

hearing entitled “A Review of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy.” Testimony was heard from Arun Majumdar, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy; Gregory Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; and Frank Rusco, Director, Energy and Science Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### STATE OF VA DISABILITY RATINGS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Rating the Rating Schedule—the State of VA Disability Ratings in the 21st Century.” Testimony was heard from Tom Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; John Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Department of Defense; LTG James Terry Scott USA (Ret.), Chairman, Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; and public witnesses.

#### SSA DISABILITY WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on combating disability waste, fraud and abuse. Testimony was heard from the following Social Security Administration officials: Carolyn Colvin, Deputy Commissioner; Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General; Thomas Brady, Special Agent, Office of the Inspector General; and Paul Neske, Detective, St. Louis County Police Department; and public witness.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX CUT CONTINUATION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine contract management at Arlington National Cemetery, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

##### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, markup on the following: H.R. 1840, to improve consideration by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; H.R. 2682, the “Business Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2011”; H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; H.R. 2586, the “Swap Execution Facility (SEF) Clarification Act”; H.R. 3336, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 3527, “Protecting Main Street End-Users from Excessive Regulation”. 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “American Jobs Now: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3548, the North American Energy Access Act.” 8 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 2467, the “Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act of 2011”; and S. 292, the “Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act”. 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “Volt Vehicle Fire: What Did NHTSA Know and When Did They Know It?” 8 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Retirement Readiness: Strengthening the Federal Pension System.” 8 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

##### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to hold hearings to examine Kazakhstan, focusing on the stability of their government, 2 p.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 26

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Wednesday, January 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.J. Res. 98, Debt Ceiling Increase, with a vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at 12 p.m., and if the motion is successful, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of the following bill under suspension of the Rules: H.R. 3801—Ultra-light Aircraft Smuggling Prevention Act of 2012.

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