

### UNMANNED MILITARY DRONE TARGETING

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled “The Rise of the Drones II: Examining the Legality of Unmanned Targeting.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PUERTO RICO DEMOCRACY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2499, the “Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009.” The rule provides one hour and 30 minutes of general debate with one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 30 minutes controlled by Representative Velázquez of New York. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee. The Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall, Representatives Rangel, Gutierrez, Velázquez, Hastings of Washington and Foxx; and Resident Commissioner, Pedro R. Pierluisi, Puerto Rico.

### AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5116, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010.

### SMALL BUSINESS TRADE POLICY

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Impact of Small Business Trade Policy on Job Creation and Economic Growth.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COLUMBIA RIVER—SAN FRANCISCO BAY PROTECTION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on Protecting and Restoring America’s Great Waters, Part II: The Columbia River and San Francisco Bay. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington; Blumenauer and Speier; Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2194, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine holding banks accountable, focusing on if treasury and banks are doing enough to help families save their homes, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on United States policy towards Yemen and Somalia, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine short-termism in financial markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine children's privacy, focusing on new technologies and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, time to be announced, room to be announced.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine doubling United States exports, focusing on United States seaports, 1 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine historical and modern context for United States-Russian arms control, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on meeting the needs of special populations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine developing Federal employees and supervisors, focusing on mentoring, internships, and training in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2802, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation, S. 1264, to require the Secretary of the Interior to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project in the State of Colorado and provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to assess, repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, and S. 439, to provide for and promote the economic development of Indian tribes by furnishing the necessary capital, financial services, and technical assistance to Indian-owned business enterprises, to stimulate the development of the private sector of Indian tribal economies, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1346, to penalize crimes against humanity and for other purposes, S. 657, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 446, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. Res. 339, to express the sense of the Senate in support of permitting the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 1684, to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national criminal arsonist and criminal bomber registry program, and the nominations of David B. Fein, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, Paul

Ward, to be United States Marshal for the District of North Dakota, Clifton Timothy Massanelli, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Zane David Memeger, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, all of the Department of Justice, Kimberly J. Mueller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Richard Mark Gergel, and J. Michelle Childs, both to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Catherine C. Eagles, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on Security and Stability in Pakistan: Developments in U.S. Policy and Funding, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Consumer Product Safety Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing entitled "The National Broadband Plan: Competitive Availability of Navigation Devices," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Credit Default Swaps on Government Debt: Potential Implications of the Greek Debt Crisis," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Laying the Framework for the Task Ahead: An Examination of the Department of Homeland Security's Quadrennial Homeland Security Review," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Protecting the American Dream Part II: Combating Predatory Lending Under the Fair Housing Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* to mark up the following: H.R. 5128, To designate the Department of the Interior Building in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Stewart Lee Udall Department of Interior Building"; H. Con. Res. 263, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H. Con. Res. 247, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Res. 1278, In Support and recognition of National Safe Digging Month, April 2010; H. Res. 1284, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Learn to Fly Day, and for other purposes; a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions, and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budgets for Regional Economic

Development Commissions, Priorities and Impacts on Regional Economics and Employment, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Status of Veterans' Small Businesses, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 2506, Veterans Hearing and Assessment Act; and draft legislation on Continuing Professional Education Reimbursement, followed by a hearing

on VA's Implementation of the Enhanced Contract Care Pilot Program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on U.S.-Cuba Policy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Flight 253 Forensics, 1:30 p.m., 304 HVC.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine long-term unemployment, focusing on causes, consequences and solutions, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.