

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT; AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FDA APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for 2010: Interior, Environment; and the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA.

BEHAVIORAL ADVERTISING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a joint hearing on Behavioral Advertising: Industry Practices and Consumers' Expectations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medical Devices: Are Current Regulations Doing Enough for Patients?" Testimony was heard from Marcia Cross, GAO; and public witnesses.

FHA/HUD OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Strengthening Oversight and Preventing Fraud in FHA and Other HUD Programs." Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Homeland Security: Began markup of H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

NOAA OCEAN CONSERVATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 21, Ocean Conservation Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Sam Farr; Monica Medina, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 127, Recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month; H. Con. Res. 142, Supporting National Men's Health Week; H. Res. 350,

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Harry Kalas for his invaluable contributions to the national past-time of baseball, and the Nation; H. Res. 469, Honoring the life of Wayman Lawrence Tisdale and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on his passing; H. Res. 476, amended, Celebrating the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month;" H. Res. 483, Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day; H.R. 2004, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the "Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office;" and H.R. 2760, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building."

FEDERAL DEFENSE CONTRACTOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "After Injury, the Battle Begins: Evaluating Workers' Compensation for Civilian Contractors in War Zones." Testimony was heard from Seth D. Harris, Deputy Secretary of Labor; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration for H.R. 2918, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

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 bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative McCarthy of New York or her designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule also provides that it shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, to consider concurrent resolutions providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate during the month of July. Testimony was heard from Representatives Arcuri, McCarthy (NY), Burton (IN), Hastings (WA), Flake, Heller and Jordan (OH).

NASA BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on External Perspectives on the FY 2010 NASA Budget Request and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Advisory Council of NASA: Kenneth Ford, Chair; and Robert Hanisee, Chair, Audit and Finance Committee; and public witnesses.

TEXTILE IMPORT ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade held a hearing on Textile Import Enforcement: Is the Playing Field Level for American Small Businesses? Testimony was received from Dan Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

VA CLAIMS BACKLOG

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Addressing the Backlog: Can VA Manage One Million Claims? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: LTG James Scott, USA (Ret.), Chairman, Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; and Michael Walcoff, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; RADM Gregory Timberlake, USN, Acting Director, DOD/VA Interagency Program Office; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2770, Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 1197, Medal of Honor Health Care Equity Act of 2009; H.R. 1302, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 1335, To amend title 38, United States Code, to

prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 1546, Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2009; H.R. 2734, Health Care for Family Caregivers Act of 2009; H.R. 2738, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide travel expenses for family caregivers accompanying veterans to medical treatment facilities; and Draft Legislation on Extending Healthcare to Vietnam-era Veterans Exposed to Herbicides and Gulf War Veterans, Providing Supportive Services for Family Caregivers of Veterans, and Requiring VA to Collect Survey Data on Family Caregivers. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mitchell, Hare, Halvorson, McNerney, Perriello and Teague.

NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology of the Committee on Financial Services held a joint hearing on New Market Tax Credit Program. "Testimony was heard from Donna J. Gambrell, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported as amended H.R. 2701, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

GLOBAL WARMING'S GROWING CONCERNS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Global Warming's Growing Concerns: Impacts on Agriculture and Forestry." Testimony was heard from Jerry Hatfield, Supervisory Plant Physiologist, USDA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

UPCOMING KYRGYZSTAN ELECTIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine upcoming Kyrgyzstan elections, after receiving testimony from Zamira Sydykova, Ambassador of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan to the United States; and Erica Marat, The Jamestown Foundation, and Laura Jewett, National Democratic Institute, both of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 19, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and the nominations of Kathy J. Greenlee, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, and Kathy Martinez, to be Assistant Secretary for Disability, Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SR-325.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related

Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development: FY2010 Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Committee, hearing on The Economic Case for Health Reform, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "The Economic Disaster Area Act of 2009," 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S. Efforts to Combat Arms Trafficking to Mexico: Report from the Government Accountability Office, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to continue markup of H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on A Continuing Examination of Civil Rights Services and Diversity in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.