

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 890, to establish the supplemental fraud fighting account.

SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business recovery, focusing on the progress report on

“Small Business Jobs Act of 2010” implementation, after receiving testimony from Marie Johns, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; Don Graves, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Eric H. Blinderman, Mas (Farmhouse), New York, New York; Kristie L. Arslan, National Association for the Self-Employed, Washington, D.C.; and Patrick Woodie, North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc., Raleigh.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community. Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 50.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 26, to hold hearings to examine the role, risks, and challenges for American agriculture and the next farm bill in meeting the demands of a growing world, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: May 25, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine creating jobs and transforming communities, focusing on funding for the Small Business Administration and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 25, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 26, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for United States Central Command and United States Africa Command, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Armed Services: May 24, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

May 25, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 25, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine derivatives clearinghouses, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 23 through May 28, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1038, PATRIOT Act Extension, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 24, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine air traffic control safety, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 25, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 375, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 714, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 730, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 233, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and S. 268, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Richard C. Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, to be Chief of Engineers, and Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 25, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

May 25, Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine the spread of tax fraud by identity theft, focusing on a threat to taxpayers, a drain on the public treasury, 2 p.m., SD-215.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 24, to hold hearings to examine al Qaeda, the Taliban, and other extremist groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9 a.m., SD-419.

May 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William J. Burns, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 23, to hold hearings to examine protecting cyberspace, focusing on assessing the White House proposal, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 24, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine stimulus contractors, focusing on taxes, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how to save taxpayer dollars, focusing on case studies of duplication in the Federal government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 25, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing efforts to eliminate improper payments, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 26, to hold an oversight hearing to examine expanding the success of native language and culture-based education, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 24, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine responding to the prescription drug epidemic, focusing on strategies for reducing abuse, misuse, diversion, and fraud, 9 a.m., SD-226.

May 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Marina Garcia Marmolejo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Michael Charles Green, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Wilma Antoinette Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and Major General Marilyn A. Quagliotti, USAF (Ret.), of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine holding criminals accountable, focusing on extending criminal jurisdiction to government contractors and employees abroad, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 968, to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, S. 978, to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, and the nominations of John Andrew Ross, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Timothy M. Cain, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Nannette Jolivette Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Nancy Torresen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and William Francis Kuntz II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 25, to hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on meeting the needs of service members and veterans, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 24, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: May 26, to hold hearings to examine meals, rides, and caregivers, focusing on the "Older American Act," 2 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, May 25, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on Harmonizing Global Derivatives Reform: Impact on U.S. Competitiveness and Market Stability, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 24, full Committee, hearing to consider the following: Report on the Sub-allocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2012, the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2012; and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2012; 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on the Office of Community Planning and Development (HUD) FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, markup of FY 2012 Appropriations bill, 4 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on the Office of Public and Indian Housing (HUD) FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 26, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing entitled “Corporate Campaigns and the NLRB: The Impact of Union Pressure on Job Creation,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative,” 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Expanding Health Care Options: Allowing Americans to Purchase Affordable Coverage Across State Lines,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Creating an Interoperable Public Safety Network,” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 24, full Committee, markup of the following: 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, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals on Securing American Jobs Through Exports: Export-Import Bank Reauthorization,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Determine the Future Role of FHA, RHS and GNMA in the Single- and Multi-Family Mortgage Markets,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Transparency, Transition and Taxpayer Protection: More Steps to End the GSE Bailout,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “FDIC Oversight: Ex-

amining and Evaluating the Role of the Regulator During the Financial Crisis and Today,” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 24, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on International Child Abduction: Broken Laws and Bereaved Lives, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the Future of Japan, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on the Future of al-Qaeda, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 25, full Committee, hearing on War Powers, United States Operations in Libya, and Related Legislation, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on UN Climate Talks and Power Politics: It's Not about the Temperature, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 25, full Committee, hearing entitled “Threats to the American Homeland after Killing Bin Laden: An Assessment,” 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 25, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Authorizing the Transportation Security Administration for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, May 26, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Inspector General Audit of the House's F.Y. 2009 Financial Statements, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 23, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1860, the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2011, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on legislation providing for the detention of dangerous aliens, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “Can We Sue Our Way to Prosperity?: Litigation's Effect on America's Global Competitiveness,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet; and Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Innovative Solutions to Challenging Problems,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1864, the Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2011, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled “How Will the Proposed Merger Between AT&T and T-Mobile Affect Wireless Telecommunications Competition?” 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy: Domestic Minerals Supplies and Demands in a Time of Foreign Supply Disruptions,” 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power; and the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, joint hearing on Protecting Long-Term Tribal Energy Jobs and Keeping Arizona Water and Power Costs Affordable: The Current and Future Role of the Navajo Generating Station, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 25, full Committee, hearing on Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices—Part III: Impacts on Seniors, Working Families and Memorial Day Vacations, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 26, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 26, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Buying More Land When We Can’t Maintain What We Already Own: The National Wildlife Refuge System’s Operations and Maintenance Backlog Story!” 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 24, full Committee, hearing entitled “Pain at the Pump: Policies that Suppress Domestic Production of Oil and Gas,” 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “Who’s Watching the Watchmen? Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “Unfunded Mandates, Regulatory Burdens and the Role of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management, hearing entitled “IRS E-File and Identity Theft,” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: Assessing the Immediate Threat to the United States,” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “How Federal Reserve Policies Add to Hard Times at the Pump,” 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Rightsizing the Federal Workforce,” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, May 23, full Committee, hearing on the following: H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical edu-

cation in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; and H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2012, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, May 25, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education; and Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, joint hearing on Protecting Information in the Digital Age: Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Efforts, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA’s Commercial Cargo Providers: Are They Ready to Supply the Space Station in the Post-Shuttle Era? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 25, full Committee, hearing entitled “Promoting Entrepreneurship and Job Creation by Decreasing Duplication at SBA,” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Defer No More: The Need to Repeal the 3% Withholding Provision,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 24, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Creating U.S. Maritime Industry Jobs by Reducing Regulator Burdens, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, May 24, full Committee, hearing on a subject to be determined, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 25, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Arlington National Cemetery: An Update from the New Administration, 11 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 25, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on improper tax payments in the administration of refundable tax credits, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 25, full Committee, hearing with FBI Director Mueller, 2 p.m., HVC-210. A classified session will follow.

May 26, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1892, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, 10 a.m., HVC-304. Hearing will begin as an open hearing and then proceed to a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: May 25, to hold hearings to examine driving innovation and job growth through the life sciences industry, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: May 23, to hold hearings to examine labor trafficking in troubled economic times, focusing on protecting American jobs and migrant human rights, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.