

ADMINISTRATION'S BET OF ABOUND SOLAR

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Bet of Abound Solar: Assessing the Costs to the American Taxpayers". Testimony was heard from David G. Frantz, Acting Executive Director, Loan Programs Office, Department of Energy; Jonathan Silver, former Executive Director, Loan Program Office, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

TAKING CARE OF OUR VETERANS: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DOING TO ELIMINATE THE CLAIMS BACKLOG?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled "Taking Care of Our Veterans: What is the Department of Veterans Affairs Doing to Eliminate the Claims Backlog?" Testimony was heard from Allison Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

EXPANDING BROADBAND ACCESS TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Digital Divide: Expanding Broadband Access to Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utility Service, Department of Agriculture; and Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

FAA'S CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled "A Review of the FAA's Contract Tower Program". Testimony was heard from Calvin L. Scovel, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; David Grizzle, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA; and Julie Oettinger, Assistant Administrator for Policy, International Affairs and Environment, FAA.

DISABILITY COMPENSATION BENEFITS PROCESS FOR VICTIMS OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Invisible Wounds: Examining the Disability Compensation Benefits Process for Victims of

Military Sexual Trauma". Testimony was heard from Col. Alan Metzler, Deputy Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Department of Defense; Thomas Murphy, Director of Compensation and Pension Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VIOLENCE AGAINST COPTIC WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EGYPT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the escalation of violence against Coptic women and girls in Egypt, after receiving testimony from Michele Clark, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, Medford, Massachusetts; and Walid Phares, Transatlantic Legislative Group on Counterterrorism, and Katrina Lantos Swett, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, both of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Lieutenant General John F. Kelly, USMC to be general and Commander, United States Southern Command, and Lieutenant General Frank J. Grass, ARNG to be general and Chief, National Guard Bureau, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine making college affordability a priority, focusing on promising practices and strategies, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of environmental changes on treaty rights, traditional lifestyles, and tribal homelands, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, S. 3276, to extend certain amendments made by the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, and the nominations of Frank Paul Geraci, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Fernando M. Olguin, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Malachy Edward Mannion, and Matthew W. Brann, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on disclosures of national security information and impact on military operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn. This is a closed hearing.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, continue markup of the following: the “U.S. Agricultural Sector Relief Act of 2012”; the “Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2012”; and the “No More Solyndras Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Who’s In Your Wallet? Dodd-Frank’s Impact on Families, Communities and Small Businesses”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “The Impact of Dodd-Frank on Consumer Choice and Access to Credit”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “Poison Harvest: Deadly U.S. Mine Pollution in Peru”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Unfair Trading Practices Against the U.S.: Intellectual Property Rights Infringement, Property Expropriation, and Other Barriers”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “When Regimes Fall: The Challenge of Securing Lethal Weapons”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “Using Unmanned Aerial Systems Within the Homeland: Security Game Changer?”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 406, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; H.R. 6122, to revise the authority of the Librarian of Congress to accept gifts and bequests on behalf of the Library, and for other purposes; a concurrent resolution providing funding to ensure the printing and production of the authorized number of copies of the

revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Hispanic Americans in Congress”, and for other purposes; H.R. 1402, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government; and the “H.R. 1974, Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Library of Congress: 2012 Inspector General Report on Library-Wide Acquisitions”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, “Status of Obama Administration’s Rewrite of the Stream Buffer Zone Rule and Compliance with Committee Subpoenas”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3906, to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act to allow recreational fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass in the Block Island Sound transit zone; H.R. 6007, the “North Texas Zebra Mussel Barrier Act of 2012”; and H.R. 6096, the “Atlantic Fisheries Statutes Reauthorization Act of 2012”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Continuing Oversight of Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation: Job Creators Still Buried by Red Tape”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “Changes to the Heights Act: Shaping Washington, D.C., for the Future”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Keeping America Secure: The Science Supporting the Development of Threat Detection Technologies”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, “Health Care Realignment and Regulation: The Demise of Small and Solo Medical Practices?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on Tax Reform and the U.S. Manufacturing Sector, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.