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#### CURRENT AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS OF BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing entitled “The Current and Future Applications of Biometric Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

#### NEXT STEPS IN HUMAN EXPLORATION TO MARS AND BEYOND

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Next Steps in Human Exploration to Mars and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### THE ROLE OF U.S. SHIPS AND MARINERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation: The Role of U.S. Ships and Mariners”. Testimony was heard from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; General William M. Fraser III, Commander, Transportation Command; and public witnesses.

#### UNDERSTANDING THE COST DRIVERS OF PASSENGER RAIL

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Understanding the Cost Drivers of Passenger Rail”. Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, Amtrak; and public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: legislation concerning the “Veterans Integrated Mental Health Care Act of 2013”; legislation concerning the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013”; H.R. 241, the “Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act”; H.R. 288, the “CHAMPVA Children's Protection Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1284, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ross and Guthrie; Robert L. Jesse, M.D. Principal Deputy Under Secretary for

Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### PRESIDENT'S AND OTHER BIPARTISAN PROPOSALS TO REFORM MEDICARE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the President's and Other Bipartisan Proposals to Reform Medicare. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, focusing on accomplishments and challenges, including crackdowns on civil society in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union, anti-Semitism and discrimination in the OSCE region, challenges faced by Roma in various countries, recent and upcoming election observations, and protecting human rights in the fight against terrorism, after receiving testimony from Janez Lenarcic, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D398)

H.R. 1071, to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in the production of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative coins. Signed on May 17, 2013. (Public Law 113–10)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Army, 9 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the United States Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through tax reform, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine nutrient trading and water quality, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine S. 662, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps, to hold hearings to examine different perspectives on international development, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 959, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs, S. 957, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain, the nominations of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, Harry I. Johnson III, of Virginia, and Philip Andrew Miscimarra, of Illinois, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine performance management and congressional oversight, focusing on 380 recommendations to reduce overlap and duplication, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine business practices of durable medical equipment companies, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Brian C. Deese, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Michael Kenny O'Keefe and Robert D. Okun, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 5 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine how the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Pipeline can develop a high-skilled American workforce for small business, focusing on bridging the skills gap, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the Medicare prescription drug program, focusing on 10 years later, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for FY 2014, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 12 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining the Regulatory and Enforcement Actions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining SAMHSA's Role in Delivering Services to the Severely Mentally Ill", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on H.R. 2052, the "Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013", 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013; the "Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013;" and the "Federal Facility Accountability Act of 2013", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Who Is Too Big to Fail: Are Large Financial Institutions Immune from Federal Prosecution?", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 850, the "Nuclear Iran Prevention Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "The Middle East and North Africa FY 2014 Budget: Priorities and Challenges", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Assessing the Threat to the Homeland from al Qaeda Operations in Iran and Syria", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Protecting U.S. Citizens' Constitutional Rights During the War on Terror", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing on S. 744, the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act"; and the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986: Lessons Learned or Mistakes Repeated?, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1964, the "National Petroleum Reserve Alaska

Access Act”; H.R. 1965, the “Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act”; H.R. 1394, the “Planning for American Energy Act of 2013”; H.R. 555, the “BLM Live Internet Auctions Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The IRS Targeting Americans for Their Political Beliefs”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2061 the “Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013”; H.R. 568, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official Time by Federal employees; H.R. 1380, the “Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act”; legislation regarding Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Pay for Performance; and H.R. 1171, the “FOR VETS Act of 2013”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1911, the “Smarter Solutions for Students Act”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Exascale Computing Challenges and Opportunities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Saving Taxpayer Dollars: Freezing the Federal Real Estate Footprint”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget: Administration Priorities for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Expediting Claims or Exploiting Statistics?” An Examination of VA’s Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Pending Over Two Years”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 10:30 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 1 p.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-G50.