

Product Safety Commission officials: Inez Tenenbaum, Chairman; Anne Northrup, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Impact of Medical Device Regulation on Jobs and Patients.” Testimony was heard from Jeffrey E. Shuren, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE INTERCHANGE FEE PROPOSAL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Federal Reserve’s Proposed Rule on Interchange Fees: Implications and Consequences of the Durbin Amendment.” Testimony was heard from Sarah Bloom Raskin, Governor, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

LAWFUL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security hearing on the Going Dark: Lawful Electronic Surveillance in the Face of New Technologies. Testimony was heard from Valerie E. Caproni, General Counsel, FBI, Department of Justice; Chief Mark A. Marshall, President, International Association of Chiefs of Police; and a public witness.

FEDERAL SPENDING BINGE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Waste and Abuse: The Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge. Testimony was heard from Senator McCaskill; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General., GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Held a hearing on an Overview of the Administration’s Federal Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

REHABILITATING AND IMPROVING THE NATION’S RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials hearing on Sitting on Our Assets: Rehabilitating and Improving Our Nation’s Rail Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VETERANS’ AFFAIRS FY12 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2012. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4, Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011; and H.R. 705, amended, Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act of 2011.

FY11 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Overview.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.