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Government Reform Committee to Consider
Homeland Security CFO, Other Bills

What: Government Reform Committee Business Meeting

When: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2004 (immediately following Committee hearing)

Where: ROOM 2154, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Background:

The Government Reform Committee will hold a business meeting to mark up the following legislation:

H.R. 2886, The Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act

H.R. 2886, introduced by Congressman Todd Russell Platts (R-PA), Chairman of the Government Efficiency and Financial Management Subcommittee, amends the Chief Financial Officer Act of 1990 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the President to appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, a Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, who is to report both to the Secretary and the Undersecretary for Management.

The Government Reform Committee and the Select Committee on Homeland Security marked up different versions of this legislation in November – the differences being primarily unrelated components added to the bill by the Select Committee. The version of the legislation the Committee will be marking up on Thursday is the result of a compromise reached between the two committees.

This legislation: adds the Department of Homeland Security to the list of agencies required to comply with the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990; requires Senate confirmation of the CFO at Homeland Security; provides for dual reporting for the CFO,

to the Secretary and the Undersecretary for Management; requires the Secretary to develop and update a Future Years Homeland Security Strategy; establishes an Office of Program Evaluation and Analysis; and requires the Homeland Security Department to notify the House Government Reform Committee, the House Select Committee (or its successor) and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee about any reprogramming of funds.

H.R. 4176, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the “Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building.” Bobby Marshall Gentry served as mayor of Raeford for 13 years until his death on October 29, 2003. Introduced by Congressman Robin Hayes (R-N.C.)

H. Res. 613, honoring the 10th anniversary of Vietnam Human Rights Day. Congress designated May 11, 1994 as Vietnam Human Rights Day (Public Law 103-258) to commemorate the issuance of the Manifesto of the Non-Violent Movement for Human Rights in Vietnam. Introduced by Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA).

H. Con. Res. 295, congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and its contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan and the United States. Focus: HOPE is a career training and urban revitalization nonprofit organization founded following the Detroit riots of 1968. Introduced by Congressman John Conyers (D-MI).

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