

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review producers' views on the effectiveness and operations of the Federal crop insurance program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies met on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from GEN David Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies met on Members Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Coast Guard: Measuring Mission Needs. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs: Law Enforcement and Violence. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: George Skibine, Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; and Jerry Gidner, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Subcommittee also met on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police, and on the Government Printing Office. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Capitol Police: Phillip Morse, Chief; and Daniel Nichols, Assistant Chief; and Robert Tapella, Public Printer, GPO.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Base Realignment and Closure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Wayne Arne, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment; B. J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment; and Kevin W. Billings, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics.

AIR SOVEREIGNTY ALERT OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Air Sovereignty Alert Operations. Testimony was heard from Davi M. D'Agostino, Director, Homeland Defense and Emerging Threats and Warfare, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter F. Verga, Deputy Under Secretary, Policy Integration and Chief of Staff; LTG Daniel J. Darnell, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Harry M. Wyatt, III, USAF, Director, U.S. Air National Guard.

RETIREMENT SECURITY/401(k)

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on the 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued joint hearings on The American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; John Fetterman, Mayor, Braddock, PA; and public witnesses.

9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nadler, and King of New York; and public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on New Beginnings: Foreign Policy Priorities in the Obama Administration. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 1913, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009; and H.R. 860, Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE STATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "Public Service in the 21st Century: An Examination of the State of the Federal Workforce." Testimony was heard from John Berry, Director, OPM; Yvonne D. Jones, Director, Strategic Issues Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL WATER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1145, the "National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009." The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment

in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gordon, Representatives Cardoza, Arcuri, Pingree, Stupak, Blumenauer, McCollum, Connolly, Teague, Quigley, Linder, Kirk and Miller of Michigan.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MONITORING

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Monitoring, Measurement and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions II: The Role of Federal and Academic Research and Monitoring Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Alexander MacDonald, Director, Earth Systems Research Laboratory, NOAA; and Patrick D. Gallagher, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Dina Kruger, Director, Climate Change Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, EPA; Michael Freilich, Director, Earth Science Division, NASA; Richard Birdsey, Project Leader, Climate, Fire, and Carbon Cycle Science, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Importance of Technology in an Economic Recovery." Testimony was heard from Edsel M. Brown, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Office of Technology, SBA; Michael Caccuitto, Assistant Director, Office of Small Business Programs, SBIR and STTR Program Administrator, Department of Defense; Jo Anne Goodnight, NIH SBIR/STTR Program Coordinator, Office of Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Larry James, Acting SBIR/STTR Program Manager, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Kesh S. Narayanan, Division Director, Industrial Innovations and Partnerships,

Directorate for Engineering, NSF; and public witnesses.

HELICOPTER MEDICAL SERVICES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Oversight of Helicopter Medical Services. Testimony was heard from Representative Salazar; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Christa Fornarotto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs; and John Allen, Director, Flight Standards Service, FAA; Robert L. Sumwalt, III, Board Member, National Transportation Safety Board; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

RAILROAD REHAB/IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program. Testimony was heard from Mark Yachmetz, Associate Administrator, Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Patrick Simmons, Rail Director, Department of Transportation, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on reforming the health insurance market. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFINGS—AFRICOM UPDATE AND FBI UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on AFRICOM Update. The Committee was briefed by Terry Ford, Director, Intelligence and Knowledge Development, U.S. Africa Command, Department of Defense.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on FBI Update. The Committee was briefed by Robert Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Climate Change. The Subcommittee was briefed by John Phillips, Chief Scientist, CIA; MG Rich Engel, USAF (ret.), Director, Climate Change and State Stability Program, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Darrell G. Herd, Chief Research Scientist, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Ralph Cicerone, President, National Academy of Science.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 351)

H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. Signed on April 21, 2009. (Public Law 111-13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the funding of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commission, and John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing, and Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine technology neutrality in energy tax, focusing on issues and options, 10 a.m., SD-215.