

and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* To hold hearings to examine pain in America, focusing on exploring challenges to relief, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

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

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 14 through February 17, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century*.

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

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* February 15, business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, and Chester John Culver, of Iowa, and Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine energy and economic growth for rural America, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 14, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 15, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine pay for performance, focusing on incentive compensation at large financial institutions, 2 p.m., SD-538.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the European debt crisis and its implications, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 14, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013, 10 a.m., SD-608.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal

year 2013 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* February 16, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* February 14, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 15, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 14, business meeting to consider S. 1023, to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990, S. 414, to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, an original resolution recognizing the importance of the United States-Egypt relationship, and urging the Government of Egypt to protect civil liberties and cease persecution of democracy activities, S. Res. 344, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua, an original resolution calling for democratic change in Syria, S. Res. 342, honoring the life and legacy of Laura Pollan, and the nominations of Tara D. Sonenshine, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Anne Claire Richard, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, Robert E. Whitehead, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India, Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Nicaragua, and Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, all of the Department of State, and Earl W. Gast, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

February 16, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Iran's influence and activity in Latin America, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 14, to hold hearings to examine pain in America, focusing on exploring challenges to relief, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

February 16, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine addressing workforce needs at the regional level, focusing on innovative public and private partnerships, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* February 16, to hold hearings to examine securing America's future, focusing on the "Cybersecurity Act of 2012", 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* February 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine energy development in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 15, to hold hearings to examine the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, focusing on protecting those who protect us, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

February 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 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:* February 14, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 16, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 15, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Quality of Life in the Military, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request, Forest Service, 10 a.m., B308-Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* February 15, full Committee, hearing on 2013 Fiscal Year National Defense Authorization Budget from the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on governance, oversight, and management of the nuclear security enterprise to ensure high quality science,

engineering, and mission effectiveness in an age of austerity, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 16, full Committee, hearing on 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 17, full Committee, hearing on 2013 Fiscal Year National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* February 15, full Committee, hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 16, full Committee, hearing entitled "The President's Revenue and Economic Policy Proposals, Fiscal Year 2013 House Budget Resolution", 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

February 29, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Department of Defense and the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget", 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* February 16, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3989, the "Student Success Act" and H.R. 3990, the "Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* February 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, hearing entitled "Where the Jobs Are", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of MDUFA: What It Means for Jobs, Innovation and Patients", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "The Budget and Spending of Federal Communications Commission", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Regulatory Reform Series #8, Private Sector Views of the Regulatory Climate One Year After Executive Order 13563", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* February 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Consumer Financial Protection Bureau", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 16, full Committee markup on H.R. 3606, the "Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act of 2011"; H.R. 2308, the "SEC Regulatory Accountability Act"; H.R. 1838, to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Prohibiting any federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; and H.R. 4014, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* February 15, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Reflections on the Revolution in Egypt, Part I", 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 16, full Committee, hearing entitled "Egypt at a Crossroads", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "Further Human Rights Violations in Castro's Cuba: The Continued Abuse of Political Prisoners", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, February 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “An Examination of the President’s FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”, 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

February 15, full Committee markup on the following: H.R. 3563, the “Alert and Warning Systems Modernization Act of 2011”; H.R. 3140, the “Mass Transit Intelligence Prioritization Act”; H.R. 3857, the “Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act”; and H.R. 2356, the “WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 16, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “DHS Monitoring of Social Networking and Media: Enhancing Intelligence Gathering and Ensuring Privacy”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 16, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, continue hearing entitled “Screening Partnership Program: Why is a Job-Creating, Public-Private Partnership Meeting Resistance at TSA?”, 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

February 16, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Last Line of Defense: the Federal Air Marshal Service 10 Years After 9/11”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, February 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “Executive Overreach: The President’s Unprecedented “Recess” Appointments”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Safeguarding the Integrity of the Immigration Benefits Adjudication Process”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Justice and Office on Violence Against Women”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 16, full Committee, markup of H.R. 3541, the “Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act of 2011”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled “Litigation as a Predatory Practice”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, February 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of the Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal”, 10 a.m. 1324 Longworth.

February 15, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3973, to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled H.R. 785, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the

authority to use certain payment for certain noncoal reclamation projects, 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

February 17, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Fish and Wildlife Service’s Proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan and its Potential Devastating Impact on the Economy of the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia”, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, February 15, full Committee, hearing entitled “Why Reshuffling Government Agencies Won’t Solve the Federal Government’s Obesity Problem”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 16, full Committee, hearing entitled “Lines Crossed: Separation of Church and State. Has the Obama Administration Trampled on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience?”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 17, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “How Much is Too Much? Examining Duplicative IT Investments at DOD and DOE”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, February 14, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 7, the “American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012”, 5 p.m., H-313, Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, February 17, full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Administration’s Federal Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, February 15, Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology, hearing entitled “Broadband: A Catalyst for Small Business Growth”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Government Assistance for Disaster Victims: A Review of H.R. 3042”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, February 15, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2013, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, February 15, full Committee, hearing on President Obama’s budget proposals for fiscal year 2013, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, February 16, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: February 15, to hold hearings to examine violence against Roma in Europe, focusing on violence in the region, and human rights violations, 2 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.