

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup of Agriculture Appropriations Bill, FY 2013; and the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, FY 2013. The bills were ordered reported, as amended.

### ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a markup of Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget. The Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget was passed.

### AMERICAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FEDERAL GREEN JOBS AGENDA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Federal Green Jobs Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Molly F. Sherlock, Specialist in Public Finance Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

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*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began markup of H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting; H.R. 5865, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012”; H.R. 4273, the “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012”; H.R. 5892, the “Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012”; H. Con. Res. 127, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol; and Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report.

### JPMORGAN CHASE’S TRADING LOSS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Bank Supervision and Risk Management in Light of JPMorgan Chase’s Trading Loss”. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Mary Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Martin J. Gruenberg, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Scott Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; and a public witness.

### BORDER SECURITY THREATS TO THE HOMELAND: DHS’ RESPONSE TO INNOVATIVE TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing “Border Security Threats to the Homeland: DHS’ Response to Innovative Tactics and Techniques”. Testimony was heard from Donna A. Bucella, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Investigative Liaison, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; James A. Dinkins, Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Rear Admiral William D. Lee, Deputy for Operations Policy and Capabilities, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Rear Admiral Charles D. Michel Director, Joint Interagency Task Force South.

### TSA’S PLANNED PURCHASE OF CAT/BPSS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Is TSA’s Planned Purchase of CAT/BPSS a Wise Use of Taxpayer Dollars?”. Testimony was heard from Kelly Hoggan, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Security Capabilities, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen M. Lord, Director of Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS IN THE MOBILE AND ONLINE SPACE, AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC POLICY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “New Technologies and Innovations in the Mobile and Online space, and the Implications for Public Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 5949, the “FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012”. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

### TAXPAYER-FUNDED LITIGATION: BENEFITTING LAWYERS AND HARMING SPECIES, JOBS AND SCHOOLS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Taxpayer-Funded Litigation: Benefitting Lawyers and Harming Species, Jobs and Schools”. Testimony was heard from Senator Sessions and Representative Lummis; Jerry Patterson, Commissioner, Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas;

John Stokes, Facilities Development Project Coordinator, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2706, the “Billfish Conservation Act of 2011”; H.R. 3472, the “Pirate Fishing Vessel Disposal Act of 2011”; and H.R. 4100, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; John Graves, Chair, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, Advisory Committee; and public witnesses.

### OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S GREEN ENERGY GAMBLE PART II

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gamble Part II: Were All the Taxpayer Subsidies Necessary?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STRATEGIC ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4480, the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by a record vote, a structured rule providing two hours of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–24 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one

motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gardner, Rush, Gene Green (TX), Lamborn, Markey, Hanabusa, Hastings (FL), Polis, Jackson Lee (TX), Langevin, and Ellison.

### BEST PRACTICES IN TRANSFORMING RESEARCH INTO INNOVATION: CREATIVE APPROACHES TO THE BAYH-DOLE ACT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Best Practices in Transforming Research into Innovation: Creative Approaches to the Bayh-Dole Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SCIENCE OF HOW HUNTING ASSISTS SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Science of How Hunting Assists Species Conservation and Management”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Nick Wiley, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

### VBA CLAIMS TRANSFORMATION PLAN AS A MEANS TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE OUR VETERANS; AND ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reclaiming the Process: Examining the VBA Claims Transformation Plan as a Means to Effectively Serve our Veterans”; and Approval of the Activities Report for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Testimony was heard from William J. Bosanko, Executive for Agency Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; General Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses. The Activities Report for The Committee on Veterans' Affairs was agreed to.

### MEDPAC'S JUNE 2012 REPORT TO CONGRESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MedPAC’s June 2012 Report to Congress”. Testimony was heard from Glen M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

## Joint Meetings

### GOVERNMENT STATISTICS FUNDING

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impact of ending or reducing funding for the American Community Survey and other government statistics, after receiving testimony from Kenneth D. Simonson, Associated General Contractors of America, Andrew Reamer, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy, and Grant D. Aldonas, Split Rock International, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Keith Hall, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D601)

S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Signed on June 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-133)

S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Signed on June 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-134)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense programs and policies to support military families with special needs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the initial public offering (IPO) process, focusing on ordinary investors, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine risks, opportunities, and oversight of commercial space, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office, focusing on implementation of the Leahy-Smith

“America Invents Act” and international harmonizing efforts, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Holocaust-era claims in the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup of Financial Services Appropriations Bill, FY 2013, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, markup of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2013, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing on Addressing the Iranian Nuclear Challenge: Understanding the Military Options, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghan National Security Forces: Resources, Strategy, and Timetable for Security Lead Transitions, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Assessing the Challenges Facing Multiemployer Pension Plans”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, continued markup of H.R. 5859, to repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting; H.R. 5865, the “American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2012”; H.R. 4273, the “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012”; H.R. 5892, the “Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012”; H. Con. Res. 127, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol; and Semi-Annual Committee Activity Report, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Market Structure: Ensuring Orderly, Efficient, Innovative and Competitive Markets for Issuers and Investors”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, “Mortgage Disclosures: How Do We Cut Red Tape for Consumers and Small Businesses?”, 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Reflections on the Revolution in Egypt, Part II”, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The African Growth and Opportunity Act: Ensuring Success”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The American Muslim Response to Hearings on Radicalization within their Community”, 10:15 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The