

NATIONAL RAIL POLICY: EXAMINING GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “National Rail Policy: Examining Goals, Objectives, and Responsibilities”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING VA’S CAPITAL INVESTMENT OPTIONS TO PROVIDE VETERANS’ CARE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing VA’s Capital Investment Options to Provide Veterans’ Care”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Robert Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary for Health Veterans, Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup 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”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1792; H.R. 1490; and H.R. 1804.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE’S REVIEW OF TAXPAYER TARGETING PRACTICES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Status of Internal Revenue Service’s Review of Taxpayer Targeting Practices”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Werfel, Principal Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1772, the “Legal Workforce Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2131, the “Supplying Knowledge-based Immigrants and Lifting Levels of STEM Visas Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D584)

H.R. 475, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines. Signed on June 25, 2013. (Public Law 113–15)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future Irregular Warfare Challenges: Private Sector Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Reforms to Improve the Medicare Part B Drug Program for Seniors”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on legislation regarding the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, business meeting to consider a motion or resolution concerning whether Lois Lerner, waived her Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination when she made a statement at the Committee hearing on May 22, 2013, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, markup on H.R. 1786, the “National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2013”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1288, the “World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act”; H.R. 1494, the “Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act”; H.R. 1623, the “VA Claims Efficiency Through Information Act of 2013”; H.R. 1809, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved, and for other purposes; H.R. 2086, the “Pay As You Rate Act”; H.R. 2138, the “Ending VA Claims Disability Backlog and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2341, the “Veterans Pension Protection Act”; H.R. 2382, the “Prioritizing Urgent Claims for Veterans Act”; and H.R. 2423, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations; 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12:15 p.m., Friday, June 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session, unless the Senate receives a message that the House of Representatives has agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, Adjournment Resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2231—Offshore Energy and Jobs Act.

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