
3) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

MAD COW DISEASE

1/27 - 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 9:30 am. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee Full committee hearing on the recent case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy ("mad cow" disease) in Washington state and its impact on food safety, livestock marketing and international trade. Witnesses: Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.; Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman; Mark McClellan, commissioner, Food and Drug Administration and Alfonso Torres, assistant dean, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Contact: 202-224-2035, <http://agriculture.senate.gov/>.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

1/27 - 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10 am. Senate Budget Committee Full committee hearing on the CBO's Budget and Economic Outlook. Witnesses: Douglass Holtz-Eakin, director, Congressional Budget Office. Contact: 202-224-0642, <http://www.senate.gov/~budget/republican/>.

1/27 - 210 Cannon House Office Building, 2 pm. House Budget Committee Full committee hearing on the CBO's budget and economic outlook. Witnesses: Douglas Holtz-Eakin, director, Congressional Budget Office. Contact: 202-226-7270, <http://www.house.gov/budget/>.

AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION

1/27 - 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 10 am. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee hearing. "Afghanistan Stabilization and Reconstruction: A Status Report." Witnesses: Supreme Allied Commander Europe Gen. James Jones and William Taylor, coordinator for Afghanistan, State Department. Contact: 202-224-4651, <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040127a.html>.

UN IN AFGHANISTAN

1/27 - 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 11:30 am. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee meets to receive a briefing on the status of United Nations (UN) Activities in Afghanistan. Witnesses: Lakhdar Brahimi, undersecretary general/special adviser to the secretary general on peace and security, UN. Contact: 202-224-4651, <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040127a1.html>.

GOVERNMENT CONTINUITY

1/27 - 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 9:30 am. Senate Judiciary Committee Full committee hearing, "Ensuring the Continuity of the United States: A Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Guarantee a Functioning Congress." Contact: 202-224-5225, <http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearing.cfm?id=1016>.

SEAPORT SECURITY

1/27 - 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building, 11:15 am. Senate Judiciary Committee Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing, "Covering the Water Front - A Review of Seaport Security since September 11, 2001." (Hearing will begin immediately following the "Government Continuity" hearing.) Witnesses: David Stone, acting administrator, Transportation Security Administration; Capt. Peter Neffenger, Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach, U.S. Coast Guard; Gary Bald, inspector/deputy assistant director, FBI. Contact: 202-224-5225, <http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearing.cfm?id=1016>.

FUTURE SPACE MISSIONS

1/28 - 253 Russell Senate Office Building, 9:30 am. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Full committee hearing NASA's future space plans and President Bush's proposal to return astronauts to the moon and expand human space exploration to Mars. Contact: 202-224-1251, <http://commerce.senate.gov/hearings/witnesslist.cfm?id=1021>.

PAKISTAN AND INDIA

1/28 - 216 Hart Senate Office Building, 10:30 am. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee hearing on "Pakistan and India: Steps Toward Rapprochement." Witnesses: Stephen Cohen, senior fellow, Foreign Policy Studies Program, The Brookings Institution; Frank Wisner, vice chairman, External Affairs, American International Group; Michael Krepon, founding president, the Henry Stimson Center. Contact: 202-224-4651, <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040128a1.html>.

1/28 - S-407, U.S. Capitol, 9 am. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Full committee meets to receive a closed briefing on "Pakistan and India: Steps Toward Rapprochement." Witnesses: CIA representatives. Contact: 202-224-4651, <http://foreign.senate.gov/hearings/2004/hrg040128a.html>.

IRAQ FORCE ROTATION

1/28 - 2118 Rayburn House Office Building, 1 pm. House Armed Services Committee Full committee hearing on the Operation Iraqi Freedom Force Rotation Plan. Contact: 202-225-4151, recorded schedule 202-225-2675, <http://www.house.gov/hasc/schedules/>.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

1/28 - 2172 Rayburn House Office Building, 10:30 am. House International Relations Committee Full committee hearing, "U.S. Foreign Assistance After September 11th: Major Changes, Competing Purposes and Different Standards - Is There an Overall Strategy." Witnesses: Marc Miles, director, Center for International Trade and Economics, Heritage Foundation; Mary McClymont, CEO, InterAction; Patrick Cronin, senior vice president/director of studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Lael Brainard, senior fellow, The Brookings Institution; Steven Radelet, senior fellow, Center for Global Development. Contact: 202-225-5021, http://www.house.gov/international_relations/.