

Tribes (RESPECT) Act”; and H.R. 4668, the “Point Spencer Coast Guard and Public-Private Sector Infrastructure Development Facilitation and Land Conveyance Act”. Testimony was heard from Michael Black, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Kip Knudson, Director of State/Federal Relations, Office of Governor Sean Parnell, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

#### **OBSTRUCTING OVERSIGHT: CONCERNS FROM INSPECTORS GENERAL**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Obstructing Oversight: Concerns from Inspectors General”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Arthur A. Elkins, Jr., Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency; and Kathy A. Buller, Inspector General, Peace Corps.

#### **EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM: THE ASTEROIDS ACT AS A KEY STEP**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Exploring Our Solar System: The ASTEROIDS Act as a Key Step”. Testimony was heard from Jim Green, Director, NASA Planetary Science Division; and public witnesses.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: MANAGEMENT AND OUTLOOK**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business Administration: Management and Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

#### **THE STATUS OF THE MERCHANT MARINE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “The Status of the Merchant Marine”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5404, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3593, the “VA Construction Assistance Act of 2013”; H.R. 4276, the “Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4399, the “Comprehensive Department of Veterans Affairs Performance Management and Accountability Reform Act of 2014”; H.R. 4862, the “Our Vets Deserve Better Act”; H.R. 4971, the “Ask Veterans

Act”; and H.R. 5094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup certain bonuses or awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5404 and H.R. 3593. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5094, H.R. 4399, H.R. 4276, and H.R. 4971. H.R. 4862 was pulled from the markup after the failure of an offered amendment.

#### **METRICS, MEASUREMENTS AND MISMANAGEMENT IN THE BOARD OF VETERANS’ APPEALS**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Metrics, Measurements and Mismanagement in the Board of Veterans’ Appeals”. Testimony was heard from Kelli Kordich, Senior Counsel, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; Laura Eskenazi, Executive in Charge and Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **STATUS OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the status of Affordable Care Act implementation. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; and Andy Slavitt, Principal Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, and Stephen G. Burns, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Robert T. Yamate, of California, to be Ambassador to the

Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, and David Nathan Saperstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, all of the Department of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to consider S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 1535, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Armando Omar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Hale, and Gregory N.

Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Arthur Lee Bentley III, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, the Trafficking Awareness Training for Health Care Act of 2014”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Inspector General and Its Ongoing Failure to Comply with a Subpoena for Documents about a Recent Investigation”, 9:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “The Decline in Business Formation: Implications for Entrepreneurship and the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.