

## TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on HUD—Housing Counseling with Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation FY 2012 Oversight and Budget. Testimony was heard from Vicki Bott, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing, HUD; and public witnesses.

## RAISING THE AGENCIES' GRADES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled "Raising the Agencies' Grades—Protecting the Economy, Assuring Regulatory Quality and Improving Assessments of Regulatory Need. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY AND RESULTS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a structured rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 471) to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program, and for other purposes. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, if offered by Delegate Norton of the District of Columbia or her designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Rep. Gowdy; and Rep. Norton.

## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit began a hearing entitled "Improving and Reforming the Nation's Surface Transportation Programs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses. The hearing will continue on March 30.

## ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing Intelligence Activities. This was a closed hearing.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* To hold hearings to examine fundamentals and farming, focusing on evaluating high gas prices and how new rules and innovative farming can help, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine nuclear safety in light of the impact of natural disasters on Japanese nuclear facilities, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 1 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety of our nation's motorcoach passengers, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the National Park Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* With the Subcommittee on Oversight, to hold joint hearings to examine the General Services Administration (GSA), focusing on opportunities to cut costs, improve energy performance, and eliminate waste, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* To hold hearings to examine how complexity, uncertainty and other factors impact responses to tax incentives, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* To hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on a report from the 9/11 Commission Chairman, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on building on the progress made, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, all of the Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations from Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Wounded Warrior Project, Vietnam Veterans of America, The Retired Enlisted Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 31, full Committee, hearing on Defining the Market: Entity and Product Classifications Under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 30, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Office of Justice Programs, FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on National Guard and Reserve Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Review, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Bureau Indian Affairs FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Energy—Environmental Management, Legacy Management, FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FCC FY 2012 Budget, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security—Science and Technology—Budget, 3:30 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Quality of Life in the Military, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Highway Administrator FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* March 30, full Committee, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. European Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* March 30, full Committee, hearing entitled "Member's Day," 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* March 30, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "True Cost of PPACA: Effects on the Budget and Jobs," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* March 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Costs of Implementing the Dodd-Frank Act: Budgetary and Economic," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* March 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Is America's Foreign Broadcasting Consistent with Our Nation's Interest and our Commitment to Freedom?" 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* March 30, full Committee, hearing entitled "Public Safety Communications: Are the Needs of Our First Responders Being Met?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* March 30, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Permanent Provisions of the PATRIOT Act", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on "America Invents" legislation, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* March 30, full Committee, hearing on Examining the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), and the President's FY Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* March 30, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "Has Dodd-Frank Ended Too Big to Fail?" 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement, hearing on "Unfunded Mandates and Regulatory Overreach Part II," 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 30, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 658, FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 30, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on a Review of NASA's Exploration Program in Transition: Issues for Congress and Industry, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 30, full Committee, hearing entitled "Reducing Federal Agency Overreach: Modernizing the Regulatory Flexibility Act," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 30, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, continued a hearing entitled "Improving and Reforming the Nation's

Surface Transportation Programs," 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "Improving the Nation's Response to Catastrophic Disasters: How to Minimize Costs and Streamline our Emergency Management Programs," 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 30, full Committee, hearing on government policies and actions that are impediments to job creation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on pending trade agreement with Panama, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.