

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE'S FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine addressing the United States Postal Service's financial crisis, including a strategy needed to address the aging delivery fleet, after receiving testimony from Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Margaret Cigno, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Regulatory Commission; Cliff Guffey, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Mark Strong, National League of Postmasters, Phoenix, Arizona; and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., Middletown, Connecticut.

MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening medical and public health preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Nicole

Lurie, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response, RADM, United States Public Health Service; Susan R. Cooper, Tennessee Department of Health Commissioner, Nashville; Colonel Robert P. Kadlec, USAF (Ret.), PRTM Management Consultants LLC, and Phyllis Arthur, Biotechnology Industry Organization, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael R. Anderson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Cleveland, Ohio.

IMPROVING BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine improving security and facilitating commerce at America's northern border and ports of entry, after receiving testimony from Alan Bersin, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and John Morton, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 50.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MAY 18, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current materiel readiness of U.S. Forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps acquisition programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the state of the securitization markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.