

controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representatives Hastings of Washington, Bishop of Utah and Radanovich.

#### FEDERAL VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing to Examine Federal Vehicle Technology Research and Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Steven Chalk, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Coordination of International Science Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Jon Strauss, Chairman, Task Force on International Science, National Science Board, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### COAST GUARD ACQUISITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Overview of Coast Guard Acquisition Policies and Programs. Testimony was heard from RADM Gary Blote, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Acquisition, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, and John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

#### POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Nexus between Engaged in Combat with the Enemy and PTSD in an Era of Changing Warfare Tactics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: RADM David J. Smith, USN, Joint Staff Surgeon; COL Robert Ireland, Program Director, Mental Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; Antonette Zeiss, Deputy Chief Officer, Mental Health Services; and Maureen Murdoch, M.D., Core Investigator, Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, all with the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BACKLOG

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a joint hearing on Eliminating the Social Security Disability Backlog. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner; and Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General; Dan Bertoni, Director, Disability Issues for the Education, Workforce and Income Security Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### CLIMATE LEGISLATION TRADE ASPECTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Trade Aspects of Climate Change Legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### SRP BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on SRP. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on NextGen and the benefits of modernization, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine how to improve energy market transparency and regulation, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine transportation investment, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the role of long-term care in health reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy and the global economic crisis, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine Southern border violence, focusing on homeland security threats, vulnerabilities, and responsibilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship*: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine State-of-the-Art information technology (IT) solutions for Veterans' Affairs benefits delivery, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine an update from the Alzheimer's Study Group, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research, hearing to review the USDA administration of conservation program contracts, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense, on Combat Aircraft Acquisition, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, joint hearing on Protecting our Nation's Leaders: Challenges of 2008 Presidential Campaign and the 56th Presidential Inauguration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Native-American and Alaska Natives Issues, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Raising Wages and Living Standards for Families and Workers, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on European Command, 10 a.m., and on Department of Defense/Veterans Affairs Medical Transition, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., 2358 A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: How the Use and Misuse of Reconstruction Funding Affects the War Effort in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Contingency Contracting: Has the Call for Urgent Reform Been Answered? 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on readiness and sustainment of the Navy's surface fleet, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, to mark the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, hearing on GAO's Undercover Investigation: Wage Theft of America's Vulnerable Workers, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Adaptation Policies in Climate legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing entitled "Exploring the Balance between Increased Credit Availability and Prudent Lending Standards," 10 a.m., followed by a markup of the following measures: To amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards; and H. Res. 251, Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc, (AIG), 2:15 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, to mark up H. Res. 152, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty; followed by a hearing on Climate Change and the Arctic: New Frontiers of National Security, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to mark up the following measures: Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress; Dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representatives from the First Congressional District of Hawaii; H.R. 1299, Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2009; House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 151, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2009; H.R. 749, To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; H.R. 415, Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2009; and Committee Resolution No. 111-5, providing Official Mail Allowance to Committee of the House for the 111th Congress, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue markup of H.R. 1139, COPS Improvements Act of 2009; and to mark up H.R. 985, Free Flow of Information Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to mark up H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009, followed by a hearing on Restoring the Financial Stability of the U.S.

Postal Service: What Needs to be Done? 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Roles and Responsibilities of Inspectors General in Financial Markets Regulatory Agencies, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, to mark up the following: H.R. 1580, Electronic Waste Research and Development Act; and H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1171, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1377, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans' eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; and H.R. 1513, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on NSA, 9:30 a.m., HVC.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 4 p.m., HVC.