

PIRACY AGAINST U.S. FLAGGED VESSELS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Piracy Against U.S.-Flagged Vessels: Lessons Learned. Testimony was heard from RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commander, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ed Frothingham, Principal Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Department of Defense, and public witnesses.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Dennis Blair, Director, Office of National Intelligence; and James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF GLOBAL DEMAND ON OIL**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine oil and the economy, focusing on the impact of rising global demand on the United States recovery, after receiving testimony from Daniel Yergin, Chairman, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Washington, DC.; and James D. Hamilton, University of California, San Diego.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MAY 21, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the National Institutes of Health, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Government Accountability Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010

and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Sandra Brooks Henriquez, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing, and Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine health and product safety issues associated with imported drywall, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for NASA, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine The United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine financial regulatory lessons from abroad, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine executive branch authority to acquire trust lands for Indian tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, the nominations of Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and committee's subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the role of small business in stimulus contracting, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup pending legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Robert S. Litt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review low carbon fuel standard proposals, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 10 a.m., 2362a Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA): Nuclear Nonproliferation and Weapons, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies, on Treasury Department, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Geological Survey, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Army Acquisition, Reset, and Modernization Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Military Personnel Overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space and Missile Defense Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Increasing Student Aid Through Loan Reform, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue mark up of H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, executive, briefing on piracy, 10 a.m., 311-B Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Military and Overseas Voting: Obstacles and Potential Solutions, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Ramifications of Auto Industry Bankruptcies, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Unfairness in Federal Cocaine Sen-

tencing: Is it time to Crack the 100 to 1 Disparity? and to consider the following bills: H.R. 1459, Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009; H.R. 1466, Major Drug Trafficking Prosecution Act of 2009; H.R. 265, Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2009; H.R. 2178, Crack-Cocaine Equitable Sentencing Act of 2009; and H.R. 18, Powder-Crack Cocaine Penalty Equalization Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Future of the Forest Economy, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, oversight hearing entitled "The Future of the V-22 Osprey: Costs, Capabilities, and Challenges," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "Stakeholders' Views on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2200, Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare, hearing entitled "Impacts of Outstanding Regulatory Policy on Small Biofuels Producers and Family Farmers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1522, United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act; H.R. 1982, Veterans Entitlement to Service (VETS) Act of 2009, and H.R. 2270, Benefits for Qualified World War II Veterans Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1037, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1098, Veterans Worker Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1168, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1172, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors; H.R. 1821, Equity for Injured Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1879, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 2180, To amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities called to active service, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on issues involving tax-exempt and taxable government bonds, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee, executive, briefing on Executive Overview, 2 p.m., 304-HVC.