

BRAIN DRAIN: REBUILDING THE FEDERAL SCIENTIFIC WORKFORCE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Brain Drain: Rebuilding the Federal Scientific Workforce”. Testimony was heard from Candice Wright, Acting Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

THE BUSINESS CASE FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Business Case for Climate Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the planning, programming, budget, and execution process of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the 21st century economy, focusing on protecting the financial system from risks associated with climate change, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine fighting forced labor, focusing on closing loopholes and improving customs enforcement to mandate clean supply chains and protect workers, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the COVID–19 response, focusing on an update from Federal officials, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the SolarWinds supply chain attack, focusing on the Federal perspective, 10:15 a.m., SD–342/WEBEX.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 632, to amend chapter 11 of title 35, United States Code, to require the voluntary collection of demographic information for patent inventors, S. 169, to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and

the nominations of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to resume joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine COVID–19 one year later, focusing on addressing health care needs for at-risk Americans, 9:30 a.m., VTC.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, 10 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Efforts to Address Marine Plastic Pollution Through Recycling”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “COVID Outbreaks and Management Challenges: Evaluating the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Pandemic Response and the Way Forward”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Unmanned Systems of the Department of the Navy”, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing entitled “Fighting for Fairness: Examining Legislation to Confront Workplace Discrimination”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “The CLEAN Future Act: Industrial Climate Policies to Create Jobs and Support Working Communities”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, hearing entitled “By the Numbers, How Diversity Data Can Measure Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “Assessing the Human Rights Situation in Saudi Arabia”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Year Out: Addressing International Impacts of the COVID–19 Pandemic”, 2:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1833, the “DHS Industrial Control Systems Capabilities Enhancement Act of 2021”; H.R. 1850, the “Supporting Research and Development for First Responders Act”; H.R. 1870, the “Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2021”; H.R. 1871, the “Transportation Security Transparency Improvement Act”; H.R. 1877, the “Security Screening During COVID–19 Act”; H.R. 1893, the “Transportation Security Preparedness Act of 2021”; and legislation on the Transportation Security Public Health Threat Preparedness Act of 2021, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Discrimination and Violence Against Asian Americans”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Reviving Competition, Part 3: Strengthening the Laws to Address Monopoly Power”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Restoring Abandoned Mine Lands, Local Economies, and the Environment”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Lessons Learned from the Texas Blackouts: Research Needs for a Secure and Resilient Grid”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development, hearing entitled “The Role of Community Navigators in Reaching Underserved Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Building Smarter: The Benefits of Investing in Resilience and Mitigation”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Beyond Deborah Sampson: Improving Healthcare for America’s Women Veterans in the 117th Congress”, 2:30 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Hearing with the IRS Commissioner on the 2021 Filing Season”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to resume joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, 10 a.m., WEBEX.