

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education 1. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Economic Development Administration. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION, AND HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Investments in Transportation Improvements: the FY 2011 Budget Request for the Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation

### DEFENSE BUDGET FY 2011

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from. The following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY SERVICES REPORT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the report of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis V. Iasiello, Co-Chair; and BG. Sharon K.G. Dunbar, USAF, member, both with the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services.

### ECONOMIC/LABOR PRIORITIES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Strengthening the Economy and Improving the Lives of American Workers. Testimony was heard from Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor.

### U.S. POLICY IN YEMEN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Yemen on the Brink: Implications for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and former U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon; and Robert F. Godec, Principal Deputy Coordinator, Counterter-

rorism, Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and former U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia; and public witnesses.

### U.S. ROLE IN IRANIAN POLITICAL REFORM

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on America and the Iranian Political Reform Movement: First, Do No Harm. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE FUNDING REVIEW

*Committee on House Administration:* Concluded hearings on Review of the Use of Committee Funds in the First Session of the 111th Congress. Testimony was heard from the following Committees, Chairman and Members: Chairwoman Slaughter and David Dreier, Ranking Member, Committee on Rules; Chairman Rahall and Doc Hastings of Washington, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources; Chairman Conyers and Darrell Issa, Committee on the Judiciary; Chairman Towns, and Darrell Issa, Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and Chairman Barney Frank of Massachusetts, and Spencer Bachus, Ranking Member, Committee on Financial Services.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE SUPREME COURT ACTIVISM

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing on Defining the Future of Campaign Finance in an Age of Supreme Court Activism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SUPREME COURT'S CORPORATE CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on the First Amendment and Campaign Finance After Citizens United. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### D.C. HALFWAY HOUSES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "Half Way Home to the District: The Role of Halfway Houses in Reducing Crime and Recidivism in the Nation's Capital." Testimony was heard from Louis Eichenlaub, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Adrienne Poteat, Acting Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

### DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a rule providing for the consideration

of the Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt and the “Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.” The rule makes in order a motion offered by the Majority Leader or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 45.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their designees.

The rule provides that the question on adoption of the motion shall be divided between concurring in the matter preceding title I of the Senate amendment and concurring in the matter comprising titles I and II of the Senate amendment. The first portion of the divided question shall be considered as adopted. If the second portion of the divided question fails of adoption, then the House shall be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment. Testimony was heard from Representatives Neal, Andrews and Camp.

#### NASA KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Key Issues and Challenges Facing NASA: Views of the Agency’s Watchdogs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Paul K. Martin, Inspector General; VADM Joseph W. Dyer, USN (ret.), Chair, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

#### NEXT GENERATION PASSENGER SCREENING TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Passenger Screening R&D: Responding to President Obama’s Call to Develop and Deploy the Next Generation of Screening Technologies. Testimony was heard from Brad Buswell, Deputy Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Bert Coursey, Program Manager, Coordinated National Security Standards Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Penrose Albright, Principal Associate Director, Global Security, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and a public witness.

#### FEMA’S URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on

FEMA’s Urban Search and Rescue Program in Haiti: How to Apply Lessons Learned at Home. Testimony was heard from William Carville, Assistant Administrator, Response and Recovery, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS’ BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Implementation and Status Update on the Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act, P.L. 110–389. Testimony was heard from Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

#### VA CONTRACT HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to review VA Contract Health Care: Project HERO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audit and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General; and Gary Baker, Chief Business Officer, Veterans Health Administration; Sidath Viranga Panangala, Specialist in Veterans Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### PRESIDENT’S FY 2011 BUDGET

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; and Peter Orszag, Director, OMB.

#### ANNUAL THREAT ASSESSMENT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on the Annual Threat Assessment, Part 1, and executive, Part II. Testimony was heard from Dennis C. Blair, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Kevin Wolf, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and David W. Mills, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, all of the Department of Commerce, Douglas A.