

Public Buildings Service; and Daniel M. Tangherlini, Acting Administrator.

SPORTSMEN'S HERITAGE ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4089, the "Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012". The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of Rules Committee Print 112-19 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. 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 the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that the House-passed budget resolution shall have force and effect until the adoption of a conference report on the budget resolution. The rule provides that the reconciliation directives, provided in the House-passed budget resolution, to the Committee on Agriculture to be decreased by \$490 million and the directives to the Committee on Financial Services be increased by \$490 million for the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Chairman Hastings (WA); Holt; Fleming; and Heinrich.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1460, to provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system, and for other purposes; H.R. 3016, to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly operate the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3245, the "Efficient Service for Veterans Act"; H.R. 3279, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that caregivers for veterans with serious illnesses are eligible for assistance and support

services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3337, the "Open Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011"; H.R. 3723, the "Enhanced Veteran Healthcare Experience Act of 2011"; and H.R. 4079, the "Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act". Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Owens; Barrow; Denham; Akin; Schilling; and McKinley; Robert L. Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D255)

H.R. 4281, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Signed on March 30, 2012. (Public Law 112-102)

H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America. Signed on April 2, 2012. (Public Law 112-103)

H.R. 886, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service. Signed on April 2, 2012. (Public Law 112-104)

S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit. Signed on April 4, 2012. (Public Law 112-105)

H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies. Signed on April 5, 2012. (Public Law 112-106)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the health and status of the Department of Defense science and technology laboratories and enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, focusing on saving American jobs and supporting American exporters, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine promoting American competitiveness, focusing on filling jobs today and training workers for tomorrow, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine mercury pollution's impacts to public health and the environment, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine S. 2139, to enhance security, increase accountability, and improve the contracting of the Federal Government for overseas contingency operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine ending racial profiling in America, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine how the taxation of capital affects growth and employment, 10 a.m., SH-216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 17 through April 20, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act, and after agreeing to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration, at approximately 11:10 a.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 17, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 18, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 18, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 18, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on a review of the recent Inspector General management deficiency report and an assessment of the fiscal year 2013 General Services Administration (GSA) funding request, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 19, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: April 17, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the health and status of the Department of Defense science and technology laboratories and enterprise in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 18, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the National Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

April 18, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

April 19, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 17, to hold hearings to examine the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, focusing on saving American jobs and supporting American exporters, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: April 18, business meeting to consider the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 17, Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and