H.R. 6553, To clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System lands subject to ski area permits; and H.R. 6628, Connell Lake Watershed Protection and Recreation Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, Lewis of California; Slaughter, McKeon, Blumenauer and Jones; David N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

HATCH ACT MODERNIZATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 4272, To amend chapter 15 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for an additional, limited exception to the provision prohibiting a State or local officer or employee from being a candidate for elective office. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; Neil A.G. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; Anthony Guglielmi, Director, Congressional and Public Affairs, Office of Special Counsel; Jack Maskell, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

NEXT GENERATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Next Generation Air Transportation System: Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Victoria Cox, Senior Vice President, NextGen and Operations Planning, Air Traffic Operations, FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING EXPIRING TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Examining Expiring Tax Incentives and the Needs of Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GI BILL IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing of GI Bill Implementation. Testimony was heard from Keith Pedigo, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Program Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reforming Medicare's physician payment system. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHALLENGES FACING AMERICAN WORKERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Challenges Facing American Workers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS; RUSSIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses. Hearing on Russia, 11 a.m., H–405.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russia. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Role of the Federal Government in Small Business Disaster Recovery, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization Act.

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