

entitled “The Impacts of DOT’s Commercial Driver Hours of Service Regulations”. Testimony was heard from Anne Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

### VETERANS WAITING YEARS ON APPEAL

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Why Are Veterans Waiting Years on Appeal?: A Review of the Post-Decision Process for Appealed Veterans’ Disability Benefits Claims”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Keith Wilson, Director Roanoke Regional Office Veterans Benefits Administration; Laura Eskenazi, Principal Deputy Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeal; Ronald S. Burke, Jr., Director, Appeals Management Center, National Capital Region Benefits Office, Veterans’ Benefits Administration; and Bruce E. Kasold, Chief Judge U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

### FRAGMENTED WELFARE SYSTEM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Reviewing How Today’s Fragmented Welfare System Fails to Lift Up Poor Families”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Kling, Associate Director for Economic Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses.

### DISCLOSED NSA PROGRAMS

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How Disclosed NSA Programs Protect Americans, and Why Disclosure Aids Our Adversaries”. Testimony was heard from General Keith Alexander, Director of the National Security Agency; James Cole, Deputy Attorney General; Sean Joyce, Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Robert Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence General Counsel.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 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 Joint Strike Fighter, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine next steps in improving passenger and freight rail safety, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine airline industry consolidation, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, both of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine reducing senior poverty and hunger, focusing on the role of the “Older Americans Act”, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Colin Stirling Bruce, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Sara Lee Ellis, and Andrea R. Wood, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, 3 p.m., SD–226.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine paperless Social Security payments, focusing on protecting seniors from fraud and confusion, 2 p.m., SD–366.

#### House

*Committee On Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Fiscal Year 2014, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* Full Committee, markup of H.R. 1871, the “Baseline Reform Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1874, the “Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy And Commerce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2218, the “Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013”; H.R. 2226, the “Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013”; H.R. 2279, the “Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2318, the “Federal Facility Accountability Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1564, the “Audit Integrity and Job Protection Act”; H.R. 1105, the “Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act”; H.R. 1135, the “Burdensome Data Collection Relief Act”; and H.R. 2374, the “Retail Investor Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Regional Security Cooperation: An Examination of the Central American

Regional Security Initiative and the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1773, the “Agricultural Guestworker Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Federal Government Approaches to Issuing Biometric IDs: Part II”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “NASA Authorization Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Made in the USA: Stories of American Manufacturers”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 1490, the “Veterans’ Privacy Act”; H.R. 1792, the “Infectious Disease Reporting Act”; and H.R. 1804, the “Foreign Travel Accountability Act”, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on encouraging work through the Social Security Disability Insurance Program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.