

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Brad Heavner, Director, Environment, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

BROADBAND PROVIDERS AND CONSUMER PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “What Your Broadband Provider Knows About Your Web Use: Deep Packet Inspection and Communications Laws and Policies.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GAO REPORT—LENDER RACE-GENDER DATA COLLECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “GAO Report on Regulation B: Should Lenders Be Required to Collect Race and Gender Data of Borrowers for All Loans.” Testimony was heard from Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

AIDING AMERICAN BUSINESSES ABROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors. Testimony was heard from Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; David D. Nelson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs; and public witnesses.

VENEZUELA: LOOKING AHEAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Venezuela: Looking Ahead. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security.” Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

ADMINISTRATION INTERROGATION RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued hearings on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay:

Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rule, Part V. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Justice: John D. Ashcroft, Attorney General; and Walter Dellinger, former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INSULAR AFFAIRS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Domenech, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Pedro A. Tenorio, Resident Representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Jeffrey Farrow, former Co-Chair of the White House Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.

HEALTH INSURANCE TERMINATIONS; PAT TILLMAN/JESSICA LYNCH REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Business Practices in the Individual Health Insurance Market: Terminations of Coverage. Testimony was heard from Abby Block, Director, Center for Drug and Health Plan Choice, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

The Committee also approved a Committee Report entitled “Misleading Information from the Battlefield: The Tillman and Lynch Episodes.”

SBA’S CONTRACTING PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Small Business Administration’s Contracting Programs and Recent GAO Examination of Programs. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Acting Administrator, SBA; and from the following officials of the GAO: William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations.

MODERN MEASURE OF POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Establishing a Modern Poverty Measure. Testimony was heard from Mark Levitan, Director, Poverty Research, Center for Economic Opportunity, New York City; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to