

OVERSIGHT—ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing entitled “Poaching American Security: Impacts of Illegal Wildlife Trade.” Testimony was heard from Claudia A. McMurray, Assistant Secretary, Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State; Benito Perez, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of Ballistic Missile Defense (Part I): Threats, Realities, and Tradeoffs. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Hildreth, Specialist in National Defense, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2009 Research and Development Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Steve Isakowitz, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; Mark E. Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and a public witness.

SBA’S SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on Improving the SBA’s Access to Capital Programs for our Nation’s Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Eric Zarnikow, Associate Administrator, Capital Access, SBA; and public witnesses.

INVESTMENT IN THE RAIL INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Investment in the Rail Industry. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; Francis P. Mulvey, Vice Chairman; and W. Douglas Buttrey, Board Member, all with the Surface Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

TAX TREATMENT OF DERIVATIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Tax Treatment of Derivatives. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Desmond, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on FISA Part II. The Committee was briefed by public witnesses.

BRIEFING—FBI INTELLIGENCE REFORMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on FBI Intelligence Reforms. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 6, 2008**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine reforming the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s 2008 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of facilities in Indian country jails, schools, and health facilities, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to

offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, of to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, William Joseph Hawe, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine a sundry of associations outlook on veterans affairs issues, 9:30 a.m., 345-CHOB.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to continue on NASA, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn, and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Intelligence Program Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., and on Department of Energy-Environmental Management Legacy Management, 3 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on OMB, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Border Security Programs and Operations-Challenges and Priorities, 9:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on GPO, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, executive, on Central Com-

mand, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol, and on Department of Veterans' Affairs—Medical Care, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2008 Emergency Supplemental Request for State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on FAA-Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H.R. 1198, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007; H.R. 2464, Wakefield Act; H.R. 1237, Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3701, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007; H.R. 2063, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2007; H.R. 3925, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007; and H.R. 1418, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "The Need for Credit Union Regulatory Relief and Improvements," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5312, Automobile Arbitration Fairness Act of 2008, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 4279, Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property 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. 877, Adams National Historical Park Boundary Addition Act; H.R. 1423, Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act; H.R. 1693, National Liberty Memorial Act; H.R. 2675, HALE Scouts Act; H.R. 3651, Utah National Guard Readiness Act; and H.R. 3734, Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Investing in the Future of the Federal Workforce: Paid Parental Leave Improves Recruitment and Retention, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on The Department of Homeland Security's R&D Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Are New Procurement Methods Beneficial to Small Business Contractors?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small, Minority, and Disadvantaged Businesses, 11 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee, executive, briefing on Intelligence Budget Overview—DNI, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “Blowing in the Wind: Renewable Energy as the Answer to an Economy Adrift,” 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee of Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine investing in the future of the federal workforce, focusing on paid parental leave to improve recruitment and retention, 9:30 a.m., 2154—RHOB.

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Veterans, Affairs Committee to examine a sundry of associations, outlook on veterans affairs issues, 9:30 a.m., 345—CHOB.