

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Douglas H. Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

STATUS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine a review of the status of emergency management in the United States, including the important role communications systems play during a disaster, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Mark S. Riley, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Chief of Staff, Baton Rouge; David W. Vice, Indiana Integrated Public Safety Commission Executive Director, Indianapolis; H. Edward Hicks, Jr., Morgan County Emergency Management Director, Decatur, Alabama, on behalf of the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA); and Ron Lane, County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services, San Diego, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 50, to strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities with respect to commercially-marketed seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to coordinate with the Federal Trade Commission and other appropriate Federal agencies to strengthen and coordinate those programs and activities;

S. 179, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary;

S. 183, to clarify the applicability of certain maritime laws with respect to the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 911, to establish the sense of Congress that Congress should enact, and the President should sign, bipartisan legislation to strengthen public safety and to enhance wireless communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 962, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits; and

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Coast Guard.

AIR QUALITY AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety with the Subcommittee on Children's Health and Environmental Responsibility concluded joint hearings to examine air quality and children's health, after receiving testimony from Dona J. Upson, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society; James E. Ginda, Kent Hospital, Warwick, Rhode Island; Margo Thorning, American Council for Capital Formation, Washington, D.C.; Patty Resnik, Christiana Care Health System, Newark, Delaware; and Julie E. Goodman, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McCain, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of D. Brent Hardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, James Harold Thessin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, and Lisa J. Kubiske, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DIRECTOR

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's request to extend the service of Director Robert Mueller of the Federal Bureau of Investigation until 2013, including S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving

testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James B. Comey, former Deputy Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice; William Van Alstyne, College of William and Mary Marshall-Wythe Law School, Williamsburg, Virginia; and John C. Harrison, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, who were both introduced by Senators Landrieu and Vitter, Alison J. Nathan, and Katherine B. Forrest, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Susan Owens Hickey, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators

Pryor and Boozman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS BILLS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending calendar business, after receiving testimony from Senators Snowe, Whitehouse, Warner, and Blumenthal; Michael Cardarelli, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Robert L. Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and Walter A. Hall, and Richard J. Hipolit, both Assistant General Counsel, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; John McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Jeff Steele, American Legion, Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, Raymond C. Kelley, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and J. David Cox, American Federation of Government Employees, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jerome Ensminger, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011, in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine the nomination of Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine S. 963, to reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency, and expand the use of renewable energy by Federal agencies, S. 1000, to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and S. 1001, to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine critical minerals and materials legislation, including S. 383, to promote the domestic production of critical minerals and materials, S. 421, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to require the Secretary of Energy to provide grants for lithium production research and development, and S. 1113, to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, research, and international capabilities in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Business meeting to consider S. 76, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and address cancer and disease clusters, including in infants and children, and the nominations of William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Richard C. Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.