez and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should strongly support the aspirations of the democratic forces in Venezuela; H. Con. Res. 338, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the activities of Islamist terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere; and H. Con. Res. 353, Commending the people of the Republic of Haiti for holding democratic elections on February 7, 2006, and congratulating President-elect Rene Garcia Preval on his victory in these elections, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 14, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3509, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on United States v. Booker: One Year Later—Chaos or Status Quo? 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 15, hearing on H.R. 4857, To better inform consumers regarding costs associated with compliance for protecting endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 11 a.m.; and a hearing on H.R. 4893, To amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Department of the Interior and United States Forest Service Budgets for Fiscal Year 2007 Energy and Mineral Programs, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the National Wildlife Refuge System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing entitled "National Park Service business strategies, including the development and implementation of National Park Service business plans," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, March 15, Subcommittee on the Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 15, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Undergraduate Science, Math and Engineering Education: What's Working? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 15, hearing on the issues confronting the Small Business Administration in the upcoming fiscal years, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled “The Missouri River and its Spring Rise: Science or Science Fiction? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on the State of Small Business Security in a Cyber Economy, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 15, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Implementation of the Recently Expanded Rail Infrastructure Loan Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Pipeline Safety, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 15, oversight hearing on education benefits for the total military force, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 16, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on the accuracy of benefits information provided to, and the quality of service received by, individuals calling into the Veterans Benefits Administration, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 15, Subcommittee on Health, Hearing on Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 15, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing regarding new research on unemployment benefit recipients, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the use of tax preferred bond financing, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Social Security number high-risk issues, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.