
3) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

MAD COW RESPONSE

2/24 – 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10am. Senate Appropriations Committee Full committee hearing on the federal government's response to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). Witnesses: Mark McClellan, commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Elsa Murano, undersecretary for food safety, Agriculture Department (USDA); Keith Collins, chief economist, USDA; Ron DeHaven, deputy administrator of veterinary services, USDA; Julie Louise Gerberding, director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony Fauci, director, National Institute on Allergies and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Dennis Wolff, secretary of agriculture, State of Pennsylvania. Contact: 224-7363 <http://appropriations.senate.gov/releases/record.cfm?id=218225>

MIDDLE EAST ROAD MAP

2/24 – 325 Russell Senate Office Building, 2:30pm. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee hearing, "The Middle East: Rethinking the Road Map." Witnesses: Henry Kissinger, former secretary of State; Dennis Ross, director/Ziegler distinguished fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Robert Malley, Middle East program director, International Crisis Group; Martin Indyk, director, The Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution. Contact: 224-4651 <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040224p.html>

CYBERTERRORISM

2/24 – 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10am. Senate Judiciary Committee Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing on "Virtual Threat, Real Terror: Cyberterrorism in the 21st Century." Witnesses: John Malcolm, deputy assistant attorney general, Justice Department; Keith Lourdeau, deputy assistant director, FBI; Amit Yoran, director, National Cybersecurity Division, Homeland Security Department; Dan Verton, author, Burke, Va.; Howard Schmidt, chief information security officer, eBay; Michael Vatis, executive director, Tack Force on National Security in the Information Age, New York, N.Y. Contact: 224-5225 <http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearing.cfm?id=1054>

WORLD WIDE THREATS

2/24 – 192 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10am. Senate Select Intelligence Committee Full committee open hearing on world wide threats. Witnesses: George Tenet, director, CIA; Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Robert Mueller, director, FBI. Contact: 224-1700 <http://intelligence.senate.gov/>

JAPAN AND SRI LANKA TAX AGREEMENTS

2/25 – 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 9:30am. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee hearing on the Japanese Tax Treaty and the Sri Lanka Tax Protocol. Witnesses: Barbara Angus, international tax council, Treasury Department; George Yin, chief of staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; William Reinsch, president, National Foreign Trade Council; **James Fatheree**, president, US-Japan Business Council. Contact: 224-4651 <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040225a.html>

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

2/26 – 216 Hart Senate Office Building, 9:30am. Senate Armed Services Committee Full committee hearing on future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States (Hearing will adjourn in to a closed session in 219 HSOB). Witnesses: CIA Director George Tenet and Defense Intelligence Agency Director Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby. Contact: 224-3871 http://www.senate.gov/~armed_services/e_witnesslist.cfm?id=1057

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

2/26 – 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10am. Senate Budget Committee Full committee hearing on the President's international affairs budget for FY2005. Witnesses: Secretary of State Colin Powell. Contact: 224-0642 http://www.senate.gov/~budget/republican/hearing_schedule_and_testi.html

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATIONS

2/26 – 192 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10am. Senate Appropriations Committee Veterans Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee hearing on FY2005 appropriations for the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science Foundation. Witnesses: John Marburger, director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Arden Bement, Jr., acting director, National Science Foundation; Warren Washington, chairman, National Science Foundation. Contact: 224-7363 <http://appropriations.senate.gov/>

INTERNATIONAL FREE PRESS

2/26 – 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 9:30am. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee hearing, "Public Diplomacy and International Free Press." Witnesses: Margaret Tutwiler, undersecretary for public diplomacy and public affairs, State Department. Contact: 224-4651 <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040226a.html>

U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS

2/26 – 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 2:30pm. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee hearing on "Libya: Next Steps in U.S. Relations." Witnesses: William Burns, assistant secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, State Department; Paula De Sutter, assistant secretary for verification and compliance, State Department. Contact: 224-4651 <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040226p.html>

IRAQI MARSHLANDS

2/24 – 2172 Rayburn House Office Building, 10am. House International Relations Committee Middle East and Central Asia Subcommittee hearing, "United States and the Iraqi Marshlands: An Environmental Response." Witnesses: Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm, assistant professor, Departments of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering, University of Miami; Azzam Alwash, senior project adviser, Eden Again. Contact: 225-5021 http://wwwc.house.gov/international_relations/108/meca022404.htm

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

2/25 – H-143, U.S. Capitol, 10am. House Appropriations Committee Veterans Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee hearing on FY2005 appropriations for the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Witnesses: John Marburger, director, Office of Science and Technology Policy. Contact: 225-2771 <http://appropriations.house.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Detail&HearingId=369&Month=2&Year=2004>

CIA LEAK INVESTIGATION

2/25 – 2118 Rayburn House Office Building, 6pm. House Armed Services Committee Full committee markup of H.Res.499, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame. Contact: 225-4151, recorded schedule 225-2675 <http://www.house.gov/hasc/schedules/>

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2/25 – 2118 Rayburn House Office Building, 2pm. House Armed Services Committee Strategic Forces Subcommittee hearing on the FY2005 budget request: "Status of Space Programs." Witnesses: Peter Teets, undersecretary, U.S. Air Force. Contact: 225-4151 recorded schedule 225-2675
<http://www.house.gov/hasc/schedules/>

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

2/25 – 210 Cannon House Office Building, 10am. House Budget Committee Full committee hearing, "The Economic Outlook and Current Fiscal Issues." Witnesses: Alan Greenspan, chairman, Federal Reserve Board. Contact: 226-7270 <http://www.house.gov/budget/>

PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH DISPARITIES

2/25 – 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, 2pm. House Government Reform Committee Human Rights and Wellness Subcommittee hearing, "Investigation into Health disparities in United States Pacific Island Territories." Contact: 225-5074 <http://reform.house.gov/>

CIA LEAK INVESTIGATION

2/25 – 2172 Rayburn House Office Building, 10:30am. House International Relations Committee Full committee markup of H.Res.499, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame; H.R.3782, the "Counter-Terrorist and Narco-Terrorist Rewards Program Act"; H.R.854, the "Belarus Democracy Act"; the "Microenterprise Results and Accountability Act of 2004"; a resolution urging passage of a resolution addressing human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China at the 60th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and calling upon the government of People's Republic of China to respect and protect human rights; H.Con.Res.15, commending India on its celebration of Republic Day; and the "Assistance to Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in developing Countries Act of 2004." Contact: 225-5021 http://www.house.gov/international_relations/fullhear.htm

CIA LEAK INVESTIGATION

2/25 – 2141 Rayburn House Office Building, 10am. House Judiciary Committee Full committee markup of H.Res.499, requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame. Contact: 225-3951 <http://www.house.gov/judiciary/>

NORTHERN MARINA ISLAND REPRESENTATION

2/25 – 1324 Longworth House Office Building, 10:30am. House Resources Committee Full committee oversight hearing to examine the potential for a delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Witnesses: James Bnedetto, federal ombudsman, Interior Department; Juan Babauta, governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Pete Tenorio, resident representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Benigno Fitial, speaker of the house, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Joaquin Adriano, senate president, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Ruth Van Cleve, former director, Office of Insular Affairs, Interior Department. Contact: 225-2761 <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/>

VISA SECURITY

2/25 – 2318 Rayburn House Office Building, 10am. House Science Committee Full committee hearing on "The

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Conflict Between Science and Security in Visa Policy: Status and Next Steps." Contact: 225-6371
<http://www.house.gov/science/committeeinfo/schedule.htm>

DEFENSE TRANSFORMATION

2/26 – 2212 Rayburn House Office Building, 1pm. House Armed Services Committee Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee hearing on Defense Department transformation. Witnesses: Arthur Cebrowski, director, Office of Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Rear Adm. Kevin Cosgriff, director, Warfare Integration (OPNAV N7F), U.S. Navy; Maj. Gen. Ronald Bath, director, Air Force Strategic Planning (AF/XPX); Lt. Gen. Edward Hanlon, deputy commandant for combat development, and commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; Lt. Gen. Robert Wagner, deputy commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command. Contact: 225-4151, recorded schedule 225-2675 <http://www.house.gov/hasc/schedules/>

AFGHANISTAN'S HEROIN TRADE

2/26 – 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, 10am. House Government Reform Committee Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee hearing on "Afghanistan: Law Enforcement Interdiction Efforts on Transshipment Countries to Stem the Flow of Heroin." Contact: 225-5074 <http://reform.house.gov/>

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

2/26 – 2172 Rayburn House Office Building, 1pm. House International Relations Committee Full committee hearing on "U.S. Foreign Assistance After September 11th: Major Changes, Competing Purposes and Different Standards - Is There an Overall Strategy?" (Rescheduled from January 28) Witnesses: Mary McClymount, CEO, InterAction; Patrick Cronin, senior vice president and director of studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Lael Brainard, senior fellow, The Brookings Institution; Steven Radelet, senior fellow, Center for Global Development; Helle Dale, deputy director, Davis Institute for International Studies, The Heritage Foundation. Contact: 225-5021 http://www.house.gov/international_relations/fullhear.htm