

EXPEDITED LINE-ITEM VETO AND RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3521, the “Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011”. Action was deferred. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, Representatives McCollum and Cole.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the outlook for United States monetary and fiscal policy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Highway Investment, Job Creation and Economic Growth Act of 2012”, 3 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Nicaragua, Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India, Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine accessible technology, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

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

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine bolstering the economy, focusing on helping American families by reauthorizing the payroll tax cut and unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, 10 a.m., HVC-201.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 7 through February 10, 2012

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 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 Armed Services: February 9, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Chief of Engineers, and Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 9, to hold hearings to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 7, to hold hearings to examine the outlook for United States monetary and fiscal policy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

February 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine assessing inequality, mobility, and opportunity, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 9, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 1904, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

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Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 7, to hold hearings to examine accessible technology, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 9, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice's opinion on internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 9, business meeting to consider S. 1945, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, and the nominations of John Z. Lee, and John J. Tharp, Jr., both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, George Levi Russell III, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, and Kristine Gerhard Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 7, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 9, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations: February 7, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the FY 2013 budget request of the Library of Congress, Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

February 8, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Military Health Systems Governance—Army, Navy and Air Force Surgeons General, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police FY 2013 budget request, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

February 9, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the Architect of the Capitol FY 2013 budget request, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: February 7, full Committee, hearing entitled "The NLRB Recess Appointments: Implications for America's Workers and Employers", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: February 7, full Committee, continue markup of H.R. 3548, the "North American Energy Access Act", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: Threats to Communications Networks and Private-Sector Responses", 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Power hearing on "The American Energy Initiative: What EPA's Utility MACT Rule Will Cost U.S. Consumers", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Review of the Proposed Generic Drug and Biosimilars, User Fees and Further Examination of Drug Shortages", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: February 7, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, markup of the following: the "Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act of 2012";

the "FHA Emergency Fiscal Solvency Act of 2012"; and H.R. 32, the "Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2011", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Promote Accountability and Transparency at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Limiting the Extraterritorial Impact of Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: February 7, full Committee, hearing entitled "Export Controls, Arms Sales, and Reform: Balancing U.S. Interests, Part II", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 7, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade hearing entitled "The U.S.-Philippines Alliance: Deepening the Security and Trade Partnership", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, markup of the following: H.R. 1410, the "Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2011" and H. Res. 361, concerning efforts to provide humanitarian relief to mitigate the effects of drought and avert famine in the Horn of Africa, particularly Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Kenya, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Baluchistan, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

February 9, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing entitled "Creating Jobs: Economic Opportunities in Europe and Eurasia", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: February 7, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "Balancing Maritime Security and Trade Facilitation: Protecting our Ports, Increasing Commerce and Securing the Supply Chain—Part I", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 7, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Screening Partnership Program: Why is a Job-Creating, Public-Private Partnership Meeting Resistance at TSA?", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 7, full Committee, markup of H.R. 3541, the "Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act of 2011", 1:45 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Combating Transnational Organized Crime: International Money Laundering as a Threat to our Financial Systems", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 9, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled "Regional Perspectives on Agricultural Guestworker Programs", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: February 7, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing entitled "Water for Our Future and Job Creation: Examining Regulatory and Bureaucratic Barriers to New Surface Storage Infrastructure", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 7, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3532, to empower federally

recognized Indian tribes to accept restricted fee tribal lands, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: February 7, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “Jobs for Wounded Warriors: Increasing Access to Contracts for Service Disabled Veterans”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 7, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Solutions Needed: Improper Payments Total \$115 Billion in Federal Misspending”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 7, full Committee, business meeting, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 8, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Right to Choose: Protecting Union Workers from Forced Political Contributions”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: February 7, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3834, the “Advancing America’s Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2012”; and H.R. 3199, to Provide a Comprehensive Assessment of the Scientific and Technical Research on the Implications of the Use of Mid-Level Ethanol Blends, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 8, full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing America’s Nuclear Future—A Review of the Blue Ribbon Commission’s Report to the Secretary of Energy”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business: February 8, full Committee, hearing entitled “Placing Federal Tax Dollars at Risk: How the Small Business Administration Mismanages the Modernization of its Information Technology”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 9, full Committee, hearing entitled “Construction Contracting: Barriers to Small Business Participation”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: February 8, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “A Review of Issues Associated with Protecting and Improving our Nation’s Aviation Satellite-based Global Positioning System Infrastructure”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: February 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Reforming VA’s Flawed Fiduciary System, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means: February 7, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on “Programs that Reward Physicians Who Deliver High Quality and Efficient Care”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 8, full Committee, hearing on how accounting rules affect how businesses evaluate tax policy, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: February 9, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: February 8, to hold hearings to examine Ireland’s leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on its future year-long leadership of the 56-nation OSCE, based in Vienna, Austria, and its work in promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law, 11:30 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

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