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COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Coast Guard's role in border and maritime security, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine health care in the District of Columbia, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy Shipbuilding in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1510, to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 1719 and H.R. 1492, bills to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, S. 2034 and H.R. 394, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assess the suitability

and feasibility of including the farm in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2252, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, and S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine if America is saving enough to be competitive in the global marketplace relating to saving for the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark C. Minton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration, focusing on SBA programs and their financial impact on the budget and economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, and Timothy Anthony Junker, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, both of the Department of Justice, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, and S. Res. 398, relating to the censure of George W. Bush, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine proposals for a legislative solution relating to orphan works, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the VA's 5-year capital construction plan, 2 p.m., SR-418.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine employment and community service for low-income seniors, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

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

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Oversight of DOE's Waste Treatment Plant at Hanford, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secure Border Initiative/Immigrations Custom Enforcement/Customs Border Protection, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on DEA/ATF, 10 a.m., and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on policy, compensation and benefits overview, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on Integration of Energy Efficient Propulsion Systems for Future U.S. Navy Vessels, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Navy Transformation, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on information technology issues and defense transformation, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "Building America's Competitiveness: Examining What Is Needed to Compete in a Global Economy," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Project Bioshield Reauthorization Issues, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Counterterrorism Financing Foreign Training and Assistance: Progress Since 9/11," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; a measure to increase the transparency of agency contacts with the private sector, enhance the revolving door restrictions on executive branch employees, and provide for disclosure of federal sponsorship of communications; a Committee report "Strengthening Disease Surveillance; and a Committee report "Updating Nuclear Security Standards: How Long Can the Department of Energy Afford To Wait?"; followed by a hearing entitled "Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth: A Post-Katrina Review of International Disaster Assistance," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information-Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise," 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, executive, briefing on the implementation plan for the President's National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza, 1:30 p.m., Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 4681, Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006; and H. Res. 697, Congratulating the people and Government of Italy, the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team, and all international athletes upon the successful completion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on An End to Impunity: Investigating the 1993 Killing of Mexican Archbishop Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4423, Ethiopia Consolidation Act of 2005; and H. Res. 608, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing on Checking Terrorism at the Border, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Iraqi Documents: A Glimpse Into the Regime of Saddam Hussein, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing entitled "The United States Department of Justice," 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Role of the Federal Government and Federal Lands in Fueling Renewable and Alternative Energy in America, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 138, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; H.R. 479, To replace a Coastal

Barrier Resources System map relating to Coastal Barrier Resources System Grayton Beach Unit FL-95P in Walton County, Florida; H.R. 1656, To correct maps depicting Unit T-10 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 3280, To exempt certain coastal barrier areas in Florida from Limitations on Federal expenditures and financial assistance under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act, and limitations on flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and H.R. 4165, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Visitation Trends in the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "Protecting Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta Water Supplies and Responding to Catastrophic Failures in California Water Deliveries," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Assessing the Goals, Schedule and Costs of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled "Can Small Healthcare Groups Feasibly Adopt Electronic Medical Records Technology?" 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Marines of World War II Act of 2005; H.R. 601, Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2005; H.R. 2188, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating servicemembers or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 2963, Dr. James Allen Disabled Veterans Equity Act; H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5037, Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act; and H.R. 5038, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and expand the application of the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit for Government markers for marked graves of veterans buried in private cemeteries and to provide Government markers or memorial headstones for deceased dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable for burial, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on health information technology (IT), 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2006 tax return filing season, the Internal Revenue Service budget for fiscal year 2007, and other issues in tax administration, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., and, executive, Briefing entitled "Use of Strategic Communications by al-Qaeda," 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.