

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **IMPLEMENTING DODD-FRANK: A REVIEW OF THE CFTC'S RULEMAKING PROCESS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on Implementing Dodd-Frank: A Review of the CFTC's Rulemaking Process. Testimony was heard from Dan M. Berkovitz, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

### **STATE OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on the state of the poultry industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **DEFENSE ACQUISITION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Acquisition. Testimony was heard from Ashton Carter, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

### **MEMBERS DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, Members Day hearing. Testimony was heard from Members of the 112th Congress.

### **EXAMINING FRAGMENTATION AND OVERLAP OF FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Examining Fragmentation and Overlap of Federal Education Programs. Testimony was heard from George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO.

### **GUANTANAMO DETAINEE TRANSFER POLICY AND RECIDIVISM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Guantanamo detainee transfer policy and recidivism. Testimony was heard from William K. Lietzau, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Policy, Department of Defense; Daniel Fried, Ambassador, Special Envoy for the Closure of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility, Department of State; Ed Mornston, Director, Joint Intelligence Task Force, Combating Terrorism Directorate for Analysis, Defense Intelligence Agency; Corin Stone, Deputy Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Policy

and Strategy, Intelligence Community Information Sharing Executive, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brad Wiegmann, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice.

### **FY 2012 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, BASE CLOSURE, ENVIRONMENT, FACILITIES OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for military construction, base closure, environment, facilities operation and maintenance. Testimony was heard from Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Installations and Environment; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment; Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; and Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistic.

### **JOBS AND ENERGY PERMITTING ACT OF 2011**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011 legislation. Testimony was heard from Sen. Murkowski; Sen. Begich; Rep. Young; Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, Alaska; and public witnesses.

### **STATUS OF FDA'S SCREENING EFFORTS AT THE BORDER**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Government Reform held a hearing entitled "Import Safety: Status of FDA's Screening Efforts at the Border." Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, FDA.

### **PRIORITIES FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Priorities for U.S. Assistance in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Mark Feierstein, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### CRISIS IN COTE D'IVOIRE: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTRY AND REGION; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing on Crisis in Cote d'Ivoire: Implications for the Country and Region. Testimony was heard from William Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State. The hearing was followed by a markup of the following: H.R. 515, Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2011; and H. Res. 85, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Ivoirian people and calling on the United States to apply intense diplomatic pressure and provide humanitarian support in response to the political crisis in Cote d'Ivoire. Both were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

### POLITICAL TRANSITIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Shifting Sands: Political Transitions in the Middle East, Part 1. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TAKING MEASURE OF COUNTERMEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 1): A review of government and industry efforts to protect the homeland through accelerated research, development, and acquisition of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear medical countermeasures." Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Managing Director, Health Care, GAO; Segaran P. Pillai, Chief Medical and Science Advisor, Chemical and Biological Division, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Richard J. Hatchett, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director, Strategic Sciences and Management, Department of Health and Human Services; Gerald W. Parker, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### H-2A VISA PROGRAM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on the H-2A Visa Program: Meeting the Growing Needs of American Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2011

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on legislation on the Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2011. Testimony was heard from Rep. Goodlatte; Rep. Scott of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1229, Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act; H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act, was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1231, Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act; and

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 828, Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011; H.R. 829, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2011; and H.R. 1470, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the probationary period applicable to appointments in the civil service, and for other purposes. The following was ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the "Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office".

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled "Federal Employees' Compensation Act: A Fair Approach?" Testimony was heard from Gary Steinberg, Acting Director, Office of Workers Compensation, Department of Labor; Bill Siemer, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structure rule for consideration of H. Con. Res. 34, concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for the fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021.

The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the

Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady (TX) and Rep. Hinchey (NY) or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report as an original concurrent resolution for purpose of amendment, and provides that such amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report, which may be offered only in the order printed in the 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, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report, except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of amendments. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. Finally, the rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard by Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, Representatives Garrett, Van Hollen, Honda, Moore, Tonko, Cooper, Scott of Virginia, Woolsey, Fattah, Lee of California, Grijalva, and Cleaver.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a markup on H.R. 1425, Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation Act of 2011. The bill was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

#### GREEN JOBS AND RED TAPE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Green Jobs and Red Tape: Assessing Federal Efforts to Encourage Employment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### HOW TAX COMPLEXITY HINDERS SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing on How Tax Complexity Hinders Small Businesses: The Impact on Job Creation and Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### IMPROVING AND STREAMLINING THE COAST GUARD'S ACQUISITION PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Improving and Streamlining the Coast Guard's Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral John Currier, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, USCG; and John P. Hutton, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

#### CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING PRACTICES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Inspect What You Expect: Construction Contracting Practices at the Department of Veterans Affairs". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans' Affairs officials: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; and Cherie Palmer, Audit Director, Chicago Audit Operations Division, Office of Inspector General.

#### SPECIAL BURDENS THAT THE TAX CODE IMPOSES ON INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS AND FAMILIES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on the special burdens that the tax code imposes on individual taxpayers and families and on the need for comprehensive tax reform to address these problems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### ROLE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS IN IDENTITY THEFT AND OPTIONS TO GUARD THEIR PRIVACY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the role of Social Security numbers in identity theft and options to guard their privacy. Testimony was heard from Patrick P. O'Carroll Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director of the Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Federal Trade Commission; and Theresa L. Gruber, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Office of Operations, Social Security Administration.

## MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence held a hearing on Muslim Brotherhood. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

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 Army and the Department of Air Force, 2 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* to hold hearings to examine issues for surface transportation authorization, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance,* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jenni Rane LeCompte, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, and David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, both of the Department of the Treasury, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine assessing the fiscal year 2012 budget for Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on how to best advance the public interest, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine S. 636, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, S. 703, to amend the Long-Term Leasing Act, and S. 546, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting to consider S. 350, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, S. 623, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice As-

sistance, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit, hearing on credit conditions in rural America, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Public Witness Days, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on U.S. Supreme Court—FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Labor Enforcement Programs, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, Public Witness Day, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing to receive testimony from Members on their national defense priorities for the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization bill, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on accountability at Arlington National Cemetery, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Examining the Department of Labor's Implementation of the Davis-Bacon Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing "Warning: The Growing Danger of Prescription Drug Diversion," 8 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 1391, the Recycling Coal Combustion Residuals Accessibility Act of 2011, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Understanding the Implications and Consequences of the Proposed Rule on Risk Retention," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1016, Assessing Progress in Haiti Act; H.R. 1280, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require congressional approval of agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation with foreign countries, and for other purposes; H.R. 515, Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2011; and H.R. 1326, Furthering International Nuclear Safety Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.