

efforts, high-technology giant Google will soon be adding a new state-of-the-art facility to the Research Park. Under Mr. Hubbard's tenure, NASA Ames established the University Affiliated Research Center with the University of California, which remains the largest R&D partnership ever developed by NASA in our nation.

Beyond his work as Director of NASA Ames, Mr. Hubbard has been a highly respected member of NASA and our country's academic community. He attended Vanderbilt University where he studied physics and astronomy. In 1974 at Lawrence Berkeley Lab, Mr. Hubbard co-developed a new radiation detection technology which is now incorporated in the Mars Odyssey Mission. In March 2000, he served at NASA headquarters as the first Mars Program Director and successfully restructured the entire Mars program in the wake of mission failures. Prior to his appointment as NASA Ames Center Director, he was Deputy Director for Research at NASA Ames. In 2003, he served as the sole NASA representative on the Columbia Accident Investigation Board which established the definitive physical cause of the loss of the Columbia. Director Hubbard has also been the NASA Ames Associate Director for Astrobiology and Space Research, the first director of NASA's Astrobiology Institute, and NASA's mission manager for Lunar Prospector. Director Hubbard is also credited with conceiving the Mars Pathfinder Mission. He recently accepted a visiting scholar appointment in the Electrical Engineering Department of Stanford University, underscoring the deep respect that Mr. Hubbard has earned in the academic community. At Stanford, Mr. Hubbard's research plans will focus on nanotechnology, biotechnology and information technology areas, as well as studying the emergence of the entrepreneurial space industry.

Time and again, Scott Hubbard has proven his commitment to NASA and our nation's space exploration endeavors. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest gratitude to him for his superb public service. He has served our country exceedingly well, and because he has, we honor him for his work and wish him well in his new position as the Carl Sagan Chair at the SETI Institute.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 6

2:30 p.m.
Finance
International Trade Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine The U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement. SD-215

MARCH 7

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program. SD-106
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the goal of energy independence. SD-366

Environment and Public Works
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. SD-628

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. SD-419

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine defective products relating to criminal penalties ensuring corporate accountability. SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine veterans' preference in the Federal government, focusing on the implementation of veterans' preference in the hiring of employees, including an evaluation of the laws designed to protect and promote the employment of veterans, the impact of workforce flexibilities on veterans, and how veterans' redress mechanisms work. SD-342

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the current oversight and operation of credit rating agencies. SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine rural telecom. SD-562

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the response of community-based organizations to the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes. SD-430

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. SH-216

2:15 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention Between the

Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc.109-04), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc.109-05), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc.109-07), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (Treaty Doc.109-08).

S-116, Capitol

2:45 p.m.

Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the nuclear weapons and defense environmental cleanup activities of the Department of Energy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years nuclear security program. SR-232A

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina, focusing on recommendations for reform. SD-342

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace, S. 1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children, and the nominations of Michell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, George Perdue, of

Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Craig T. Ramey, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service.

SD-430

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
International Trade and Finance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine export-import bank reauthorization.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense quadrennial defense review; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222.

SH-216

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Crime Victims Fund rescission.

SD-342

MARCH 9

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-628

Armed Services

To resume hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine aviation security and the Transportation Security Administration.

SD-562

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Small Business Administration, and related measures.

SR-428A

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Blinded Veterans of America, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Jewish War Veterans.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture's management and oversight of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

SR-328A

MARCH 10

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the Department of Defense regarding homeland defense and support to civil authorities in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SR-222

MARCH 13

3 p.m.

Armed Services

To hold a closed briefing on an update from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

SR-222

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine wireless issues spectrum reform.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Wall Street perspective on telecom.

SD-106

MARCH 15

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, and the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation.

SD-562

MARCH 16

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine impacts on aviation regarding volcanic hazards.

SD-562

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the homeless programs administered by the VA.

SR-418

MARCH 28

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration budget and

the long term viability of the Aviation Trust Fund.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture.

SD-562

MARCH 29

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the importance of basic research to United States' competitiveness.

SD-562

MARCH 30

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System.

SD-562

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

SD-106

APRIL 4

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Aviation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration funding options.

SD-562

APRIL 5

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Sergeant at Arms and U.S. Capitol Police Board.

SD-138

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education.

Room to be announced

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

MAY 3

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Office of Compliance.

SD-138

MAY 17

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Technology, Innovation, and Competitive-
ness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology.

Room to be announced

MAY 24

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

JUNE 14

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Technology, Innovation, and Competitive-
ness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies.

Room to be announced