

THE EXPANDING CYBER THREAT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Expanding Cyber Threat”. Testimony was heard from James Kurose, Assistant Director, Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, National Science Foundation; Charles H. Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Eric A. Fischer, Senior Specialist in Science and Technology, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, rosters, and oversight plan.

**REBUILDING AFTER THE STORM:
LESSENING IMPACTS AND SPEEDING
RECOVERY**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Rebuilding After the Storm: Lessening Impacts and Speeding Recovery”. Testimony was heard from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Francis X. McCarthy, Analyst in Emergency Management Policy, Congressional Research Service; R. David Paulison, Former Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

**BUSINESS MEETING; LEGISLATIVE
HEARING**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting to designate Congresswoman Kathleen Rice to subcommittees and a hearing on H.R. 189, the “Servicemember Foreclosure Protections Extension Act of 2015”; H.R. 216, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 245, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify certain existing provisions of law relating to effective dates for claims under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 280, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 294, the “Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act”. Congresswoman Kathleen Rice was designated to two subcommittees. Testimony was heard from Representative Grayson; the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: David R. McLenachen, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration; Susan Sullivan, Deputy Assistant

Secretary for Policy, Office of Policy and Planning; and Kim McLeod, Counsel, Office of General Counsel; and public witnesses.

**A REVIEW OF THE TRANSITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Transition Assistance Program”. Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Teresa W. Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Susan Kelly, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Trade Policy Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Michael Froman, U.S. Trade Representative.

HEARING 3

Select Committee on Benghazi: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing 3”, relating to status review of outstanding requests. Testimony was heard from Neil Higgins, Director of Congressional Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency; and Joel Rubin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, Department of State.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 28, 2015**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 4 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the impact of the “Budget Control Act of 2011” and sequestration on national security, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) budget and economic outlook for fiscal years 2015–2025, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine freight rail transportation, focusing on enhancing safety, efficiency, and commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine MAP-21 reauthorization, focusing on Federal and state perspectives, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 11 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, subcommittee assignments, rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, and S. Res. 35, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, committee rules of procedure, subcommittee assignments, S. 192, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, an original bill entitled, "Strengthening Education Through Research Act", and any pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine protecting America from cyber attacks, focusing on the importance of information sharing, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider selection of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, committee rules of procedure, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures

by the committee during the 114th Congress; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian country priorities for the 114th Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of the Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and rules of procedure for the 114th Congress, 2 p.m., S-211, Capitol.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 9:15 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Case for Reform: Improving DOD's Ability to Respond to the Pace of Technological Change", 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 9:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Supercomputing and American Technology Leadership", 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee On Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the Quality and Cost of VA Health Care", 10:15 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting may close.