

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS— SECURITY CHALLENGES IN LATIN AMERICA

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Challenges in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Kevin Whitaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Mark Feierstein, USAID Assistant Administrator for Latin American and the Caribbean Bureau.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS—DOT AND HUD MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Management Issues. Testimony was heard from Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; David Montoya, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Phillip Herr, Government Accountability Office; Mathew Scire, Government Accountability Office; and Valerie Melvin, Government Accountability Office.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS— INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Intelligence Community. This was a closed hearing.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS— PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Issues for Public Witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS— PACIFIC COMMAND/KOREA

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request Pacific Command/Korea. Testimony was heard from Admiral Samuel Locklear, PACOM Commander; and General James Thurman, U.S. Forces Korea.

U.S. NAVAL VESSEL ACQUISITION PROGRAM—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a 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. Testimony was heard from Sean Stackley, USN, Assistant Secretary of the Navy

for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Vice Admiral Terry Blake, USN, Deputy Chief Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N-8); Lieutenant General Richard Mills, Deputy Commander for Combat Development and Integration; and public witnesses.

PRICE OF ENERGY SECURITY: FROM BATTLEFIELDS TO BASES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on What is the Price of Energy Security: from Battlefields to Bases. Testimony was heard from Sharon Burke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy, Department of Defense; Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army

Installations, Energy, and the Environment; Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics; and Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment.

BALANCING PRIVACY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Balancing Privacy and Innovation: Does the President’s Proposal Tip the Scale?”. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communication and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ASSESSING CHINA’S ROLE AND INFLUENCE IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Assessing China’s Role and Influence in Africa”. Testimony was heard from Donald Y. Yamamoto, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Carolyn Bartholomew, Commissioner, United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT HOMELAND SECURITY’S OFFICE OF HEALTH AFFAIRS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Department Homeland Security’s Office of Health Affairs”. Testimony was heard

from Alexander Garza, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs,

Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 1946, the “Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Rich Feinstein, Director of the Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson and Klein (MN); Jerome Ford, Assistant Director for Migratory Birds, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jimmy Anthony, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Robert Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Wildlife Resources, Virginia Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: 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”. Testimony was heard from Representative Luján; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

SECURITY POLICY JEOPARDIZING USAID RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND PERSONNEL IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled “Are Changes in Security Policy Jeopardizing USAID Reconstruction Projects and Personnel in Afghanistan?”. Testimony was heard from Steven Trent, Acting Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Re-

construction; and J. Alexander Their, Assistant to the Administrator for the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, USAID.

FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH: EXAMINING PUBLIC ACCESS AND SCHOLARLY PUBLICATION INTERESTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Federally Funded Research: Examining Public Access and Scholarly Publication Interests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Guinta; Frank (MA); McIntyre; and Donnelly; Colonel Thomas Moe, Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services; Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; Thomas Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

INDIVIDUAL AND EMPLOYER MANDATES IN THE DEMOCRATS' HEALTH CARE LAW

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on individual and employer mandates in the Democrats' health care law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.