

DEATH PENALTY APPEALS—HABEAS CORPUS LIMITATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on the Impact of Federal Habeas Corpus Limitations on Death Penalty Appeals. Testimony was heard from Michael E. O'Hare, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Litigation Bureau, Office of the Chief State's Attorney, State of Connecticut; Gerald Kogan, Chief Justice (ret.), Supreme Court, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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 the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard by Representatives Neal, Brady (TX), and Cao.

THE WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule. The rule provides three hours of general debate on H.R. 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, with two hours to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services, 30 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture, and 30 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion after general debate and that no further consideration of the bill shall occur except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. The rule also provides that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee. Testimony was heard by

Chairman Frank (MA), and Representatives Rush, and Bachus.

PUBLIC TRANSIT SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Public Transit Safety: Examining the Federal Role. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ray LaHood, Secretary; and Peter Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Katherine A. Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; Robert J. Chipkevich, Director, Office of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; Richard W. Clark, Director, Consumer Protection and Safety Division, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; and a public witness.

BRIEFING—NSA UPDATE

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

Joint Meetings

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 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. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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 creating jobs in the recession, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine exports' place on the path of economic recovery, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the new Afghanistan strategy, focusing on the view from the ground, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Afghanistan, focusing on a report from the field, 1 p.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the transatlantic economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine five years after the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, focusing on stopping terrorist travel, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the diplomat's shield, focusing on diplomatic security today, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1690, to amend the Act of March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Dineh Corporation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Department of the Interior backlogs, 9:15 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine mortgage fraud, securities fraud, and the financial meltdown, focusing on prosecuting those responsible, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary for Health, and Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review the regulatory and legislative strategies in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on The Social Safety Net: Impact of the Recession and of the Recovery Act, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 390, College Football Playoff Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Additional Reforms to the Securities Investor Protection Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on A Stra-

tegic and Economic Review of Aerospace Exports, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on New Direction or Old Path? Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to consider the following: H. Res. 922, Directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the Department of Homeland Security relating to the Department's planning, information sharing, and coordination with any state of locality receiving detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on or after January 20, 2009; Committee Resolution 3. Authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum, for Mr. Tareq Salahi; and Committee Resolution 4, authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum for Mrs. Michaele Salahi, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, markup the following legislation: H. Res. 920, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession regarding certain matters pertaining to detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba who are transferred into the United States; H.R. 3190, Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 569, Equal Justice for Our Military Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing entitled "Protecting Intellectual Property Rights in a Global Economy: Current Trends and Future Challenges," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "U.S. Aid to Pakistan: Planning and Accountability," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to continue consideration of H.R. 4173, Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009. 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Maritime Domain Awareness, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the One Year Anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Evaluating Current Cleanup Progress and Assessing Future Environmental Goals, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan Update, 11 a.m., 304-HVC.