

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on the role of small businesses in the upcoming digital television (DTV) conversion. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 2452, amended, Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act; H.R. 135, amended, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2007; H.R. 5770, To provide for a study by the National Academy of Sciences of potential impacts of climate change on water resources and water quality; and H. Res. 1137, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D556)

H.R. 3196, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Sussex Street in Port Jervis, New York, as the “E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–210)

H.R. 3468, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–211)

H.R. 3532, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the “Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–212)

H.R. 3720, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, as the “Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–213)

H.R. 3803, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–214)

H.R. 3936, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Helen Highway in Cleveland, Georgia, as the “Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–215)

H.R. 3988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the “Master Sergeant

Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–216)

H.R. 4166, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the “Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–217)

H.R. 4203, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the “Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–218)

H.R. 4211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the “Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–219)

H.R. 4240, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the “Felix Sparks Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–220)

H.R. 4454, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3050 Hunsinger Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building”, in honor of the servicemen and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–221)

H.R. 5135, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the “Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–222)

H.R. 5220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3800 SW. 185th Avenue in Beaverton, Oregon, as the “Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–223)

H.R. 5400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–224)

H.R. 5472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Julia M. Carson Post Office Building”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–225)

H.R. 5489, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the “Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office”. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–226)

H.R. 5715, to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families. Signed on May 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–227)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's decision to restructure the FutureGen program and obtain information about the elements of the original and revised approaches to advance carbon capture and storage technologies, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Army and Air Force, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine improving the capacity of United States climate modeling for decision-makers and end-users, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine goods movement on our nation's highways, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine social security field offices, focusing on the resources and workforce needed to deliver quality service to the public, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine cancer relating to challenges and opportunities in the 21st century, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Andrew Saul, of New York, Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, and Gordon James Whiting, of New York, all to be Members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine recruiting and hiring the next generation of federal employees, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications, S. 2913, to provide a limitation on judicial remedies in copyright infringement cases involving orphan works, S. 2511, to amend the grant program for law enforcement armor vests to provide for a waiver of or reduction in the matching funds requirement in the case of fiscal hardship, S. 2565,

to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal law enforcement officers, H.R. 4056, to establish an awards mechanism to honor Federal law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty, S. 2774, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, S. 1738, to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators, S. 2756, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, S. 1515, to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims, S. 2942, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center, S. 2504, to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, S. Res. 537, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers, and the nomination of G. Steven Agee, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn

Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, joint hearing on Financing Infrastructure Investments, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on The National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts: Overview of Programs and National Impact, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Stem Cell Science: The Foundation for Future Cures," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Direct-to-Consumer Advertising: Marketing, Education, or Deception," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Emergency CDBG Funds in the Gulf Coast: Uses, Challenges, and Lessons for the Future," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Assistance to the

Middle East: Old Tools for New Tasks? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Central America and the Merida Initiative, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Performance Based Acquisitions: Creating Solutions or Causing Problems?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to mark up the following: H.R. 4080, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a separate nonimmigrant classification for fashion models; and private relief measures, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3840, To prohibit commercial fishing of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in inland, State, and Federal water along the Atlantic coast of the United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3841, To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 155, Lower Brule and Crow Creek Tribal Compensation Act; H.R. 5511, Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008; and H.R. 5710, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on The Economics of Universal Mail Post PAEA, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Medicare Physician Fee Cuts: Can Small Practices Survive,” 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on the Utilization of Psychotropic Medication for Children in Foster Care, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2009 Intelligence Authorization, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “Negawatts: The Role of Efficiency Policies in Climate Legislation,” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the future Administration of the President of the Russian Federation Dmitri Medvedev, focusing on United States and Russia’s relationship, 3 p.m., SD-419.