

## *Committee Meetings*

### **REVIEW THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing to Review the State of the Rural Economy. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY 2015**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a markup on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2015**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD SAFETY FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Food Safety FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Brian Ronholm, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety; Phil Derfler, Deputy Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Missile Defense Agency. This was a closed hearing.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing

on Small Business Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Marianne O'Brien Markowitz, Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following National Nuclear Security Administration Officials: Bruce Held, Acting Administrator; Don Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security; and Brig. Gen. James C. Dawkins Jr., Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MODES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of Department of Transportation Modes. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Greg Nadeau, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Therese McMillan, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and Anne Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD AND U.S. ARMY RESERVE FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from General Frank J. Grass, Chief National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III, Director, Air National Guard; Major General Judd H. Lyons, Acting Director, Army National Guard; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief, United States Army Reserve.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the United States Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND NAVAL REACTORS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nuclear Nonproliferation and Naval Reactors. Testimony was heard from Bruce Held, Action Administrator National Nuclear Security; Anne Harington, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security; and Admiral John M. Richardson, Director, Naval Reactors, National Nuclear Security.

**2014 QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review. Testimony was heard from Admiral James A. “Sandy” Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; and Christine E. Wormuth, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Force Development, Department of Defense.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE ACTIVITIES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space Activities. Testimony was heard from Gil Klinger, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Space and Intelligence, Department of Defense; Douglas L. Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Defense, Space Policy, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General John W. “Jay” Raymond, U.S. Air Force Commander, United States Strategic Command, Joint Functional Component Command, Space; and Betty J. Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; General William L. Shelton, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Air Force Space Command.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee concluded markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. The concurrent resolution was ordered reported, without amendment.

**FISCAL YEAR 2015 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2015 Department of Energy Budget”. Testi-

mony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 3717, the “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3548, the “Improving Trauma Care Act of 2013”; H.R. 4080, the “Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1281, the “Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1528, the “Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013”. H.R. 3548; H.R. 4080; H.R. 1528; and H.R. 1281 were ordered reported, as amended.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; AND WOMEN'S EDUCATION: PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT, COUNTERING RADICALISM**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Women’s Education: Promoting Development, Countering Radicalism”; and markup on H.R. 3583, the “Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act”. H.R. 3583 was ordered reported, as amended. Testimony was heard from public witnesses on the hearing.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a markup on H.R. 4007, the “Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Authorization and Accountability Act of 2014”. The bill was forwarded to the Full Committee, as amended.

**ASSESSING TERRORISM IN THE CAUCASUS AND THE THREAT TO THE HOMELAND**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Assessing Terrorism in the Caucasus and the Threat to the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**STANDARD MERGER AND ACQUISITION REVIEWS THROUGH EQUAL RULES ACT OF 2014**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on legislation regarding the Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2014. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVERTURNING 30 YEARS OF PRECEDENT: IS THE ADMINISTRATION IGNORING THE DANGERS OF TRAINING LIBYAN PILOTS AND NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS?**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security; and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security held a joint hearing entitled “Overturning 30 Years of Precedent: Is the Administration Ignoring the Dangers of Training Libyan Pilots and Nuclear Scientists?”. Testimony was heard from Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer, Office of International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, SPENDING AND THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Interior, Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewel, Secretary, Department of Interior.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 69, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013”; H.R. 2646, the “REFI Pacific Act”; and legislation regarding the Pirate Fishing Elimination Act. Testimony was heard from David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and Russell Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### **COBELL SETTLEMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “Implementing the Cobell Settlement: Missed Opportunities and Lessons Learned”. Testimony was heard from Lawrence S. Roberts, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; and public witnesses.

### **AFGHANISTAN: IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING WASTEFUL U.S. GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Afghanistan: Identifying and Addressing Wasteful U.S. Government Spending”. Testimony

was heard from Donald L. Sampler, Assistant to the Administrator and Director, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs; and John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

### **EXAMINING OBAMACARE’S PROBLEM-FILLED STATE EXCHANGES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a joint hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare’s Problem-Filled State Exchanges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **BASELINE REFORM ACT OF 2013; BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2014; AND PRO-GROWTH BUDGETING ACT OF 2013**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1871, the “Baseline Reform Act of 2013”; H.R. 1872, the “Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2014”; and H.R. 1874, the “Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2013”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1874. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill and the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 1871. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Budget now

printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Lastly, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 1872. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan (WI).

#### **DISASTER MITIGATION: REDUCING COSTS AND SAVING LIVES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Disaster Mitigation: Reducing Costs and Saving Lives”. Testimony was heard from David Miller, Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

#### **VA RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS IN A TIMELY MANNER; AND BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a resolution to assign Congressman David W. Jolly to HVAC Subcommittees; and hearing entitled “Trials in Transparency II: Is VA Responding to Congressional Requests in a Timely Manner?”. Testimony was heard from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs. The Committee resolution assigning Representative Jolly to HVAC Subcommittees was agreed to.

#### **TRADE POLICY AGENDA**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on President Obama's Trade Policy Agenda with U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman. Testimony was heard from Michael Froman, United States Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

#### **ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES**

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2014**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### **House**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, hearing for Members of Congress, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Justice FY 2015 Budget, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Land Management FY 2015 Budget, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, hearing on USDA Rural Development FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Intelligence Activities, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Passport Fraud: An International Vulnerability”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, markup on H.R. 306, for the Relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 2743, the “Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act”; H.R. 3976, the “Wounded Veterans Recreation Act”; and a bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Energy Independence: Domestic Opportunities to Reverse California's Growing Dependence on Foreign Oil”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

#### **Joint Meetings**

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March 2014, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.