

Testimony was heard from Gary Cohen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

COAST GUARD MISSION EXECUTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Coast Guard Mission Execution: How is the Coast Guard Meeting Its Mission Goals?”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral John P. Carrier, Vice Commandant, United States Coast Guard.

EXAMINING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS ON FTA’S CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highway and Transit held a hearing entitled “Examining the Current and Future Demands on FTA’s Capital Investment Grants”. Testimony was heard from Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Gregory H. Hughes, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Utah Transit Authority; Chris Bushell, Chief Infrastructure Officer, Chicago Transit Authority; Chris Coleman, Mayor, St. Paul, Minnesota; and a public witness.

CONTRACTING AWAY ACCOUNTABILITY—REVERSE AUCTIONS IN FEDERAL AGENCY ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Contracting Away Accountability—Reverse Auctions in Federal Agency Acquisitions”. Testimony was heard from Michelle Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; William Sisk, Deputy Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration; Major L. Clark, III, Assistant Chief Counsel for Procurement, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Jan Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Acquisitions and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CRISES IN EAST ASIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine resolving crises in East Asia through a new system of collective security, focusing on the Helsinki process as a model, after receiving testimony from Carl Gershman, National Endowment for Democracy,

Karin J. Lee, The National Committee on North Korea, and Frank Jannuzi, Amnesty International, all of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine assessing the P5+1 Interim Nuclear Agreement with Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine forecasting success, focusing on achieving U.S. weather readiness for the long term, 10:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill to repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate system and to consider health care extenders, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Michael Anderson Lawson, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, and Colleen Bradley Bell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Hungary, and all of the Department of State, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mark Gilbert, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to New Zealand and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, George James Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine accreditation as quality assurance, focusing on meeting the needs of 21st Century learning, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public

safety, S. 975, to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009, and the nominations of John B. Owens, of California, and Michelle T. Friedland, of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Christopher Reid Cooper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., and Edward G. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, M. Douglas Harpool, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Sheryl H. Lipman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Stanley Allen Bastian, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Manish S. Shah, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Robert L. Hobbs, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, and Gary Blankinship, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, all of the Department of Justice, 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 Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Oversight of NRC Management and the Need for Legislative Reform”; and H.R. 3132, the “NRC Reorganization Plan Codification and Complements Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Finance System”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Rethinking the Federal Reserve’s Many Mandates on Its 100-Year Anniversary”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Iran’s Persecution of American Pastor Abedini Worsens”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “The Resurgence of al-Qaeda in Iraq”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Help Wanted at DHS: Implications of Leadership Vacancies on the Mission and Morale”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Asylum Abuse: Is it Overwhelming our Borders?”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “ESA Decisions by Closed-Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property, and State & Local Economies”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “ObamaCare’s Impact on Premiums and Provider Networks”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements, hearing entitled “FDA Checkup: Drug Development and Manufacturing Challenges”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Building a Network for Manufacturing Innovation”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “The State of American Aviation”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2810, the “Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Clandestine Quarterly Update”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.