

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.