

FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND RELATED MARINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2014 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard and related marine transportation programs. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Master Chief Michael Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard; David Matsuda, Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 569, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013"; H.R. 570, the "American Heroes COLA Act"; H.R. 602, the "Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act"; H.R. 671, the "Ruth Moore Act of 2013"; H.R. 679, the "Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act"; H.R. 733, the "Access to Veterans Benefits Improvement Act"; H.R. 894, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson (OH), Pingree, and Walz; David R. McLenachen, Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION OF 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Implementation of 2012 Unemployment Insurance Reforms. Testimony was heard from Bill Starks, Director, Unemployment Insurance Division, Utah Department of Workforce Services; Tommy Williams, Texas State Senator; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D277)

S. 716, to modify the requirements under the STOCK Act regarding online access to certain financial disclosure statements and related forms. Signed on April 15, 2013. (Public Law 113-7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the National Guard and Reserve, 9 a.m., SD-192.

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 2014 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a briefing on the situation in Syria, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine helping homeowners harmed by foreclosures, focusing on ensuring accountability and transparency in foreclosure reviews, part 2, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of passenger rail, focusing on what's next for the Northeast Corridor, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security; to be immediately followed by a