

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Brad Heavner, Director, Environment, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### **BROADBAND PROVIDERS AND CONSUMER PRIVACY**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "What Your Broadband Provider Knows About Your Web Use: Deep Packet Inspection and Communications Laws and Policies." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **GAO REPORT—LENDER RACE-GENDER DATA COLLECTION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "GAO Report on Regulation B: Should Lenders Be Required to Collect Race and Gender Data of Borrowers for All Loans." Testimony was heard from Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

#### **AIDING AMERICAN BUSINESSES ABROAD**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors. Testimony was heard from Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; David D. Nelson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **VENEZUELA: LOOKING AHEAD**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Venezuela: Looking Ahead. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security." Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### **ADMINISTRATION INTERROGATION RULES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Continued hearings on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay:

Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rule, Part V. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Justice: John D. Ashcroft, Attorney General; and Walter Dellinger, former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel; and a public witness.

#### **OVERSIGHT—INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INSULAR AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Domenech, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Pedro A. Tenorio; Resident Representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Jeffrey Farrow, former Co-Chair of the White House Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE TERMINATIONS; PAT TILLMAN/JESSICA LYNCH REPORT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Business Practices in the Individual Health Insurance Market: Terminations of Coverage. Testimony was heard from Abby Block, Director, Center for Drug and Health Plan Choice, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

The Committee also approved a Committee Report entitled "Misleading Information from the Battlefield: The Tillman and Lynch Episodes."

#### **SBA'S CONTRACTING PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Small Business Administration's Contracting Programs and Recent GAO Examination of Programs. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Acting Administrator, SBA; and from the following officials of the GAO: William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations.

#### **MODERN MEASURE OF POVERTY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Establishing a Modern Poverty Measure. Testimony was heard from Mark Levitan, Director, Poverty Research, Center for Economic Opportunity, New York City; and public witnesses.

#### **BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to

hold a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, pp. D907–908)

H.R. 634, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Signed on July 17, 2008. (Public Law 110–277)

H.R. 814, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers. Signed on July 17, 2008. (Public Law 110–278)

S. 2967, to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern. Signed on July 17, 2008. (Public Law 110–279)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of July 21 through July 26, 2008

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately, 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations*: July 23, to hold oversight hearing to examine the adequacy of defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Armed Services*: July 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Bruce Donley, of Virginia, to be Secretary, General Norton A. Schwartz, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, and General Duncan J. McNabb, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, all of the United States Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: July 23, to hold hearings to examine the status of existing federal programs targeted at reducing gasoline demand, focusing on additional proposals for near-term gasoline demand reductions, 9:45 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: July 22, to hold hearings to examine global warming, focusing on an update on the science and its implications, 10 a.m., SD–406.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the midwest floods, focusing on ways to determine what happened and how to improve managing risk and responses in the future, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance*: July 22, to hold hearings to examine Indian governments and the tax code, focusing on maximizing tax incentives for economic development, 10 a.m., SD–215.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Cayman Islands, focusing on offshore tax issues, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: July 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Christopher Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, and W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: July 23, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to continue hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America's next generation (Part II), 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: July 22, to hold hearings to examine ways for America to gain energy security, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

July 22, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of

Columbia, to hold hearings to examine improving performance relating to a review of pay-for-performance systems in the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SD-342.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine information sharing, focusing on connecting the dots at the Federal, State, and Local levels, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all of the District of Columbia, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

July 24, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness to examine ways to ensure the delivery of donated goods to survivors of catastrophes, 10 a.m., 311, Cannon Building.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 24, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve federal program management using performance information, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

July 25, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine financial institutions located in offshore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 23, to hold hearings to examine courting big business, focusing on the Supreme Court's recent decisions on corporate misconduct and laws regulating corporations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, and Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine crimes associated with polygamy, focusing on the need for a coordinated state and federal response, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* July 23, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on responding to the needs of returning United States Guard and Reserve members, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* July 22, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* July 23, to hold hearings to examine person-centered care, focusing on reforming services and bringing elderly citizens back to the heart of society, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* July 23, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the short-and long-term costs of hunger in America, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 23, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the state of health care in rural areas and the role of federal programs in addressing rural health care needs, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review Renewable Fuels Standard implementation and agriculture producer eligibility, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* July 22, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Army Medical Action Plan: Is it Working?, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 23, full Committee, hearing on the Comptroller General's progress report on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell Review, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* July 22, hearing on Innovation in Education through Business and Education STEM Partnerships, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 24, hearing on the Benefits of Physical and Health Education for Our Nation's Children, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* July 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "State Fiscal Relief: Protecting Health Coverage in an Economic Downturn," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 22, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Issues in Telecommunications Competition," and on H.R. 3914, Protecting Consumers through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Carbon Sequestration: Risks, Opportunities, and Protection of Drinking Water," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Long-Term Care Insurance: Are Consumers Protected for the Long Term?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* July 24, to continue hearings entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets," 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing entitled "Implications of a Weaker Dollar for Oil Prices and the U.S. Economy," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* July 23, hearing on China on the Eve of the Olympics, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing and briefing on Possible Extension of the UN Mandate for Iraq: Options, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Saving the NPT and the Nonproliferation Regime in an Era of Nuclear Renaissance, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.