

## INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 754, the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2011. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence 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 the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment 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 division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mike Rogers of Michigan; Rep. Ruppertsberger; and Rep. Gibson.

## HYDRAULIC FRACTURING TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing on Review of Hydraulic Fracturing Technology and Practices. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Ames Jones, Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission; Robert M. Summers, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment; Harold Fitch, Michigan State Geologist; Director, Office of Geological Survey, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; and Board Member, Ground Water Protection Council; Paul Anastas, Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1425, Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

## EPA MINING POLICIES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on EPA Mining Policies: Assault on

Appalachian Jobs—Part II. Testimony was heard from Nancy Stoner, Acting Administrator, EPA Office of Water; and public witnesses.

## EXAMINING VA'S IT STRATEGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Reboot: Examining VA's IT Strategy for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1745, Jobs, Opportunity, Benefits, and Services Act of 2011. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

## Joint Meetings

### GROWING PRESSURE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Central Asia and the Arab spring, focusing on growing pressure for human rights and whether the factors that drove the uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East exist in any of the Central Asian States, after receiving testimony from Robert O. Blake, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Stephen Blank, Professor, National Security Affairs, Strategic Studies Institute, United States Army War College, Department of Defense; Paul A. Goble, Institute of World Politics, Staunton, Virginia; Scott Radnitz, University of Washington Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle; and Gulam Umarov, Sunshine Coalition, Uzbekistan, Memphis, Tennessee.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Aviation Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Sergeant at

Arms, and the United States Capitol Police, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on threats faced by our naval forces and the capabilities of our naval forces to respond to those threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Daniel L. Glaser, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, and Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, and Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President, and Sean Robert Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be a Member, both of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Dodd-Frank implementation, focusing on monitoring systemic risk and promoting financial stability, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the need for national mortgage servicing standards, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine carbon capture and sequestration legislation, including S. 699, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, and S. 757, to provide incentives to encourage the development and implementation of technology to capture carbon dioxide from dilute sources on a significant scale using direct air capture technologies, 9 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine Federal efforts to protect public health by reducing diesel emissions, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine oil and gas tax incentives and rising energy prices, 9 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine assessing the situation in Libya, 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the middle class, focusing on if the American dream is slipping out of reach for American families, 9:15 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if intelligence reform is working, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*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, S. 890,

“Fighting Fraud to Protect Taxpayers Act of 2011”, and the nominations of Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Kathleen M. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, 9:30 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,* Full Committee, hearing to review pending free trade agreements, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Smithsonian Institution FY12 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the House of Representatives FY 2012, 11 a.m., HC-5, Capitol.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Reviewing Workers' Compensation for Federal Employees, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup of legislation regarding the Enhancing CPSC Authority and Discretion Act of 2011 (ECADA). 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup of H.R. 1683, the State Flexibility Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1309, the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2011; H.R. 1573, to facilitate implementation of title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, promote regulatory coordination, and avoid market disruption; H.R. 1121, the Responsible Consumer Financial Protection Regulations Act of 2011; H.R. 1315, the Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1667, to postpone the date for the transfer of functions to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection if the Bureau does not yet have a Director in place. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing on Export Controls, Arms Sales, and Reform: Balancing U.S. Interests, Part 1, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 2): A Review of Efforts to Protect the Homeland Through Distribution and Dispensing of CBRN Medical Countermeasures.” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, markup of the following: H.R. 1690, MODERN Security Credentials Act; H.R. 1801, Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of The Armed Forces Act; and H.R. 1165, Transportation Security Administration Ombudsman Act of 2011. 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 470, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; and H.R. 818, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and In-sular Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 991, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1160, McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 1670, Sikes Act Amendments Act. 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Health Care, DC, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “The District of Columbia’s

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability.” 8:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Where Have All the Letters Gone?—The Mailing Industry and Its Future.” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee and the Committee on Small Business, joint hearing entitled “Politicizing Procurement: Will President Obama’s Proposal Curb Free Speech and Hurt Small Business?” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Regulations, hearing entitled “Green Isn’t Always Gold: Are EPA Regulations Harming Small Businesses?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on How to Stop Sitting on Our Assets: A Review of the Civilian Property Realignment Act, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1407, Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011; H.R. 1484, Veterans Appeals Improvement Act of 2011; H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; H.R. 1383, Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011; H.R. 1657, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans; and H.R. 802, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program; 3 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing on the burdens that the tax code imposes on American companies and how such burdens place them at a competitive disadvantage as they try to sell goods and services around the world, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.