

Testimony was heard from Warren P. Miller, Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Deepwater Horizon: Oil Spill Prevention and Response Measures and Natural Resource Impacts. Testimony was heard from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, EPA; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commander, Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Lamar McKay, Chairman and President, BP America, Inc., and Steven Newman, President and CEO, Transocean Limited.

### VA INFORMATION SECURITY ASSESSMENT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Assessing Information Security at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audits and Investigations, Office of Inspector General; and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; and Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO.

### INTERNET GAMBLING LEGALIZATION TAX PROPOSALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on tax proposals related to legislation to legalize Internet gambling. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, McDermott, and Goodlatte; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Christopher Wagner, Commissioner, Self-Employed Division; and Rebecca Sparkman, Deputy Director, Operations, Criminal Investigation Division, both with the IRS; and Charles M. Steele, Deputy Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

### FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Financial Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D556)

H.R. 3714, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries. Signed on May 17, 2010. (Public Law 111-166)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings to examine the progress in ending veterans' homelessness, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine investing in mine safety, focusing on preventing another disaster, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the causes and lessons of the May 6th market plunge, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carl Wieman, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2921, to provide for the conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, to require the Secretary of the Interior to designate certain offices to serve as Renewable Energy Coordination Offices for coordination of Federal permits for renewable energy projects and transmission lines to integrate renewable energy development, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 3362, to amend the Clean Air Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide competitive grants to publicly funded schools to implement effective technologies to reduce air pollutants (as defined in section 302 of the Clean Air Act), including greenhouse gas emissions, in accordance with that Act, S. 3250, to provide for the training of Federal building personnel, S. 3372, to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, S. 3363, to