

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Committee on the Budget: and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing on Financing Infrastructure Investments. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; and Patricia A. Dalton, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO.

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on The National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts: Overview of Programs and National Impact. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities: Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; and Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts; William F. Glacken, Mayor, Freeport, New York; and public witnesses.

STEM CELL SCIENCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Stem Cell Science: The Foundation for Future Cures.” Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Direct-to-Consumer Advertising: Marketing, Education, or Deception.” Testimony was heard from Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL GULF COAST HOUSING FUNDS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Emergency CDBG Funds in the Gulf Coast: Uses, Challenges, and Lessons for the Future.” Testimony was heard from Stanley Gimont, Acting Director, Block Grant Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Bill Johnson, Director, Department of Economic and Community Affairs, State of Alabama; Gail Stafford, Administrator, Community Development Block Grant Funds, Department of Community Affairs, State of Florida; David Bowman, Director, Research and Special Projects, Recovery Authority, State of Louisiana; Jack Norris, Director, Governor’s Office of Recovery and Renewal, State of Mississippi; William Dally, Deputy Executive Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

U.S. MIDDLE EAST AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Middle East: Old Tools for New Tasks? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and George A. Laudato, Administrator’s Special Assistant for the Middle East, The Middle East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development.

CENTRAL AMERICA ORGANIZED CRIME INITIATIVE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Central America and the Merida Initiative. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE-BASED ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Performance Based Acquisitions: Creating Solutions or Causing Problems?” Testimony was heard from John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Thomas Essig, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4080, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a separate nonimmigrant classification for fashion models.

The Subcommittee also approved private relief bills.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3840, To prohibit commercial fishing of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in inland, State, and Federal water along the Atlantic coast of the United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3841, To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone. Testimony was heard from Peyton Robertson, Director, Chesapeake Bay Office, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 155, Lower Brule and Crow Creek Tribal Compensation Act; H.R. 5511, Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008; and H.R. 5710, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Quint, Director of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Martha Rudolph, Director, Environmental Programs, Department of Public Health and Environment, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

UNIVERSAL MAIL ECONOMICS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on The Economics of Universal Mail Post PAEA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General, and CEO; and David C. Williams, Inspector General; Dan Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

**WOMEN IN ACADEMIC SCIENCE/
ENGINEERING**

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Lynda T. Carlson, Director, Division of Science Resource Statistics, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, NSF; Linda G. Blevins, Senior Technical Advi-

sor, Office of the Deputy Director for Science and Programs, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

**MEDICARE PHYSICIAN FEE CUTS SMALL
PRACTICE IMPACTS**

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Medicare Physician Fee Cuts: Can Small Practices Survive." Testimony was heard from Herb B. Kuhn, Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**FOSTER CHILDREN'S PSYCHOTROPIC
MEDICATION USE**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on the Utilization of Psychotropic Medication for Children in Foster Care. Testimony was heard from Jeffery Thompson, M.D., Department of Social and Health Services, State of Washington; Tricia Lea, Director, Medical and Behavioral Services, Department of Children's Services, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

**INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION FISCAL
YEAR 2009**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5959, Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal Year 2009.

**CLIMATE MEASURES—ROLE OF EFFICIENCY
POLICIES**

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Negawatts: The Role of Efficiency Policies in Climate Legislation." Testimony was heard from Paul DeCotis, Deputy Secretary of Energy, State of New York; Dian Grueneich, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 12 through May 17, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will be in a period of morning business.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 2284, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act, vote on certain amendments and on passage of the bill; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperative Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.