

## MEDICARE'S DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology held a hearing entitled "Medicare's Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program: How are Small Suppliers Faring?". Testimony was heard from Laurence D. Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD; and public witnesses.

## AMTRAK'S MONOPOLY MENTALITY IN COMMUTER RAIL COMPETITIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Review of Amtrak Operations Part 2: The High Cost of Amtrak's Monopoly Mentality in Commuter Rail Competitions". Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation; and public witnesses.

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Transportation And Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "Tenth Anniversary of the Maritime Transportation Security Act: Are We Safer?". Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Preparedness, United States Coast Guard; Stephen Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010

*Committee on Ways And Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service's implementation and administration of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010". Testimony was heard from Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the path from low-Earth orbit (LEO) to Mars, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, all of the Department of State, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the future of the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the Citizens United court and the continuing importance of the "Voting Rights Act", 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Operational Support: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, joint hearing entitled "Expanding the Power of Big Labor: The NLRB's Growing Intrusion into Higher Education", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Where the Jobs Are: There's an App for That", 9:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “DOE’s Nuclear Weapons Complex: Challenges to Safety, Security, and Taxpayer Stewardship”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2827, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes; and the “Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2012”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 6313, to promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland; and hearing entitled “Beijing as an Emerging Power in the South China Sea”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, joint hearing entitled “Organ Harvesting of Religious and Political Dissidents by the Chinese Communist Party”, 2:00 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “The EMP Threat: Examining the Consequences”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communication, hearing entitled “Resilient Communications: Current Challenges and Future Advancements”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Abuse of Power”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Dawood National Military Hospital Afghanistan: What Happened and What Went Wrong? Part II”, 9:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6213, the “No More Solyndras Act”; the “National Security and Job Protection Act”; and “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013”, 3 p.m., H-313, Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Examining NASA’s Development of the Space Launch System and Orion Crew Capsule”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Mismanagement of Funds at the National Weather Service and the Impact on the Future of Weather Forecasting”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “User Fees in the Aviation Industry: Turbulence Ahead”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “A Review of and Update on the Management of FAA’s NextGen Program”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Direct Deposit of Social Security Benefits”, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Implementation of Health Insurance Exchanges and Related Provisions”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.