

Choose: Protecting Union Workers from Forced Political Contributions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### AMERICA’S NUCLEAR FUTURE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing America’s Nuclear Future—A Review of the Blue Ribbon Commission’s Report to the Secretary of Energy”. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.), Co-Chairman, Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future; Richard Meserve, Commissioner, Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future; and Pete Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

#### HOW THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MISMANAGES THE MODERNIZATION OF ITS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Placing Federal Tax Dollars at Risk: How the Small Business Administration Mismanages the Modernization of its Information Technology”. Testimony was heard from Marie Johns, Deputy Administrator, United States Small Business Administration; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### NATION’S AVIATION SATELLITE-BASED GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “A Review of Issues Associated with Protecting and Improving our Nation’s Aviation Satellite-based Global Positioning System Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Vincent Galotti, Deputy Director, Air Navigation Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) of the United Nations; and public witnesses.

#### INTERACTION OF TAX POLICY AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING RULES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on the interaction of tax policy and financial accounting rules (such as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or “GAAP”), and how this interaction affects how publicly-traded companies respond to tax policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### IRELAND AND OSCE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Ireland’s leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on its future year-long leadership of the 56-nation OSCE, based in Vienna, Austria, and its work in promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law, after receiving testimony from Eamon Gilmore, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland, and Chair-in-Office, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Chief of Engineers, and Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine assessing inequality, mobility, and opportunity, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine H.R.1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice’s opinion on internet gaming, focusing on what’s at stake for tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1945, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, and the nominations of John Z. Lee, and John J. Tharp, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, George Levi Russell III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Kristine Gerhard Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 10 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 Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the Architect of the Capitol FY 2013 budget request, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Review of the Proposed Generic Drug and Biosimilars, User Fees and Further Examination of Drug Shortages”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Regional

Perspectives on Agricultural Guestworker Programs”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Construction Contracting: Barriers to Small Business Participation”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Reforming VA’s Flawed Fiduciary System, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.