
3) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

2/10 - 325 Russell Senate Office Building, 9:30am. Senate Committee On Armed Services hearing on the defense authorization request for FY2005 and the Future Years defense program. Witnesses: Gen. Peter Schoomaker, chief of staff, U.S. Army; Adm. Vernon Clark, chief of Naval operations; Gen. Michael Hagee, commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; and Gen. John Jumper, chief of staff, U.S. Air Force. Contact: 224-3871

http://www.senate.gov/~armed_services/e_witnesslist.cfm?id=1020.

DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS

2/11 - 2118 Rayburn House Office Building, 3 pm. House Armed Services Committee, Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee hearing, "Defense Department Information Systems Architecture: Are We on the Right Path to Achieving Net-Centricity and Ensuring Interoperability?" Witnesses: Linton Wells II, principal deputy secretary for networks and information integration and acting secretary for spectrum, space, sensors and command, control and communications, Defense Department; John Stenbit, assistant secretary for networks and information integration, Defense Department; Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, CIO/G6, U.S. Army; Maj. Gen. Marilyn Quagliotti, vice director of defense information systems, U.S. Army; Rear. Adm. Thomas Zelibor, deputy for C4 integration and policy and deputy CIO, U.S. Navy; David Tilotson III, director, C41 surveillance and reconnaissance architecture and assessment, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration; Brig. Gen. John Thomas, director of command and control, communications and computers (C4) and deputy CIO, U.S. Marine Corps. Contact: 202-225-4151, recorded schedule 202-225-2675 <http://www.house.gov/hasc/>.

TREASURY NOMINATION

2/10 - 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10 am. Senate Committee on Finance hearing on the nomination of Samuel Bodman to Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Department. Witnesses: The nominee. Contact: 202-224-4515

<http://finance.senate.gov/>.

U.S. – MIDDLE EAST PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

2/10 - 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, 2 pm. House Government Reform Committee, U.S. - Middle East Public Diplomacy National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations Subcommittee hearing on "Public Diplomacy in the Middle East." Witnesses: Margaret Tutwiler, undersecretary for public diplomacy and public affairs, State Department; Kenneth Tomlinson, chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG); Norman Pattiz, founder/chairman, Westwood One and BBG member; Harold Pachios, chairman, Advisory Committee on Public Diplomacy; Jess Ford, director of international affairs and trade, General Accounting Office; Imam Yahya Hendi, Muslim chaplain, Georgetown University; Steven Johnson, senior policy analyst, The Heritage Foundation; David Morey, member, Council on Foreign Relations Public Diplomacy Task Force; Stephen Cohen, President, Institute for Middle East Development and member of the Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World. Contact: 202-225-5074 <http://reform.house.gov/>.

PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC REPORT

2/10 - 628 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 2:30 pm. Joint Economic Committee full committee hearing on the President's Economic Report. Witnesses: Greg Mankiw, chairman and Harvey Rosen and Kristen Forbes, members, President's Council of Economic Advisers. Contact: 202-224-5171 <http://jec.senate.gov/>.

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2/11 - 2128 Rayburn House Office Building, 11 am. House Financial Services Committee full committee hearing to receive the Federal Reserve's semiannual report on monetary policy. Witnesses: Alan Greenspan, chairman, Federal Reserve Board. Contact: 202-225-7502 <http://financialservices.house.gov/>.

IRAQ FINANCIAL RECONSTRUCTION

2/11 - 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 1 pm. Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, International Trade and Finance Subcommittee hearing on financial reconstruction in Iraq. Witnesses: John Taylor, undersecretary for international affairs, Treasury Department; Anthony Wayne, assistant secretary for economic and business affairs, State Department; Gordon West, acting assistant administrator, Bureau for Asia and Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development. Contact: 202-224-7391 <http://banking.senate.gov/>.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

2/11 - 2172 Rayburn House Office Building, 10 am. House International Relations Committee full committee hearing on the President's FY2005 budget request for international affairs. Witnesses: Secretary of State Colin Powell. Contact: 202-225-5021 http://www.house.gov/international_relations/.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

2/11 - 2172 Rayburn House Office Building, 1:30 pm. House International Relations Committee, International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights Subcommittee hearing, "Status of International Religious Freedom: An Analysis of the State Department's 2003 Annual Report." Witnesses: John Hanford, III, ambassador-at-large for international and religious freedom, State Department; Nina Shea, vice chairman, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; Joseph Grieboski, founder/president, Institute on Religion and Public Policy; Tom Malinowski, Washington advocacy director, Human Rights Watch; Robert Seiple, founder/chairman of the board, Institute for Global Engagement. Contact: 202-225-5021 http://www.house.gov/international_relations/.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) BUDGET

2/11 - 2318 Rayburn House Office Building, 10 am. House Science Committee full committee hearing, "An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for FY2005." Contact: 202-225-6371 <http://www.house.gov/science/>.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

2/11 - 1100 Longworth House Office Building, 2 pm. House Ways and Means Committee full committee hearing on the President's FY2005 budget (Rescheduled from February 4). Witnesses: Joshua Bolten, director, Office of Management and Budget. Contact: 202-225-3625 <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/>.

MAD COW DISEASE – HUMAN TRANSMISSION

2/12-13 - Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 8 am. Health and Human Services Department (HHS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (F.R. Page 3588) Meeting of the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee. Topics include: presentation on a presumptive transfusion-transmitted case of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) reported recently in the United Kingdom; updates on related experimental studies in animals on transmission of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) agents by blood, and relevant epidemiology of human TSEs; update on the case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) recently recognized in the United States; discussion about potential models of risk-based approaches to sourcing of bovine materials used to make medical products; FDA's current recommendations on measures to minimize risk from TSE agents in various types of medical products. Contact: Sheila Langford, 301-827-0314. <http://www.hhs.gov/>.

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2/12 - 325 Russell Senate Office Building, 9:30 am. Senate Foreign Relations Committee full committee hearing, "State Department: Policy and Programs." Witnesses: Secretary of State Colin Powell. Contact: 202-224-4651 <http://foreign.senate.gov/>.

AFGHANISTAN, DRUGS AND TERRORISM

2/12 - 2172 Rayburn House Office Building, 10 am. House International Relations Committee full committee hearing on "Afghanistan: Drugs and Terrorism and U.S. Security Policy." Witnesses: Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Ill.; Robert Charles, assistant secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, State Department; William Taylor, Jr., coordinator for Afghanistan, State Department; Karen Tandy, administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; Thomas O'Connell, assistant secretary for special operations and low-intensity conflict, Defense Department. Contact: 202-225-5021 http://www.house.gov/international_relations/.

SPACE EXPLORATION

2/12 - 2318 Rayburn House Office Building, 10 am. House Science Committee full committee hearing on "The President's Vision of Space Exploration." Contact: 202-225-6371 <http://www.house.gov/science/>.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

2/12 - 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10 am. Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee full committee hearing on Federal Reserve's monetary policy report. Witnesses: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. Contact: 202-224-7391 <http://banking.senate.gov/>.

BUDGET REVENUE PROPOSALS

2/12 - 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 2 pm. Senate Finance Committee full committee hearing on the revenue proposals in the President's FY2005 budget. Witnesses: Treasury Secretary John Snow. Contact: 202-224-4515 <http://finance.senate.gov/>.