

York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya, Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Tunisian Republic, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine the economic imperative for promoting international travel to the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine monetary policy going forward, focusing on why a sound dollar boosts growth and employment, 2 p.m., SH-216.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 27 through March 30, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2204, Oil Tax Subsidies.

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 Appropriations:* March 27, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine enhancing economic growth, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's responses to the foreclosure crisis and mounting student loan debt, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 29, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 27, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 27, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's role in implementation of the National Strategy for Counterterrorism and the National Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 27, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 28, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the Ohio-class Replacement Program in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

March 28, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Jessica Lynn Wright, of Pennsylvania, and Katharina G. McFarland, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Heidi Shyu, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 27, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the choice neighborhoods initiative, focusing on a new community development model, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

March 28, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine retirement, focusing on examining the retirement savings deficit, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

March 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Jeremiah O'Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, and Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine developing the framework for safe and efficient mobile payments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 28, to hold hearings to examine the science and standards of forensics, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 29, to hold hearings to examine current and near-term future price expectations and trends for motor gasoline and other refined petroleum fuels, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 27, Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, with the Subcommittee on Oversight, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) work with other Federal entities to reduce pollution and improve environmental performance, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 27, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine renewable energy tax incentives, focusing on how have the recent and pending expirations of key incentives affected the renewable energy industry in the United States, 2:45 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 27, business meeting to consider S. Res. 356, expressing support for the people of Tibet, S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois from May 20 through 21, 2012, S. Res. 397, promoting peace and stability in Sudan, S. Res. 80, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued viola-

tion of the International Covenants on Human Rights, S. Res. 391, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria, S. Res. 344, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua, the nominations of Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya, Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Tunisian Republic, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States policy on Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 29, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Nigeria, focusing on security, governance, and trade, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 29, to hold hearings to examine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fee agreements, focusing on strengthening FDA and the medical products industry for the benefit of patients, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 28, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing efforts to combat waste and fraud in Federal programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 29, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine contractors, focusing on how much they are costing the government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 27, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine the economic imperative for promoting international travel to the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Special Counsel's report on the prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2159, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017, and the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Kevin McNulty, and Michael A. Shipp, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Stephanie Marie Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Gregory K. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* March 29, to hold hearings to examine S. 2219, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* March 29, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, and Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 9:45 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 27, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 27, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing entitled "U.S. Forest Service Land Management: Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving Healthier National Forests", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 28, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on H.R. 3283, the "Swap Jurisdiction Certainly 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 the Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2012, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Re-

quest for the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. House of Representatives: Chief Administrative Officer; Clerk of the House; and Sergeant at Arms, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

March 27, Subcommittee on State Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Education, K-12, 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request National Drug Policy, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on American Manufacturing and Job Repatriation, 9 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Department of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 28, Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. Judicial Conference and U.S. Courts, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Loan Guarantee Program and Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces—Korea, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

March 29, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Security Challenges in Latin America, 8:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Management Issues Panel, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Intelligence Community, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

March 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Issues for Public Witnesses, 9 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request Pacific Command/Korea, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 27, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on understanding future irregular warfare challenges, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 DOD Rotocraft Modernization Programs, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 28, Full Committee, hearing on the security situation on the Korean Peninsula, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Army and Marine Corps Materiel Reset, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on oversight of U.S. Naval Vessel Acquisition Programs and Force Structure of the Department of the Navy in the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on What is the Price of Energy Security: from Battlefields to Bases, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Learning from the Upper Big Branch Tragedy", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Education", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 27, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "IT Supply Chain Security: Review of Government and Industry Efforts", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the Current State of Cosmetics", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative: A Focus on Legislative Responses to Rising Gasoline Prices", 9:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Threats to Communications Networks and Public-Sector Responses", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Balancing Privacy and Innovation: Does the President's Proposal Tip the Scale?", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 27, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled "Federal Reserve Aid to the Eurozone: Its Impact on the U.S. and the Dollar", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 27, Full Committee, markup of the "FHA Emergency Fiscal Solvency Act of 2012"; H.R. 2446, the "RESPA Home Warranty Clarification Act of 2011"; H.R. 3283, the "Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act"; and H.R. 4235, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2012", 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Accounting and Auditing Oversight: Pending Proposals and Emerging Issues Confronting Regulators, Standard Setters and the Economy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Collapse of MF Global: Part 3", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 27, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Services, markup of H.R. 1940, the "International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2011"; H.R. 3605, the Global Online Freedom Act of 2011"; and H.R. 4141, the "International Food Assistance Improvement Act of 2012", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing entitled "Creating Jobs: Economic Opportunities in Europe and Eurasia", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Investigating the Chinese Threat, Part One: Military and Economic Aggression", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Price of Public Diplomacy with China", 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "Assessing China's Role and Influence in Africa", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 27, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, markup of H.R. 4251, the "SMART Port Security Act", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 28, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2179, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organizations, Incorporated, and for other purposes; H.R. 2764, the "WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2011"; H.R. 3140, the "Mass Transit Intelligence Prioritization Act"; and H.R. 3563, the "Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2011", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 28, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Rightsizing TSA Bureaucracy and Workforce Without Compromising Security”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 29, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Health Affairs”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 27, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 3862, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2012”; and H.R. 2299, the “Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, markup of H.R. 4223, the “Safe Doses Act”; H.R. 3668, the “Counterfeit Drug Penalty Enhancement Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4216, the “Foreign Counterfeit Prevention Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement hearing entitled “Holiday on ICE: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s New Immigration Detention Standards”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 1946, the “Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act of 2011”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Family Vacations and U.S. Tourism Industry”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 28, Full Committee, business meeting on a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue duces tecum subpoenas for the production of documents relating to investigations regarding: the Secretary of the Interior’s decision and the process to rewrite the 2008 Stream Buffer Zone Rule under the Surface Mining Reclamation and Control Act; and the process used in the preparation of a Department of the Interior report on offshore oil and natural gas operations under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act that implied that peer reviewers from the National Academy of Engineers had endorsed an offshore oil and natural gas drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 1917, the “Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2011”; H.R. 1960, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act 2011”; and H.R. 3074, the “Cormorant Management and Natural Resources Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing entitled “H.R. 1241, the ‘Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act’”; H.R. 1818, the “Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2011”; H.R. 2984, the “Maine Coastal Islands Wilderness Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4234, the “Grazing Improvement Act of 2012”; 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 27, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Can a USPS-run Health Plan Solve Its Financial Crisis?”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 27, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “Labor Abuses, Human Trafficking, and Government Contracts: Is the Government Doing Enough to Protect Vulnerable Workers?”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Are Changes in Security Policy Jeopardizing USAID Reconstruction Projects and Personnel in Afghanistan?”, 8:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 27, Full Committee, hearing on H. Con. Res. 112, “Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 2:30 p.m., H-313.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 27, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled “Fostering the U.S. Competitive Edge: Examining the Effects of Federal Policies on Competition, Innovation, and Job Growth”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Securing the Promise of the International Space Station: Challenges and Opportunities”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “To Observe and Protect: How NOAA Procures Data for Weather Forecasting”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Federally Funded Research: Examining Public Access and Scholarly Publication Interests”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Large and Small Businesses: How Partnerships Can Promote Job Growth”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 27, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Army Corps of Engineers”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Environmental Protection Agency”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, March 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “From the Ground Up: Assessing Ongoing Delays in VA Major Construction”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 28, Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Reevaluating the Transition from Service Member to Veteran: Honoring a Shared Commitment to Care for Those Who Defend Our Freedom”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 28, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup of pending legislation, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 29, Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”; H.R. 4114, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 2051, the “Veterans Missing in America Act of 2011”; H.R. 2498, the “Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act”; H.R. 2377, the “Rating and Processing Individuals’ Disability Claims Act”; H.R. 2717, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one city in the United States each year as an ‘American World War II City’, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4168, the “Caring for the Fallen Act”, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 29, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on individual and employer mandates in the Democrats’ health care law, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 27, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2012*: March 28, organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee’s rules and procedure for the 112th Congress, 10:30 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

*Joint Economic Committee*: March 27, to hold hearings to examine monetary policy going forward, focusing on why a sound dollar boosts growth and employment, 2 p.m., SH-216.