

STATE PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATUS OF COOPERATING AGENCIES FOR THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING'S STREAM PROTECTION RULE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "State Perspectives on the Status of Cooperating Agencies for the Office of Surface Mining's Stream Protection Rule". Testimony was heard from Randall Johnson, Director, Alabama Surface Mining Commission; Gregory F. Baker, Reclamation Program Manager, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy; Russell M. Hunter, Counsel, Division of Mining and Reclamation, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; and a public witness.

ADVANCING COMMERCIAL WEATHER DATA: COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FORECASTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACROSS TOWN, ACROSS OCEANS: EXPANDING THE ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESS IN GLOBAL COMMERCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Across Town, Across Oceans: Expanding the Role of Small Business in Global Commerce". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2322, the "Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2015"; H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center"; and two General Services Administration resolutions. H.R. 2322 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2131 was ordered reported, without amendment. The General Services Administration resolutions were approved.

EXAMINING THE USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Examining the Use of Administrative Actions in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Al Kovach, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Larry E. Via, AMVETS, and J. Patrick Little, Military Order of the Purple Heart, all of Washington, D.C.; Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, and Glenn Minney, Blinded Veterans Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Paul Rieckhoff, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of New York, New York; and Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Seguin, Texas.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D575)

H.R. 2252, to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014. Signed on May 19, 2015. (Public Law 114-13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider the fiscal year 2016 302(b) allocations, an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States policy in Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 160, and H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary