

### IRANIAN NUCLEAR TALKS: NEGOTIATING A BAD DEAL?

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Iranian Nuclear Talks: Negotiating a Bad Deal?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### WATER SHARING CONFLICTS AND THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Water Sharing Conflicts and the Threat to International Peace”. Testimony was heard from Paul Sullivan, Professor of Economics, National Defense University; and public witnesses.

### UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN: PRESSING THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A STRATEGY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Unaccompanied Alien Children: Pressing the Administration for a Strategy”. Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; Robert N. Kaplan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Inter-American Foundation; and Catherine Wiesner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

### INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS: ASSESSING PROGRESS SINCE 9/11

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Interoperable Communications: Assessing Progress Since 9/11”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Ronald Hewitt, USCG (Ret.), Director, Office of Emergency Communications, Department of Homeland Security; TJ Kennedy, Acting General Manager, First Responder Network Authority; and Mark A. Grubb, Director, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Division of Communications.

### ABUSE OF USPTO’S TELEWORK PROGRAM: ENSURING OVERSIGHT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, held a joint hearing entitled “Abuse of USPTO’s Telework Program: Ensuring Oversight, Accountability and Quality”. Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf; Margaret A. Focarino, Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office; Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### FAA REAUTHORIZATION: ISSUES IN MODERNIZING AND OPERATING THE NATION’S AIRSPACE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization: Issues in Modernizing and Operating the Nation’s Airspace”. Testimony was heard from Calvin Scovel, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### VA’S LONGSTANDING INFORMATION SECURITY WEAKNESSES CONTINUE TO ALLOW EXTENSIVE DATA MANIPULATION

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “VA’s Longstanding Information Security Weaknesses Continue to Allow Extensive Data Manipulation”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Warren, Executive in Charge and Chief Information Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sondra McCauley, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Greg Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency, focusing on balancing stability, growth, and affordability in the mortgage market, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 2917, Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act, H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and the nominations of P. David Lopez, of Arizona,

to be General Counsel, and Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine preparedness and response to public health threats, focusing on how ready we are, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine protecting our children's mental health, focusing on preventing and addressing childhood trauma in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine veterans' mental health and suicide, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the private industry's role in stemming the tide of phone scams, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel,* hearing entitled "Religious Accommodations in the Armed Services", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health,* hearing entitled "Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy,* hearing entitled "Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance,* hearing entitled "Opportunities for a Private and Competitive Sustainable Flood Insurance Market", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa,* markup on H.R. 5648, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa,* hearing entitled "Next Steps for U.S. Foreign Policy on Syria and Iraq", 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on The Judiciary, Full Committee,* hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Secret Service", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn. A portion of this hearing will close.

*Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet,* hearing entitled "Copyright Issues in Education and for the Visually Impaired", 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee,* markup on the following legislative measures: H.R. 1561, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites op-

erated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes; H.R. 1785, the "Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act"; H.R. 4220, the "School District 318 Land Exchange Act"; H.R. 4668, the "Point Spencer Coast Guard and Public-Private Sector Infrastructure Development Facilitation and Land Conveyance Act"; H.R. 4924, the "Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014"; H.R. 4979, the "Red River Private Property Protection Act"; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes; H.R. 5699, the "John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources,* hearing entitled "Volcano Hazards: Exploring the National Preparation and Response", 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census,* hearing entitled "Examining Data Security at the United States Postal Service", 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight,* hearing entitled "The Role of the White House Chief Technology Officer in the HealthCare.gov Website Debacle", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity,* hearing entitled "The Role of the State Approving Agencies in Ensuring Quality Education Programs for Veterans", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Subcommittee on Health,* hearing on the following legislative measures: H.R. 4720, the "Medal of Honor Priority Care Act"; H.R. 4887, the "Expanding Care for Veterans Act"; H.R. 4977, the "COVER Act"; H.R. 5059, the "Clay Hunt SAV Act"; H.R. 5475, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children; H.R. 5484, the "Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014"; and H.R. 5686, the "Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act", 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee,* business meeting to consider Member access requests, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting may close.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to hold hearings to examine combating corruption in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the link between security and good governance, including a need to build effective institutions and the important role played by civil society in combating corruption, 10 a.m., SVC-203-202.