

Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STIMULUS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Stimulus Oversight: An Update on Accountability, Transparency, and Performance.” Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; Michael Wood, Executive Director, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; Gregory Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Todd Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Gail Robinson, Deputy Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

FOSTERING QUALITY SCIENCE AT EPA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Fostering Quality Science at EPA: Perspectives on Common Sense Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Disaster Assistance: Is SBA Meeting the Recovery Needs of Disaster Victims?” Testimony was heard from James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; and William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Missouri River Flood: An Assessment of River Management in 2011 and Operational Plans for the Future.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Noem; Rep. Hartzler; Rep. Luetkemeyer; Rep. King of Iowa; Rep. Cleaver; Rep. Berg; Rep. Fortenberry; Rep. Jenkins; Rep. Latham; Brigadier General John McMahon, Commander and Division Engineer, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division; Brad Lawrence, Director of Public Works, City of Fort Pierre, South Dakota; Kathy Kunkel, County Clerk Holt County, Missouri; and public witnesses.

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Eco-

nomics held a joint hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Process. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Leney, Executive Director, Small and Veteran Business Programs, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gregory D. Kutz, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Ralph O. White, Managing Associate General Counsel for Procurement Law, Office of General Counsel, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1268)

H.R. 3321, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition. Signed on November 29, 2011. (Public Law 112-61)

S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties. Signed on November 29, 2011. (Public Law 112-62)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine continuing oversight of the “Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States strategic objectives towards Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the financial and societal costs of medicating America's foster children, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine insider trading and congressional accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.