

State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans; and draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Rep. Grimm; Rep. Carter; Rep. Walz of Minnesota; Rep. Bucshon; Robert L. Jesse, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Chairperson and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and S. Roy Woodall, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, focusing on a review of key issues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, S. Res. 216, encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia, S. Con. Res. 17, expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of mainstream dams along the Mekong River, S. Res. 175, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders, Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hun-

gary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-07), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-06), and the nominations of Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador, Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine building a ladder of opportunity, focusing on what's working to make the American dream a reality for middle class families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine small business contracts, focusing on how oversight failures and regulatory loopholes allow large businesses to get and keep small business contracts, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine Federal workers' compensation program for injured employees, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine the economic imperative for enacting immigration reform, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SD-562.

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

### House

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing on Ten Years After the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force: Current Status of Legal Authorities, Detention, and Prosecution in the War on Terror, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense investment in technology and capability to meet emerging security threats, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on total force readiness, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Redefining 'Fiduciary': Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Proposal on Workers and Retirees." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: An Overview of Risks to Critical Infrastructure." 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup of the following: H.R. 2405, the "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act"; and H.R. 1852, the "Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Examining Rental Purchase Agreements and the Potential Role for Federal Regulation." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled "Impact of Monetary Policy on the Economy: A Regional Fed Perspective on Inflation, Unemployment, and QE3." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing on Eastern Europe: The State of Democracy and Freedom, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Reassessing American Grand Strategy in South Asia, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-

proliferation, and Trade, joint hearing on AFRICOM: Promoting Partnership for Global Security in Africa, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "The Last Line of Defense: Federal, State, and Local Efforts to Prevent Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism Within the United States." 10 a.m. in 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2572, the "Clean Up Government Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on H.R. 2497, the "Hinder the Administration's Legalization Temptation Act." 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled "NOAA's Fishery Science: Is the Lack of Basic Science Costing Jobs?" 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following: H.R. 2578, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1581, the "Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border." 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "Lights Out: How EPA Regulations Threaten Affordable Power and Job Creation." 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2587, the "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act." 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled "The Merit Review Process: Ensuring Limited Federal Resources are Invested in the Best Science." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "How to Improve Operations and Implement Efficiencies for the United States Coast Guard." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing on alternative tax systems, with a focus on tax systems that are based on taxing consumption rather than income, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine Bosnia, focusing on obstacles to progress and recommendations for the international response, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon Building.