

Improvements Act of 2013". The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

### FEMA REAUTHORIZATION: RECOVERING QUICKER AND SMARTER

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "FEMA Reauthorization: Recovering Quicker and Smarter". Testimony was heard from Joseph L. Nimmich, Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Yolanda Chavez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION POST-TIGTA AUDIT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service's Exempt Organizations Division Post-TIGTA Audit". Testimony was heard from Daniel Werfel, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

## Joint Meetings

### DEBT CEILING

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic costs of debt-ceiling brinksmanship, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; David Malpass, Encima Global LLC, New York, New York; and Donald B. Marron, The Urban Institute, and Dan Mitchell, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jo Emily

Handelsman, of Connecticut, and Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, both to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine wildlife management authority within the State of Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine promoting a system of shared responsibility, focusing on issues for reauthorization of the "Higher Education Act", 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, part I, focusing on maintaining services, reducing costs and increasing revenue through innovation and modernization, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, and the nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The U.S. Presence in Afghanistan Post-2014: Views of Outside Experts", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Defense Department's posture for September 11, 2013: What are the Lessons of Benghazi?", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pension, hearing entitled "Future of Union Organizing", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Two Weeks Until Enrollment: Questions for CCIIO", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Keystone's Red Tape Anniversary: Five Years of Bureaucratic Delay and Economic Benefits Denied", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Examining the Syrian Refugee Crisis”, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “An Unclear Roadmap: Burma’s Fragile Political Reforms and Growing Ethnic Strife”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, markup on H. Res. 284, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to promoting energy security of European allies through opening up the Southern Gas Corridor, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “DHS Acquisition Practices: Improving Outcomes for Taxpayers Using Defense and Private Sector Lessons Learned”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Assessing the Nation’s State of Preparedness: A Federal, State, and Local Perspective”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Consolidation, and the Consequent Impact on Competition in Healthcare”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled “Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Reliable: The Protection of Existing Hydropower Investments and the Promotion of New Development”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Executive Branch standards for land-in-trust decisions for gaming purposes”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reviews of the Benghazi Attack and Unanswered Questions”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Environment, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Dysfunction in Management of Weather and Climate Satellites”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Private Sector Initiatives to Educate Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3080, the “Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013”; H.R. 3095, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3096, to designate the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation located at 801 Follin Lane, Vienna, Virginia, as the “Michael D. Resnick Terrorist Screening Center”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Trials in Transparency: An Analysis of VA Cooperation with Congress in Meeting its Oversight Responsibilities on Behalf of Veterans”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Social Security Disability Insurance fraud conspiracy in Puerto Rico”, 2:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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