

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA Request and Oversight of NASA Security. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FIELD AGENCIES FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture Field Agencies FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael Scuse, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Juan Garcia, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Phil Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service; Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Africa Command FY 2015 Budget. This was a closed hearing.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy, Environmental Management FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dave Huizenga, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Education

FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

### APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on United States Agency for International Development FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Special Forces Command FY 2015 Budget. This was a closed hearing.

### APPROPRIATIONS—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on General Services Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Tangherlini, Administrator, General Services Administration.

### RUSSIAN MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Russian Military Developments and Strategic Implications”. Testimony was heard from Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Frank Pandolfe, USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

### THE FY15 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY AND THE CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM: COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “The FY15 Budget Request for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Chemical Biological Defense Program: Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing Global Environment”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca K. C. Hersman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, Department of Defense; Kenneth Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Carmen Spencer, Joint

Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; and Andy Weber, Assistant Secretary for Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense.

#### **RUSSIAN MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Russian Military Developments and Strategic Implications”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Terry Joseph Benedict, U.S. Navy, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; M. Elaine Bunn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Department of Defense; Major General Garrett Harencak, U.S. Air Force, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, U.S. Air Force; Edward Bruce Held, Acting Administrator and Acting Undersecretary for Nuclear Security, National Nuclear Security Administration; David G. Huizenga, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management; Admiral John M. Richardson, U.S. Navy, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program; Andrew C. Weber, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; and Peter S. Winokur, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4366, the “Strengthening Education through Research Act”; and H.R. 10, the “Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act”. The bills, H.R. 4366 and H.R. 10, were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **TROLLING FOR A SOLUTION: ENDING ABUSIVE PATENT DEMAND LETTERS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Trolling for a Solution: Ending Abusive Patent Demand Letters”. Testimony was heard from William Sorrell, Attorney General, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOBACCO CONTROL ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of the Tobacco Control Act”. Testimony was heard from Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup on H.R. 6, the “Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act”.

#### **WHO’S IN YOUR WALLET: EXAMINING HOW WASHINGTON RED TAPE IMPAIRS ECONOMIC FREEDOM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Who’s in Your Wallet: Examining How Washington Red Tape Impairs Economic Freedom”. Testimony was heard from Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Richard J. Osterman, Jr., Acting General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Amy S. Friend, Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and a public witness.

#### **LEBANON’S SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. INTERESTS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Lebanon’s Security Challenges and U.S. Interests”. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Silverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Matthew Spence, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy, Department of Defense.

#### **IS AL-QAEDA WINNING? GRADING THE ADMINISTRATION’S COUNTERTERRORISM POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Is al-Qaeda Winning? Grading the Administration’s Counterterrorism Policy”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Lieberman, former United States Senator; and Jane Harman, former Member of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### **AUTHORIZING CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Authorizing Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Kevin K. McAleenan, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Daniel D. Ragsdale, Acting Director, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

## OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 4315, the “21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act”; H.R. 4316, the “Endangered Species Recovery Transparency Act”; H.R. 4317, the “State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; and H.R. 4318, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act”. Testimony was heard from Michael Bean, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of Interior; Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce; Kel Seliger, State Senator, Amarillo, TX; Tom Jankovsky, Commissioner, Garfield County Colorado; and public witnesses.

### AMERICAN ENERGY JOBS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Women and Minorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 187, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina; H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; H.R. 1811, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System areas included in Florida System Unit P-16, and for other purposes; H.R. 2057, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System the areas comprising Bay County Unit P-31P in Florida; H.R. 3226, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3227, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain

properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; and H.R. 4222, to correct the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Gulf County Florida, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Jones; McIntyre; and Rice (SC); and Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service; Thomas B. Evans, Jr., Former Member of Congress; Daniel Tuman, Mayor, Town of North Topsail Beach; Warren Yeager, Jr., Gulf County Commissioner, Florida; Terrell Arline, County Attorney, Bay County, Florida; and public witnesses.

### THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Postal Service”. Testimony was heard from Brian Deese, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

### REDUCING WASTE IN GOVERNMENT: ADDRESSING GAO’S 2014 REPORT ON DUPLICATIVE FEDERAL PROGRAMS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reducing Waste in Government: Addressing GAO’s 2014 Report on Duplicative Federal Programs”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

### THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Panel on Public-Private Partnerships held a hearing entitled “The International Experience with Public-Private Partnerships”. Testimony was heard from Representative Delaney; and public witnesses.

### BENEFITS OF PERMANENT TAX POLICY FOR AMERICA’S JOB CREATORS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Benefits of Permanent Tax Policy for America’s Job Creators. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT’S FINAL EMPLOYER MANDATE AND EMPLOYER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGULATIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Treasury Department’s Final Employer Mandate and Employer Reporting Requirements Regulations”. Testimony was

heard from J. Mark Iwry, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Retirement and Health Policy, Department of Treasury.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D380)

H.R. 4275, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans. Signed on April 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–97)

S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals. Signed on April 7, 2014. (Public Law 113–98)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 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 Environmental Protection Agency, 9:15 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an assessment on how to keep our railways safe for passengers and communities, 9:45 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:15 a.m., SR–232A.

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 Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine National Nuclear Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories and the status of the Nuclear Security Enterprise 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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine from here to Mars, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 429, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products, S. 1014, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, S. 1406, to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, S. 1275, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program, S. 1379, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, S. 1468, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation, S. 1793, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, S. 1925, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders, S. 2022, to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, S. 2028, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, S. 2030, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, S. 2076, to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, S. 2086, to address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future, S. 2140, to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles, H.R. 2052, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, the nomination of David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.