

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry held a joint hearing entitled “Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands.” Testimony was heard from Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest; Tony Ferguson, Director, Minerals and Geology Management, USDA Forest Service; Maureen Matsen, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Senior Advisor on Energy, Virginia; and public witnesses.

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT REGULATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a joint hearing entitled “The Gainful Employment Regulation: Limiting Job Growth and Student Choice.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 104, the “Realize America’s Maritime Promise (RAMP) Act.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Boustany and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY’S CURRENT BENEFIT EXPENDITURES, PROPOSED CHANGES TO FUTURE BENEFITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security’s current benefit expenditures, proposed changes to future benefits and the impact those changes would have on the program, future beneficiaries, workers, and the economy. Testimony was heard from Barbara Bovbjerg, Director for Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
JULY 11, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 11 through July 16, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1323, Sense of the Senate Regarding the Budget Deficit, and vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, July 14, to hold hearings to examine growing jobs in rural America, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Armed Services, July 13, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration’s request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, July 12, to hold hearings to examine enhanced investor protection after the financial crisis, 10 a.m., SD–538.

July 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, July 13, to hold hearings to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why crammers win and consumers lose, 10 a.m., SR–253.

July 14, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, July 12, to hold hearings to examine S. 1160, to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, S. 1108, to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, and S. 1142, to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, 10 a.m., SD–366.

July 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, July 12, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act’s Unregulated Drinking Water Contaminants Program, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance, July 13, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of debt and equity, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Foreign Relations, July 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul D. Wohlert, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

July 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Sudan, focusing on a roadmap forward, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, July 12, to hold hearings to examine pensions, focusing on building a strong middle class and strong economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

July 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 958, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, S. 1094, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-416), an original bill entitled, "Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization of 2011", and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., Room to be announced.

July 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine learning from what works for employment for persons with disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, July 12, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine if new technology and private sector business practices can cut waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

July 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on preventing terrorist travel, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs, July 14, to hold an oversight hearing to examine native women, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 13, to hold hearings to examine the "Violence Against Women Act", focusing on building on seventeen years of accomplishments, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska,

Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

July 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 27, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 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, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 14, to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on closing the gaps, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence, July 12, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 14, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 13, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of Foreign Agriculture and Food Aid Programs, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 14, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit-Public, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Farm Loan Programs, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 12, full Committee, markup of the Semiannual Activities Report of the Committee on Appropriations; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2012, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

July 13, full Committee, markup of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2012, and Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2012, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 12, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Ten Years On: The Evolution of Strategic Communication and Information Operations Since 9/11, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on How Does the Navy Get Ready, and Where are We Today?, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 14, full Committee, hearing on Human Capital Management: A High Risk Area for the Department of Defense, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on military voting, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, July 12, full Committee, hearing entitled “Medicare’s Future: An Examination of the Independent Payment Advisory Board.” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

July 13, full Committee, hearing entitled “Medicare and Social Security: The Fiscal Facts.” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 13, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2465, the “Federal Workers’ Compensation Modernization and Improvement Act”; and H.R. 2445, the “State and Local Funding Flexibility Act”; 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “The Fair Labor Standards Act: Is It Meeting the Needs of the Twenty-First Century Workplace?” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following: H.R. 1852, the “Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2005, the “Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2011”; 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 11, full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 2273, the “Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2401, the “Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011.” 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn. The markup will continue on July 12, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing is entitled “IPAB: The Controversial Consequences for Medicare and Seniors.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing is entitled “Regulatory Chaos: Finding Legislative Solutions to Benefit Jobs and the Economy.” 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade and the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Internet Privacy: The Views of the FTC, the FCC, and NTIA.” 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative.” The hearing will focus on legislation regarding the “Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011.” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing to Address Spectrum and Public Safety Issues.” 8:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 12, full Committee, continue markup of the following: H.R. 2273, the “Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2401, the “Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on the H.R. 463, the “Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Transparency Act of 2011;” and legislation regarding the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Taxpayer Payback Act of 2011; the Housing Trust Fund Elimination Act; the Market Transparency

and Taxpayer Protection Act; Cap the GSE Bailout Act; Eliminate the GSE Charter During Receivership; and the GSE Legal Fee Reduction Act. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 13, full Committee, hearing to receive the testimony of the Honorable Ben S. Bernanke, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, on monetary policy and the state of the economy. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 13, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Mortgage Origination: The Impact of Recent Changes on Homeowners and Businesses.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Financial Research and the Financial Stability Oversight Council.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 12, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Promoting Peace? Reexamining U.S. Aid to the Palestinian Authority, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 14, full Committee, markup of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 12, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Protecting the Maritime Borders—Leveraging Law Enforcement Cooperation to Enhance Security Along America’s Coasts.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 12, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Industry Perspectives: Authorizing the Transportation Security Administration for FY 2012 and 2013.” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

July 13, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “Securing Federal Facilities: Challenges of the Federal Protective Service and the Need For Reform.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

July 15, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “Homeland Security Contracting: Does the Department Effectively Leverage Emerging Technologies?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 11, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, and Subcommittee on Social Security, joint hearing entitled “The Role of Social Security Administrative Law Judges.” 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1981, the “Protecting Children from Internet Pornographers Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on legislation regarding the “Innovative Design Protection and Piracy Prevention Act.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 12, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 1291, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes; H.R. 1234, to amend the Act of June 18,

1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; and H.R. 1421, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma with regard to the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma. 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 13, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1904, the "Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011," H.R. 2011, the "National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2011"; H.R. 2150, the "National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act"; H.R. 2170, the "Cutting Federal Red Tape to Facilitate Renewable Energy Act"; H.R. 2171, the "Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act"; H.R. 2172, the "Utilizing America's Federal Lands for Wind Energy Act"; and H.R. 2173, the "Advancing Offshore Wind Production Act." 10 a.m., 1324

July 14, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: P.L. 110-229, the "Consolidated Natural Resources Act"; H.R. 1466, to resolve the status of certain persons legally residing in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the immigration laws of the United States; and H.R. 44, the "Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act". 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing entitled "Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization and Forest Management Options for a Viable County Payments Program." 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Abandoned Mined Lands: Innovative Solutions for Restoring the Environment, Improving Safety and Creating Jobs." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 15, full Committee, hearing entitled "Offshore Energy: Interior Department's Plans for Offshore Energy, Revenue, and Safety Reorganization." 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 12, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled "Fulfilling a Legal Duty: Triggering a Medicare Plan from the Administration." 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 13, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "What Went Wrong at the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission?" 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 13, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled "TSA Oversight Part 2: Airport Perimeter Security." 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

July 14, full Committee, hearing entitled "Consumer Financial Protection Efforts: Answers Needed." 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "EPA's Appalachian Energy Permittorium: Job Killer or Job Creator?" 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Re-

form, hearing entitled "Transparency and Federal Management IT Systems." 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 12, hearing on H.R. 2018, the "Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011." 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, July 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of NASA's Space Launch System." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 13, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, markup of legislation regarding the Border Security Technology Innovation Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "EPA's IRIS Program: Evaluating the Science and Process Behind Chemical Risk Assessment." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, markup of legislation regarding Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2011, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 13, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 527, the "Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011"; and H.R. 585, the "Small Business Size Standard Flexibility Act of 2011". 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 13, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, joint hearing entitled "Reducing Regulatory Burdens, Ensuring the Flow of Commerce, and Protecting Jobs: A Common Sense Approach to Ballast Water Regulation." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "FEMA Reauthorization and Cutting the Red Tape in Recovery." 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

July 14, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Pipeline Safety." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Implementation of Caregiver Assistance: Moving Forward, 4 p.m., 334 Cannon.

July 14, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on pending legislation, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 14, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup of pending legislation, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

July 15, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2433, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 1941, the "Hiring Heroes Act of 2011"; and H.R. 169, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet website and to publicize such Internet website. 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 11, Subcommittee on Social Security, and Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, joint hearing on the role of Administrative Law

Judges (ALJs) at the Social Security Administration (SSA), 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on child deaths due to maltreatment, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 14, full Committee, hearing on Intelligence Oversight, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

July 14, Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, hearing entitled "Preventing Violent Extremism in America: A Report from the Bipartisan Policy Center." 2 p.m., 210 Cannon. This is an open hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, July 15, to hold hearings to examine internet freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on current trends in internet governance, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.

Joint Economic Committee, July 12, to hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on training America's workforce, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.