

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine implications for economic development in Central Asia, focusing on if the government can create the necessary conditions for more trade and exchange, including infrastructure development, efficient customs regimes and reliable transportation networks, after receiving testimony from Danica Starks, Senior Desk Officer for Russia, Caucasus and Central Asia, Department of Commerce; and Craig Steffenson, Asian Development Bank, Eric Stewart, U.S.-Turkmen Business Council, and Joshua Kucera, all of Washington, DC.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 1386, to provide for enhanced embassy security, and the nominations of Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, David Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Evan Ryan, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U. S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, James C. Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, John R. Phillips, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Alexa Lange Wesner, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine Prisoner of War (POW) and

Missing in Action (MIA) accounting, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 933, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018, and the nominations of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Gregory Howard Woods, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Elizabeth A. Wolford, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and Debra M. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action, to hold hearings to examine the human cost of regulatory paralysis, 2 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Department of Defense's Challenges in Accounting for Missing Persons from Past Conflicts", 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled "Initial Conclusions Formed by the Defense Strategic Choices and Management Review", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, joint subcommittee hearing entitled "Ensuring Navy surface force effectiveness with limited maintenance resources", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "PPACA Pulse Check", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2848, the "Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014"; and H.R. 419, to strengthen and clarify the commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan, as codified in the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Outlook and Opportunities", 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, joint hearing entitled "Examining the State Department's Report on Iranian Presence in the Western Hemisphere 19 Years After AMIA Attack", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Impact of U.S. Water Programs on Global Health", 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology, hearing entitled "West Fertilizer, Off the Grid:

The Problem of Unidentified Chemical Facilities”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, hearing entitled “Innovation in America: The Role of Technology”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Transparency and Sound Science Gone Extinct?: The Impacts of the Obama Administration’s Closed-Door Settlements on Endangered Species and People”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Energy’s Bonneville Power Administration: Discriminating Against Veterans and Retaliating Against Whistleblowers”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2850, the “EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study Improvement Act”; and authorize the issuance of subpoenas, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “EPA’s Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment—A Factual Review of a Hypothetical Scenario”, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation H.R. 813, the “Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013”; H.R. 1804, the “Foreign Travel Accountability Act”; H.R. 2072, the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2013”; 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. 2481, the “Veterans G.I. Bill Enrollment Clarification Act of 2013”; H.R. 1443, the “Tinnitus Research and Treatment Act of 2013”; and H.R. 2011, the “Veterans’ Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Status of the Affordable Care Act Implementation”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.