

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Improving Capital Access Programs within the SBA”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Pacific Northwest Seismic Hazards: Planning and Preparing for the Next Disaster”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Improving Competition in Medicare: Removing Moratoria and Expanding Access”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 18 through May 22, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1314, Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 21, business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 19, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016”, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 20, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on Syria, 11 a.m., SVC-217.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the fiscal year 2016 302(b) allocations, an original bill entitled, “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016”, and an original bill entitled, “Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 21, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: May 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 19, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Admin-

istration reauthorization, focusing on air traffic control modernization and reform, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1331, to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, S. 1326, to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, S. 1040, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for pre-employment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007, S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 20, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine improvements and innovations in fishery management and data collection, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 562, to promote exploration for geothermal resources, S. 822, to expand geothermal production, S. 1026, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels, S. 1057, to promote geothermal energy, S. 1058, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1103,

to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, S. 1199, to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, S. 1215, to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy, S. 1222, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide for reports relating to electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address the procurement of electric capacity resources, S. 1224, to reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate, S. 1226, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to promote a greater domestic helium supply, to establish a Federal helium leasing program for public land, and to secure a helium supply for national defense and Federal researchers, S. 1236, to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1264, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, S. 1270, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 1271, to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, S. 1272, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms, S. 1276, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase energy exploration and production on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, S. 1278, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, S. 1279, to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, S. 1280, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, S. 1282, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act, S. 1283, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain programs, to establish a coal technology program, S. 1285, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relating to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology, S. 1294, to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable

thermally led wood energy systems, and S. 1304, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 21, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 160, and H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, S. 365, to improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, S. 472, to promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for sensible development in Douglas County, Nevada, S. 583, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 814, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and S. 1240, to designate the Cerro del Yuta and Rio San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term “waters of the United States”, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 20, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine scientific advisory panels and processes at the Environmental Protection Agency, including S. 543, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 19, to hold hearings to examine how to safely reduce reliance on foster care group homes, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, both of the Department of State, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Cuban relations, focusing on the way forward, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, S. 868, to establish a fund to make payment to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, S. Res. 87, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe and to encourage greater cooperation with the European governments, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in preventing and responding to anti-Semitism, the nominations of Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State, Matthew T. McGuire, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, focusing on examining EEOC's enforcement and litigation programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring institutional risk-sharing, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 20, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine 21st century ideas for the 20th century Federal civil service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine understanding America's long-term fiscal picture, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine addressing the needs of Native communities through Indian Water Rights Settlements, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 19, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine body cameras, focusing on whether technology can increase protection for law enforcement officers and the public, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 20, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine taking sexual assault seriously, focusing on the rape kit backlog and human rights, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: May 19, to hold hearings to examine proposed environmental regulation's impacts on America's small businesses, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 20, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 19, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 21, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: May 20, to hold hearings to examine solutions to the hospital observation stay crisis, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. ———, a legislative response to the WTO decision; and the "National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition, Government Duplication and Unmet Needs", 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 20, Subcommittee on Defense, markup on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This markup will be closed.

May 20, Full Committee, markup on Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 20, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Reforming the Workers' Compensation Program for Federal Employees", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 20, Full Committee, markup on the "21st Century Cures Act" (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications

Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “Quadrennial Energy Review and Related Discussion Drafts”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “What are the State Governments Doing to Combat the Opioid Abuse Epidemic?”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 432, the “SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2015”; H.R. 686, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1334, the “Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act of 2015”; H.R. 1525, the “Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015”; H.R. 1675, the “Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2015”; H.R. 1723, the “Small Company Simple Registration Act of 2015”; H.R. 1847, the “Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2015”; H.R. 1965, the “Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act”; H.R. 1975, the “Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act”; H.R. 2064, the “Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act”; H.R. 2354, the “Streamlining Excessive and Costly Regulations Review Act”; H.R. 2356, the “Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2015”; H.R. 2357, the “Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015”; and a resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 21, Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing, hearing entitled “A Dangerous Nexus: Terrorism, Crime, and Corruption”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 20, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Egypt Two Years After Morsi: Part I”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 235, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015; hearing entitled “Everest Trembled: Lessons Learned from the Nepal Earthquake Response”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Developments in Rwanda”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 21, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2100, the “Girls Count Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2323, the “United States International Communications Reform Act of 2015”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 20, Full Committee, H.R. 1300, the “First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act”; H.R. 1615, the “DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015”; H.R. 1626, the “DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015”; H.R. 1633, the “DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1637, the “Federally Funded Research and Development Sunshine Act of 2015”; H.R. 1640, the “Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1646, the “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”; H.R. 1738, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2206, the “SWIC Enhancement Act”; and the “Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act”, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 21, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Admitting Syrian Refugees: The Intelligence Void and the Emerging Homeland Security Threat”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, May 20, Full Committee, hearing on the United States Capitol Police, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 20, Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, joint hearing on a discussion draft of a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on a discussion draft titled the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on the Status of Cooperating Agencies for the Office of Surface Mining’s Stream Protection Rule”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 21, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Issues Facing Civilian and Postal Service Vehicle Fleet Procurement”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, May 20, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Across Town, Across Oceans: Expanding

the Role of Small Business in Global Commerce”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2322, the “Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2015”; H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the “J. Waties Waring Judicial Center”; and two General Services Administration Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, May 21, Full Committee, markup on pending legislation, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 20, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of Administrative Actions in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: May 20, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.