

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Justice and Office on Violence Against Women”. Testimony was heard from Susan Carbon, Director, Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3541, the “Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act of 2011”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1837, the “San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act”; and H.R. 4019, the “Federal Forest County Revenue, Schools, and Jobs Act of 2012”. Both bills were ordered reported, as amended.

LINES CROSSED: SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Lines Crossed: Separation of Church and State. Has the Obama Administration Trampled on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3630, the “Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. Testimony was heard from Representative Brady of Texas; and Representative Levin.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Examining the Role of Government Assistance for Disaster Victims: A Review of H.R. 3042”. Testimony was heard from Doug Hoell, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on FY 2013 budget request for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Diana Rubens, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steven Muro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and Bruce E. Kasold Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities.

Joint Meetings**MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on 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.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., B308–Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget request Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

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

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on FY 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 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, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on 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.

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, 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 Science, Space, and Technology, 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.