

Achieving Clean Water Objectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 3593, the “VA Construction Assistance Act of 2013”; H.R. 4261, the “Gulf War Health Research Reform Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4281, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Stella S. Fiotes, Executive Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2942, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3056, the “Warriors’ Peer-Outreach Pilot Program Act”; H.R. 3614, the “Military Skills to Careers Act”; H.R. 4031, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes; H.R. 4037, the “Improving Veterans’ Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Act of 2014”; H.R. 4038, the “Veterans Benefits Administration Information Technology Improvement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4147, the “Student Veterans IT Upgrade Act”; H.R. 4150, the “Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4151, the “Veterans Education Survey Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Curtis Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Department of Veterans Affairs; Keith Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D297)

H.R. 2650, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–88)

H.R. 3370, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–89)

H.R. 4076, to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–90)

S.J. Res. 32, providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–91)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Interior, 9:15 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the the current readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine if alternative financial products are serving consumers, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine protecting personal consumer information from cyber attacks and data breaches, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President’s proposed

budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine Syria after Geneva, focusing on the next steps for United States policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine strengthening public-private partnerships to reduce cyber risks to our nation's critical infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for Tribal Programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of, "The Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act", 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine preventing Medicare fraud, focusing on the best way to protect seniors and taxpayers, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control*: to hold hearings to examine America's addiction to opioids, focusing on heroin and prescription drug abuse, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to Review the impacts of Endangered Species Act and related litigation on National Forest System management, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigation's Post 9/11 Reform Efforts FY 2015 Budget and Oversight, 9 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA Research, Education and Economic FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Air Force Budget FY 2015, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education oversight hearing entitled "Future of Biomedical Research", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Bureau of Reclamation FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on the Judiciary FY 2015 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Interim Report of the Advisory Panel

on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Combat Aviation Programs, 12:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2015 Science and Technology Programs: Pursuing Technology Superiority in a Changing Security Environment, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Department of Labor", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Where Have All the Patients Gone? Examining the Psychiatric Bed Shortage", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Geopolitical Potential of the U.S. Energy Boom", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "The Shocking Truth about North Korean Tyranny", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, markup on H.R. 4228, the "DHS Acquisition Accountability and Efficiency Act", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, hearing entitled "Innocence for Sale: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "Exploring Chapter 11 Reform: Corporate and Financial Institution Insolvencies; Treatment of Derivatives", 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Collision Course: Oversight of the Obama Administration's Enforcement Approach for America's Wildlife Laws and Its Impact on Domestic Energy", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the IRS Response to the Targeting Scandal", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of the President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Science Agencies", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled "Barriers to Opportunity: Do Occupational Licensing Laws Unfairly Limit Entrepreneurship and Jobs?", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2018, the “Honor Those Who Served Act of 2013”; H.R. 2088, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to establish claims adjudication centers of excellence; H.R. 2119, the “Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act”; H.R. 2529, the “Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act”; H.R. 3671, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for a medallion furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to signify the veteran status of a deceased individual; H.R. 3876, the “Burial with Dignity for Heroes Act of 2014”; H.R. 4095, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 4102, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain

accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; H.R. 4141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for excess property of the National Cemetery Administration that is unsuitable for burial purposes; and H.R. 4191, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act”, 3:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine unwinding quantitative easing, focusing on how the Fed should promote stable prices, economic growth, and job creation, 2 p.m., SH-216.