

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2008

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Dicks and Representative Tiahrt, but action was deferred on H.R. 2643, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2304, Advanced Geothermal Energy Research and Development Act of 2007 and H.R. 2313, Marine Renewable Energy Research and Development Act of 2007.

U.S. TRADE POLICY AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on U.S. Trade Policy and Small Business. Testimony was heard from Tiffany M. Moore, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison; Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; W. Kirk Miller, Associate Administrator and General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; Richard Ginsburg, Acting Assistant Administrator, International Trade, SBA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, and Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and to consider 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority for fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled “Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act,” 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine public safety and competition issues, focusing on the 700MHz auction, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 535, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion, S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 105, designating September 2007 as “Campus Fire Safety Month,” S. Res. 215, designating September 25, 2007, as “National First Responder Appreciation Day,” the nomination of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and possible authorization of subpoenas in connection with the investigation of the legal basis for the warrantless wiretap program, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the impact of rising gas prices on America’s small businesses, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, to consider H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Deal or No Deal: The State of the Trans-Atlantic Relationship, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Is There a Human Rights Double Standard? U.S. Policy Toward Saudi Arabia, Iran and Uzbekistan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Assessing and Addressing the Threat: Defining the Role of a National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Election Task Force, to consider GAO Work Plan, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 442, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 761, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretative Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as a historical interpretive site along the trail; H.R. 1625, Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1835, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act; and H.R. 2197, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on A Path Toward the Broader Use of Biofuels: Enhancing the Federal Commitment to Research and Development to Meet Growing Needs, 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to mark up the FAA Research and Development Reauthorization Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the SBA's Microloan Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: H.R. 2095, Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act; and the Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1448, VA Hospital Quality Report Card Act of 2007; H.R. 1853, Jose Medina Veterans' Affairs Police Training Act of 2007; H.R. 1925, To direct the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to establish a separate Veterans' Integrated Service Network for the Gulf Coast region of the United States; H.R. 2005, Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of

2007; H.R. 2172, Amputee Veterans Assistance Act; H.R. 2173, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize additional funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase the capacity for provision of mental health service through contracts with community mental health centers; H.R. 2219, Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline Act of 2007; H.R. 2192, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and draft and discussion on Mental Health and Homelessness, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Promoting U.S. Worker Competitiveness in a Globalized Economy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence executive, hearing on FISA, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine importing success, focusing on work-family policies from aboard make economic sense for the United States, 10 a.m., SH-216.