

proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California and Representatives Titus, Pingree, Perriello, Hunter and Roe.

### ENERGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on New Directions for Energy Research and Development at the U.S. Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

### VISION CENTER EXCELLENCE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Vision Center of Excellence: What Has Been Accomplished in Thirteen Months? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Orcutt, M.D., Chief of Ophthalmology; and Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Chief Officer, Patient Care Services Office, both with the Veterans Health Administration; Jack Smith, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clinical Policy and Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICY REPORT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report to the Congress on Medicare Payment Policy. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

### BRIEFING—NSA COMPLIANCE ISSUES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* met in executive session to hold a briefing on NSA Compliance Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense medical programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of sui-

cides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, 2:45 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulators, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine nuclear energy development; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine what is health care quality and who decides, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine findings from the Disaster Recovery Subcommittee Special Report and working with the Administration on a way forward, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the National Academy of Science's report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Critical On-going Satellite Climate Change Datasets, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Military Personnel-Army, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Livable Communities, Transit Oriented Development & Incorporating Green Building Practices into Federal Housing and Transportation Policy 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on security developments in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Southern Command, Northern Command, Africa Command, and Joint Forces Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Medical Infrastructure: Are Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity Priorities Aligned with Service Requirements? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on space and U.S. security, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., and to continue Members' Day-Part Two, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Competitiveness and Climate Policy: Avoiding Leakage of Jobs and Emissions, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "American International Group's Impact on the Global Economy: During and After Federal Intervention." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on Striking the Appropriate Balance: The Defense Department's Expanding Role in Foreign Assistance, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Guns, Drugs and Violence: The Merida Initiative and the Challenge in Mexico, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing on Homeland Security Intelligence: Its Relevance and Limitations, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "100% Air Cargo Screening: Can We Secure America's Skies?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following: H.R. 1107, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts,"

H.R. 1139, COPS Improvements Act of 2009; and the End GREED Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; and H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, to mark up the following: Title IV of H.R. 1256, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H. Res. 223; Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, "This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day;" and H.R. 774, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "The Administration's FY Year 2010 Budget and Medicare: How Will Small Providers be Impacted?" 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on ATC Modernization and NextGen: Near-Term Achievable Goals, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing CIA Intelligence Activities, 3:30 p.m., 302-HVC.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.