

## Committee Meetings

### NAVY SHIPBUILDING IN A TIME OF FISCAL UNCERTAINTY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, on Navy shipbuilding and impacts on the defense industrial base in a time of fiscal uncertainty. Testimony was heard from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; and Rear Admiral Thomas J. Eccles, USN, Chief Engineer and Deputy Commander for Naval Systems Engineering, Naval Sea Systems Command.

### CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program—A Progress Report”. Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen Berrick, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### ACCOUNTABILITY IN GRANTS ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 4255, the “Accountability in Grants Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Craig E. Hooks, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup of the following: H.R. 1206, the “Access to Professional Health Insurance Advisors Act of 2011”; H.R. 6118, the “Taking Essential Steps for Testing Act of 2012”; H.R. 1063, the “Strengthening Medicare and Repaying Taxpayers Act of 2011”; H.R. 6163, the “National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2012”; H.R. 4124, the “Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2012”; and H.R. 733, the “Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act of 2012”. The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 4124; H.R. 733; and H.R. 6118. The following measures were forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 1206; H.R. 1063; and H.R. 6163.

### FUTURE OF THE TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held

a hearing entitled “TRIA at Ten Years: The Future of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ELEVEN YEARS LATER: PREVENTING TERRORISTS FROM COMING TO AMERICA

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Eleven Years Later: Preventing Terrorists from Coming to America”. Testimony was heard from Kelli Ann Walther, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin McAleenan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; John Woods, Assistant Director, National Security Investigations, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Edward Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

### ELEVEN YEARS AFTER 9/11 CAN TSA EVOLVE TO MEET THE NEXT TERRORIST THREAT?

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Eleven Years After 9/11 Can TSA Evolve To Meet the Next Terrorist Threat?”. Testimony was heard from John Halinski, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### CHU MEMORANDUM

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Chu Memorandum: Directives Could Increase Electricity Costs for over 40 Million Families and Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 6364, the “Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act”; and H.R. 4969, the “California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act of 2012”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cleaver, Poe (TX), and Thompson (CA); Stephen E. Whitesell, Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service; and Carl Roundtree, Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

## MEDICARE'S DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology held a hearing entitled "Medicare's Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program: How are Small Suppliers Faring?". Testimony was heard from Laurence D. Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD; and public witnesses.

## AMTRAK'S MONOPOLY MENTALITY IN COMMUTER RAIL COMPETITIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Review of Amtrak Operations Part 2: The High Cost of Amtrak's Monopoly Mentality in Commuter Rail Competitions". Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation; and public witnesses.

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Transportation And Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "Tenth Anniversary of the Maritime Transportation Security Act: Are We Safer?". Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Preparedness, United States Coast Guard; Stephen Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010

*Committee on Ways And Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service's implementation and administration of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010". Testimony was heard from Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the path from low-Earth orbit (LEO) to Mars, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, all of the Department of State, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the future of the General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the Citizens United court and the continuing importance of the "Voting Rights Act", 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Operational Support: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, joint hearing entitled "Expanding the Power of Big Labor: The NLRB's Growing Intrusion into Higher Education", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Where the Jobs Are: There's an App for That", 9:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.