

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a markup of H.R. 1734, the Civilian Property Realignment Act. The bill was forwarded, as amended.

IMPROPER TAX PAYMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on improper tax payments in the administration of refundable tax credits. Testimony was heard from Steven Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, IRS; J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Taxpayer Administration, Department of the Treasury; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Policy and Administration, Strategic Issues, GSA; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS.

Joint Meetings

DRIVING INNOVATION AND JOB GROWTH

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine driving innovation and job growth through the life sciences industry, after receiving testimony from Steve Tang, University City Science Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Thomas R. Kowalski, Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute, Austin; Arthur Sands, Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Woodlands, Texas, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO); and Mark G. Heesen, National Venture Capital Association (NVCA), Arlington, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, 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, 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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting to consider the nomination of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; to be immediately followed by a hearing to

examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting to consider S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, an original bill to provide for the conduct of an analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes, an original bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies, and for other purposes, an original bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities, 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, 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, S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, 10 a.m., SD-366.

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

Committee on Foreign Relations, 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, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, business meeting to consider S. 792, to authorize the waiver of certain debts relating to assistance provided to individuals and households since 2005, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs, 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, 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 Jolivet 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.

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

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

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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, Full Committee, continued markup of the following: H.R. 908, the Full Implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Act; and H.R. 1939, Enhancing CPSC Authority and Discretion Act of 2011. 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “FDIC Oversight: Examining and Evaluating the Role of the Regulator During the Financial Crisis and Today,” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Unlocking the SAFETY Act’s Potential to Promote Technology and Combat Terrorism.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, 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, 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, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1408, to pro-

vide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on “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, 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, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1745, Jobs, Opportunity, Benefits & Services (JOBS) Act of 2011, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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, 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, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Opening the Northeast Corridor to Private Competition for the Development of High-Speed Rail.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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