

IMPACTS OF THE LIGHTSQUARED NETWORK ON FEDERAL SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impacts of the LightSquared Network on Federal Science Activities.” Testimony was heard from Anthony Russo, Director, The National Coordination Office for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing; Mary Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Victor Sparrow, Director, Spectrum Policy, Space Communications and Navigation, Space Operations Mission Directorate, NOAA; Peter Appel, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; David Applegate, Associate Director, Natural Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO MEETING THE WORKFORCE NEEDS OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Innovative Approaches to Meeting the Workforce Needs of Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2594, the “European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act of 2011”; H.R. 2839, the “Piracy Suppression Act of 2011”; H.R. 2838, the “Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2011”; H.R. 2844, the “National Women’s History Museum Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2845, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation’s energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 2594; H.R. 2839; and H.R. 2844. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2845 and H.R. 2838.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 2433, the “Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011”; H.R. 2646, the “Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011”; H.R. 2302, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of cer-

tain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; H.R. 2349, the “Veterans’ Benefits Training Improvement Act of 2011”; H.R. 2074, the “Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act”; and H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures. H.R. 1025 was ordered reported without amendment. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2433, H.R. 2646, H.R. 2302, H.R. 2349, H.R. 2074 and H.R. 1263.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, including how States engage recipients in work activities that move them toward self-sufficiency. Testimony was heard from Gary Alexander, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare; Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Committee adopted its rules of procedure.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the current status of suicide prevention programs in the military, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, hearing entitled “How Fraud and Abuse in the Asbestos Compensation System Affect Victims, Jobs, the Economy, and the Legal System.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Impacts to On-shore Jobs, Revenue, and Energy: Review and Status of Sec. 390 Categorical Exclusions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1444, to require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction

of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes; legislation regarding the “Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Op-

portunities Act”; and legislation regarding the “Cabin Fee Act of 2011,” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on the impact health care consolidation is having on the cost of private health insurance, Medicare spending, and beneficiary costs, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.