

hearing Celebrating 59 Years: The Eisenhower Interstate Highway System. Testimony was heard from Richard Capka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

RAIL SAFETY INITIATIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on current FRA Rail Safety Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VA RURAL HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to provide high quality health care to veterans in rural communities. Testimony was heard from Jonathan B. Perline, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC EXPANSION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prospects for economic expansion in the United States, after receiving testimony from Edward P. Lazear, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; and Mickey D. Levy, Bank of America, and Brad Setser, Roubini Global Economics, LLC, both of New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed meeting to discuss training and equipping Iraqi security forces, 3:15 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to continue markup of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Ari-

zona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1812, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, S. 2129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 2470, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 2502, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, S. 3404, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant", and H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing on Environmental Protection Agency regional inconsistencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up S. 1321, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications, and proposed legislation to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Peter R. Coneway, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and Thomas C. Foley, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ireland, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 3570, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, S. 3546, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to serious adverse event reporting for dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs, S. 707, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, S. 757, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and the nomination of Jonann E. Chiles, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mickey

D. Barnett, of New Mexico, Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, and Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Native American Housing Programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine hedge funds and independent analysts, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Bobby E. Shepherd, of Arkansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the status of security and stability in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on The First Tee and Schools: Working to Build Character Education, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Mental Illness and Brain Disease: Dispelling Myths and Promoting Recovery Through Awareness and Treatment, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled "Making the Internet Safe for Kids: The Role of ISPs and Social Networking Sites," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Investor Protection: A Review of Plaintiffs' Attorney Abuses in Securities Litigation and Legislative Remedies," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Is America's Housing Market Prepared for the Next Natural Catastrophe?" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Availability and Effectiveness of Programs To Treat Victims of the Methamphetamine Epidemic" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled "OMB's Financial Management Line of Business Initiative: Do Recent Changes to the Implementation Guidance Clarify the Rules?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "DHS Intelligence and Border Security: Delivering Operational Intelligence," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on East Timor: Instability and Future Prospects, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Hurricane Reconstruction and Preparedness, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005; and H.R. 5323, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills; H.R. 2692, Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 3871, 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; and H.R. 5145, to authorize the National War Dogs Monument, Inc. to establish a national monument in honor of military working dog teams, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4761, Domestic Energy Production through Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing entitled "The Effects of the High Cost of Natural Gas on Small Businesses and Future Energy Technologies," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005; H.R. 5681, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2006, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on What VA IT Organizational Structure would have best prevented VA's "Meltdown" in Information Management, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Health Savings Accounts, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider the following: "Report: 'al Qaeda: The Many Faces of an Islamic Extremist Threat,'" 2:45 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Committee on the Library: business meeting to consider pending committee business, 3 p.m., H-140, Capitol.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Belgium's Chairmanship of the OSCE, focusing on developments in Central Asia and neighboring Afghanistan, the emergence of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the political situation in the Caucasus, and human rights trends in the Russian Federation, 11 a.m., 2359 RHOB.