

Small Business Investment Company Modernization and Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3722, Enhanced New Markets and Expanded Investment in Renewable Energy for Small Manufacturers Act of 2009; H.R. 3014, Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act; H.R. 3738, Small Business Early Stage Investment Act of 2009; and H.R. 3743, Small Business Disaster Readiness and Reform 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. 761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act; H.R. 2243, Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3544, National Cemeteries Expansion Act of 2009; and draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank of Massachusetts; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; and Thomas Pamperin, Deputy Director, Policy and Procedures, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefit Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2696, amended, Servicemembers' Rights Protection Act; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residence Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2874, amended, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; and H.R. 1168, amended, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009.

SAFETY NET PROGRAMS RESPONSE DURING RECESSION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to evaluate the response of "safety net" programs during the recession. Testimony was heard from Chip Rogers, Senate Majority Leader, Legislature, State of

Georgia; Ismael Ahmed, Director, Department of Human Services, State of Michigan; Virginia T. Lodge, Commissioner, Department of Human Services, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan Center of Excellence. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine restoring credit to manufacturers, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 12 through October 17, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute at 5:30 p.m.

Upon completion of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 14, to hold hearings to examine combating distracted