

**JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued consideration of Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part IV. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**IRAN SANCTIONS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Iran Sanctions: Options, Opportunities, and Consequences. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules*: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any rule reported from the Rules Committee on the legislative day of December 16, 2009.

**SSA NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER REPLACEMENT**

*Committee on Ways and Means*: Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing on Recovery Act Project to Replace the Social Security Administration’s National Computer Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Michael Gallagher, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Budget, Finance and Management; and Patrick P. O’Carroll, Inspector General; and a public witness.

**GUANTANAMO DETAINEES TRANSFERS—EFFECTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*: Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 923, Requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the President related to the effects on foreign intelligence collection of the transfer of detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into the United States.

**BRIEFING—PAKISTAN**

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

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1391)

S. 1599, to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws. Signed on December 14, 2009. (Public Law 111–113)

S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms. Signed on December 14, 2009. (Public Law 111–114)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: business meeting to consider H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village, S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen’s associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry, an original bill pertaining to watershed projects in Massachusetts and West Virginia, and the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Armed Services*: to receive a briefing on the assessment by the Joint Estimating Team of the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter Program, 1:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: business meeting to consider S. 1102, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, S. 1830, to establish the Chief Conservation Officers Council to improve the energy efficiencies of Federal agencies, S. 2868, to provide increased access to the General Services Administration’s Schedules Program by the American Red Cross and State and local governments, H.R. 2711, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties, S. 2865, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), S. 2872, to reauthorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records