

## Committee Meetings

### ENERGY GRID SECURITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Electric Grid: H.R. 2165, Bulk Power System Protection Act of 2009, and H.R. 2195, To amend the Federal Power Act to provide additional authorities to adequately protect the critical electric infrastructure against cyber attack.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Patricia Hoffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity; and public witnesses.

### PRIVATE FUND INVESTMENT ADVISERS REGISTRATION ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3818, Private Fund Investment Advisers Registration Act of 2009.

### IRAN IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a joint hearing on Iran in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HOMELAND SECURITY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled “Preparedness: What has \$29 billion in homeland security grants bought and how do we know?” Testimony was heard from Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; David Maxwell, Director, Department of Management, State of Arkansas; and a public witness.

### FEDERAL PANDEMIC INFLUENZA RESPONSE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Real-Time Assessment of the Federal Response to Pandemic Influenza.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Alexander Garza, M.D., Chief Medical Officer and Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, FEMA; and Marcy Forman, Director, Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center; and Nicole Lurie, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Pre-

paredness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

### LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Helaine Barnett, President; and Michael McKay, Vice Chairman of the Board; Susan Ragland, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

### ASHCROFT V. IQBAL SUPREME COURT DECISION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held hearing on Access to Justice Denied: Ashcroft v. Iqbal. Testimony was heard from Gregory Katsas, former Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on In-sular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on Implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Murawski, Director, Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### USGS-BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND CLIMATE MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “Water Management and Climate Variability: Information Support at the USGS and Bureau of Reclamation.” Testimony was heard from Matthew C. Larsen, Deputy Director, Water Resources Division, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Michael Strobel, Director, National Water and Climate Center, USDA; and public witnesses.

### GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing entitled “IT Procurement and Disposal: Application of the Federal Government’s Green Policies in the Life Cycle Management of its IT Assets.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Gene Green of Texas and Thompson of California; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Casey

Coleman, Chief Information Officer, GSA; James Jones, Principal Deputy Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxics, EPA; and public witnesses.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Developing Research Priorities at DHS's Science and Technology Directorate. Testimony was heard from Brad Buswell, Acting Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### **ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Recovery Tracking: Following the Dollars to the Jobs. Testimony was heard from John R. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Bruce Kendall, Director, Office of Facilities Engineering and Operations, Smithsonian Institution and public witnesses.

### **NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL REVIEW**

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

### **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS: INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, and the Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a joint hearing regarding the Congressional Notifications: Intelligence Community Policies, Practices, and Procedures. Testimony was heard from Robert Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

## *Joint Meetings*

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine dark pools, flash orders, high frequency trading, and other market structure issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine combating distracted driving, focusing on managing behavioral and technological risks, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the role of natural gas in mitigating climate change, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine current and expected impacts of climate change on units of the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to continue hearings to examine S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using weapons of mass destruction, S. 1862, to provide that certain Secret Service employees may elect to transition to coverage under the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System, H.R. 553, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms, H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John 'Bud' Hawk Post Office", H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the "Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office", H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley "Wes" Watkins, 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", H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service