

**NASA'S EXPLORATION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on A Review of NASA's Exploration Program in Transition: Issues for Congress and Industry. Testimony was heard from Douglas Cooke, Associate Administrator, Exploration systems Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

**REDUCING FEDERAL AGENCY OVERREACH**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Reducing Federal Agency Overreach: Modernizing the Regulatory Flexibility Act." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit continued a hearing entitled "Improving and Reforming the Nation's Surface Transportation Programs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "Improving the Nations's Response to Catastrophic Disasters: How to Minimize Costs and Streamline our Emergency Management Programs." Testimony was heard from Sherwood Boehlert, former Member of Congress; John Njord, Executive Director, Department of Transportation, Utah; and public witnesses.

**JOB CREATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on government policies and actions that are impediments to job creation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PENDING TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH PANAMA**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on pending trade agreement with Panama. Testimony was heard from Miriam Sapiro, Deputy Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Library of Congress (LOC) and Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Operation Odyssey Dawn and the situation in Libya, 2:15 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Budget:* Business meeting to consider the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* To hold hearings to examine S. 629, to improve hydropower, S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and Title I, subtitle D of the American Clean Energy Leadership Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* To hold hearings to examine Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2011, focusing on breaking down barriers, creating economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine counternarcotics and citizen security in the Americas, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Libya, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* To hold hearings to examine improving safety at dangerous mines one year after Upper Big Branch, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine drug gangs' ever evolving tactics to penetrate the border and the Federal government's ability to stop them, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Business meeting to consider S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that

is misbranded or adulterated, S. 410, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 627, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, S. 394, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, and the nominations of John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Claire C. Cecchi, and Esther Salas, both to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, J. Paul Oetken, and Paul A. Engelmayer, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Office of Advocacy, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

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

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing on Defining the Market: Entity and Product Classifications Under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Indian Health Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight Hearing, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Air Force Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Review, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on European Command, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA FY 2012 Budget Request, 10:15 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Request for Global Health and HIV/AIDS Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Loan Guarantee Program and ARPA-E, FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security, NPPD Budget—Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Programs and Funding, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol. This is a CLASSIFIED and CLOSED hearing.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing on Operation Odyssey Dawn and U.S. Military Operations in Libya, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on FY 2012 national defense authorization budget request for missile defense, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on improving the readiness of U.S. forces through military jointness, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "The Future of Union Transparency and Accountability," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, markup on the following: H.R. 1217, to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund; H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; H.R. 1215, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to convert funding for personal responsibility education programs from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; H.R. 1214, to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction; and H.R. 1213, to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 908, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing on Immediate Steps to Protect Taxpayers from the Ongoing Bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing on Libya: Defining U.S. National Security Interests, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H. Res. 139, expressing condolences to the people of New Zealand for the terrible loss of life and property suffered as a result of the deadly earthquake that struck on February 22, 2011; and H. Res. 172, expressing heartfelt condolences and support for assistance to the people of Japan and all those affected in the aftermath of the deadly earthquake and tsunamis of March 11, 2011, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn. Following the markup, a hearing on Asia Overview: Protecting American Interests in China and Asia will take place.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup on H.R. 1016, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn. Following the markup, a hearing on Rising Oil Prices and Dependence on Hostile Regimes: The Urgent Case for Canadian Oil will take place.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “The U.S. Homeland Security Role in the Mexican War Against Drug Cartels,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “The 2010 Election: A Look Back At What Went Right and Wrong,” 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “H-1B Visas: Designing a Program to Meet the Needs of the U.S. Economy and U.S. Workers,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing on Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National

Marine Fisheries Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for these agencies,” 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Why isn’t the Department of Homeland Security meeting the President’s standard on FOIA?” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing on Climate Change: Examining the Processes Used to Create Science and Policy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on The Role of Small Business in Innovation and Job Creation: The SBIR and STTR Programs, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Oversight hearing on the VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program budget and VRE National Counseling Contract, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 1232, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain tax benefits relating to abortion, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Internal Revenue Service and the 2011 Tax Return Filing Season, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.