

SMALL GROUP HEALTHCARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Health IT Adoption and the New Challenges Faced by Solo and Small Group Healthcare Practices.” Testimony was heard from David Blumenthal, M.D., National Coordinator, Health IT, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit approved for full Committee action the Surface Transportation Authorization Act of 2009

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2379, Veterans Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2713, Disabled Veterans Life Insurance Enhancement Act; H.R. 2968, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of the accelerated death benefit payable to certain terminally-ill persons insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veterans' Group Life Insurance; H.R. 2774, Families of Veterans Financial Security Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Buyer, Donnelly, Halvorson, and Kirkpatrick of Arizona; Thomas M. Lostowka, Director, VA Regional Office and Insurance Center, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; a representative of a veterans organizations; and a public witness.

HEALTH REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Proposals to Reform the Health System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—SIGNIFICATION NOTIFICATION

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

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies and Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Raphael William Bostic, of California, and David H. Stevens, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, time to be announced, room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine impacts of highway trust fund insolvency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of mountaintop removal coal mining on water quality in Appalachia, 3:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Maria Otero, to be Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs, and Philip L. Verveer, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, both of the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 797, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine “The Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act”, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, H.R. 985 and S. 448, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 396, for the relief of Marcos Antonio Sanchez-Diaz, and the nominations of B. Todd Jones, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, and John P. Kacavas,

to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, 12 noon, SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: organizational meeting of the Impeachment Trial Committee on the Articles against Judge Samuel B. Kent, 4:30 p.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, to continue hearings to review implementation of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, 9 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for Financial Services and General Government, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Raising Thinking from the Tactical to the Operational Level: JPME I and II at the Services' and Joint Command and Staff Colleges, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Statutory PAYGO, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Subcommittee on Health, to continue hearings on draft health reform legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to mark up H.R. 2994, To reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Legislative Options for Preserving Federally- and State-Assisted Affordable Housing and Preventing Displacement of Low-Income, Elderly and Disabled Tenants," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Improving Consumer Financial Literacy under the New Regulatory System," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Somalia: Prospects for Lasting Peace and a Unified Response to Extremism and Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on Japan's Changing Role, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on A Regional Overview of South Asia, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Accountability, Transparency, and Uniformity in Corporate Deferred and Non-Prosecution Agreements, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on H.R. 2708, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, to continue joint hearings entitled "Bank of America and Merrill Lynch: How Did a Private Deal Turn Into a Federal Bailout?, Part II," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Sexual Assault in the Military, Part 3: Context and Causes," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on The Science of Security: Lessons Learned in Developing, Testing and Operating Advanced Radiation Monitors, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Assessing Cybersecurity Activities at NIST and DHS, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up H.R. 2965, Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on Recovery Act: 120-Day Progress Report for Transportation Programs, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Post-9/11 G.I. Bill: Is the VA ready for August 1st? 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, joint hearing on Highway and Transit Investment Needs, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iran, 3 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical, executive, briefing on Overhead, 2 p.m., 304HVC.