

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr., Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., and Walter L. Lukken, Futures Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group Inc., Adam Cooper, Citadel LLC, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, and Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, all of Chicago, Illinois; Gene Guilford, Commodity Market Oversight Coalition, Cromwell, Connecticut; John Heck, The Scoular Company, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Donald Russak, New York Power Authority, White Plains, New York, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; and Jim Colby, Honeywell International Inc., Morristown, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management:* Senators Donnelly (Chair), Baucus, Heitkamp, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Chambliss, Roberts, Boozman, Hoeven, and Johanns.

*Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation:* Senators Heitkamp (Chair), Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Donnelly, Casey, Johanns, Hoeven, Grassley, Thune, and Boozman.

*Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources:* Senators Bennet (Chair), Harkin, Klobuchar, Leahy, Baucus, Heitkamp, Boozman, McConnell, Chambliss, Thune, and Roberts.

*Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agricultural Research:* Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Bennet, Hoeven, McConnell, Chambliss, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Marketing and Agriculture Security:* Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Klobuchar, Donnelly, Casey, Roberts, McConnell, Boozman, Johanns, and Grassley.

*Senators Stabenow and Cochran are ex officio members of each subcommittee.*

### APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral James Syring, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

### MAJOR THREATS FACING NAVY FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats from Vice Admiral Joseph P. Aucoin, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (N9), and Arthur H. Barber III, Deputy Director, Assessment Division (N81B), Joshua J. Corless, Senior Intelligence Advisor, and Jason A. Reynolds, Director, Special Programs (N89), all of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

### NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a closed hearing to examine revisions to the nuclear employment strategy, after receiving testimony from Madelyn R. Creedon, Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### CONSUMER DEBT INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the consumer debt industry, after receiving testimony from Corey Stone, Assistant Director, Office of Deposits, Cash, Collections, and Reporting Markets, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and James Reilly Dolan, Acting Associate Director, Division of Financial Practices, Federal Trade Commission.

### EXPANSION OF INTERNET GAMBLING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine the expansion of internet gambling, focusing on assessing consumer protection concerns, after receiving testimony from Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, and Matt Smith, Catholic Advocate, both of Washington, D.C.; Tom Grissen, Daon, Reston, Virginia; and Jack A. Blum, Annapolis, Maryland.

**E-RATE 2.0**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine E-Rate 2.0, focusing on connecting every child to technology, after receiving testimony from Linda H. Lord, Maine State Librarian, Augusta, on behalf of the American Library Association; Sheryl Abshire, Calcasieu Parish Public Schools, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Patrick Finn, Cisco Systems, Inc., Herndon, Virginia; and James G. Coulter, LEAD Commission, San Francisco, California.

**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health information technology, focusing on quality health care, after receiving testimony from Farzad Mostashari, National Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and Patrick Conway, CMS Chief Medical Officer and Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Isakson, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
AT 10 YEARS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on harnessing science and technology to protect national security and enhance government efficiency, including strengthening oversight and coordination of research and development efforts, after receiving testimony from Tara O'Toole, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology; and David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

**VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine working together to restore the protections of the "Voting Rights Act", focusing on Selma and *Shelby County*, after receiving testimony from Representatives Lewis and Sensenbrenner; Luz Urbaz Weinberg, City of Aventura Commissioner, Aventura, Florida; Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, Washington, D.C.; and Justin Levitt, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California.

**SMALL BUSINESS TAX REFORM**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business tax reform, focusing on making the tax code work for entrepreneurs and startups, after receiving testimony from William Randolph, Director, Business and International Taxation, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Michael J. Eckert, Angel Capital Association, New Orleans, Louisiana; J. Michael Keeling, The ESOP Association, Chris Edwards, CATO Institute, Kristie Arslan, National Association for the Self-Employed, Ann Sullivan, Women Impacting Public Policy, and Scott Hodge, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Annette Nellen, San Jose State University, San Jose, California; Sanford Zinman, National Conference of CPA Practitioners, White Plains, New York; Kenneth B. Canty, Freeland Construction Company, Inc., Charleston, South Carolina; and Greg Nelson, Brown Rental, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the American Rental Association.