

MIXED SIGNALS: THE ADMINISTRATION'S STANCE ON MARIJUANA, PART TWO

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Mixed Signals: The Administration’s Stance On Marijuana, Part Two”, Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Harrigan, Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; and John F. Walsh, Attorney, Department of Justice.

ALASKA BYPASS MAIL DELIVERY: A BROKEN SYSTEM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled “Alaska Bypass Mail Delivery: A Broken System”. Testimony was heard from Senator Begich; and Representative Young; Ron Haberman, Alaska District Manager, United States Postal Service; Tammy Whitcomb, Deputy Inspector General, United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General; Dennis Devany, Deputy Director, Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

SUSPENDING THE INDIVIDUAL MANDATE PENALTY LAW EQUALS FAIRNESS ACT; AND ELECTRICITY SECURITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4118, the “Suspending the Individual Mandate Penalty Law Equals Fairness Act”; and H.R. 3826, the “Electricity Security and Affordability Act”. The Committee granted by record vote of 5–4, a structured rule for H.R. 3826. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–40 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in

the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides a closed rule for H.R. 4118. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jenkins, McDermott, Whitfield, and Waxman.

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS: IMPACTS ON SAFETY, SECURITY, JOBS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT: PART II

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation Regulations: Impacts of Safety Security, Jobs, and the Environment; Part II. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, United States Coast Guard; Michael Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine national security space launch programs, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015;

to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider subcommittee vacancies and other organizational matters, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider the nomination of Maria Contreras-Sweet, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine income security and the elderly, focusing on securing gains made in the war on poverty, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine developments in the Western Balkans and policy responses, focusing on policy approaches of the United States toward the countries of the Western Balkans, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 5 through March 7, 2014

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 11:45 a.m. If cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the nomination of Debo P. Adegbile, or if cloture is not invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 6, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 5, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine national security space launch programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 5, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 5, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 6, to hold hearings to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) reauthorization, focusing on the Federal role and current challenges to public transportation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 5, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 6, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine enhancing our rail safety, focusing on current challenges for passenger and freight rail, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 6, to hold hearings to examine preventing potential chemical threats and improving safety, focusing on oversight of the President's executive order on improving chemical facility safety and security, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 5, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider subcommittee vacancies and other organizational matters, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 6, to hold hearings to examine Syria spillover, focusing on the growing threat of terrorism and sectarianism in the Middle East, 11 a.m., SD-419.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah L. Birx, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, Suzan G. LeVine, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Maureen Elizabeth Cormack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Peter A. Selfridge, of Minnesota, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of L. Reginald Brothers, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under