

PHILADELPHIA AND OAKLAND: SYSTEMIC FAILURES AND MISMANAGEMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Philadelphia and Oakland: Systemic Failures and Mismanagement". Testimony was heard from Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Danny G.I. Pummill, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

THE 2015 TAX FILING SEASON AND GENERAL OPERATIONS AT THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2015 tax filing season and general operations at the Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

THE EXPANDING AMERICAN TRADE WITH ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the expanding American trade with accountability and transparency. Testimony was heard from Penny S. Pritzker, Secretary, Department of Commerce; Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing on Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence budget. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the successes of the Mov-

ing Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to deliver safe, efficient, and effective public transportation services and projects, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on airport issues and infrastructure financing, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the medical device tax on jobs, innovation, and patients, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Brodi L. Fontenot, of Louisiana, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, and Rafael J. Lopez, of California, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems, and the nominations of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Kara Fernandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Roseann A. Ketchmark, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Central American minors refugee/parole program, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, S. 957, to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs, S. 958, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts, S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, S. 999, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers, S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and an original bill entitled, "SCORE for Small Business Act of 2015", 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on United States Customs and Border Protection budget, 8 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on appropriations bill, FY 2016, 11 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Federal Emergency Management Agency budget, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Programs Supporting Native Americans budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”, 12 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Protecting America’s Workers: An Enforcement Update from the Mine Safety and Health Administration”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “Title II: 21st Century Workforce”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Combating the Opioid Abuse Epidemic: Professional and Academic Perspectives”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory Burdens—Regulator Perspective”, 9:15 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 237, the “FTO Passport Revocation Act of 2015”; H.R. 500, the “Survivors of Human Trafficking Empowerment Act”; H.R. 907, the “United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015”; H.R. 1493, the “Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act”; H.R. 1567, the “Global Food Security Act of 2015”; H. Res. 50, calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Rus-

sian prison since July 2014; and H. Con. Res 40, encouraging reunions of divided Korean American families, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “The U.S. Rebalance in East Asia: Budget Priorities for FY 2016”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled “The Devastating Impacts of Wildland Fires and the Need to Better Manage our Overgrown, Fire-prone National Forests”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hydraulic Fracturing: Banning Proven Technologies on Possibilities Instead of Probabilities”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on draft legislation to improve reproductive treatment provided to certain disabled veterans; draft legislation to direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration; H.R. 1769, the “Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015”; H.R. 271, the “COVER Act”; H.R. 627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1369, the “Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1575, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways And Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1891, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes; H.R. 1890, the “Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1892, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1907, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, hearing on Department of Energy and Department of Homeland Security budget, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Armenian genocide and the ongoing quest for justice, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn Building.