

**ONLINE COMMERCE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on Promoting Investment and Protecting Commerce Online: Legitimate Sites v. Parasites, Part I. Testimony was heard from Maria A. Pallante, Acting Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office and public witnesses.

**ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS, 2011**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 48. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read and that all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky; and Rep. Dicks.

**VIEWS AND ESTIMATES ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee adopted, by a non-record vote, its views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 2012 budget and authorized transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Administration's report to Congress, focusing on reforming America's housing finance market, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the report of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine realizing NASA's potential, focusing on programmatic challenges in the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the President's authority to eliminate wasteful spending and reduce the budget deficit, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for Tribal Programs, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the "Freedom of Information Act", focusing on ensuring transparency and accountability in the digital age, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to mark up the fiscal year 2011 Intelligence Authorization, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2012, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2012 Oversight & Budget, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on Pell Grants, 10:30 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on FY 2012 Budget, 10:30 a.m., HT-2, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Army Posture, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Transformation Initiative FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military health system overview and Defense Health Program cost efficiencies, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on long-term readiness challenges in the Pacific, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for national security space activities, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force tactical aviation programs, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing on Education Regulations: Burying Schools in Paperwork, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, continued markup of H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011; and H.J. Res. 37, a resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on legislation to Approve the Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Strengthening the Border—Finding the Right Mix of Personnel, Infrastructure and Technology.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1002, the “Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power hearing entitled “Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration,

the Southwestern Power Administration and the Southeastern Power Administration” including the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget requests and other spending as it relates to the four Power Marketing Administrations, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled, “State and Municipal Debt: The Coming Crisis? Part II.” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled, “Obamacare: Why the Need for Waivers?” 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 839, the HAMP Termination Act of 2011; and H.R. 861, the NSP Termination Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on An Overview of Science and Technology Research and Development Programs and Priorities to Effectively Protect Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, markup to consider the views and estimates on the Small Business Administration’s FY 2012 budget request, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Assuring the Freedom of Americans on the High Seas: The United States Response to Piracy, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, organizational meeting and hearing on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission’s (MedPAC) annual March Report to the Congress which details the Commission’s recommendations for updating Medicare payment policies, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.