

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS: CASE STUDIES OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING PROCESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Surface Transportation Infrastructure Projects: Case Studies of the Federal Environmental Review and Permitting Process”. Testimony was heard from Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation; Lynn Peterson, Secretary, Washington State Department of Transportation; Carlos Swonke, Director, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS AND WHETHER THEY CAN HELP GOVERNMENT ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Social Impact Bonds and whether they can help government achieve better results for families in need. Testimony was heard from David Juppe, Senior Operating Budget Manager, Maryland Department of Legislative Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine freight rail service, focusing on improving the performance of America’s rail system, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Judith Beth Cefkin, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, terrorism, and beyond, focusing on addressing evolving threats to the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine irrigation projects in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine Older Americans and student loan debt, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing to review the U.S. Forest Service’s proposed groundwater directive, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Operationalizing Cyber for the Military Services”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training; and Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, joint hearing entitled “Improving Department of Education Policies and Programs Through Independent Oversight”, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Credit Reporting System”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Libya’s Descent”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint subcommittee hearing entitled “Genocidal Attacks Against Christian and Other Religious Minorities in Syria and Iraq”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “One Flight Away: An Examination of the Threat posed by ISIS Terrorists with Western Passports”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the “Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2014”; H.R. 4299, the “Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act”; H.R. 5108, to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; H.R. 5401, the “Protecting the Homeland Act”; H.R. 5421, the “Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014”; H.R. 5233, the “Trade Secrets Protection Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5402, the “Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2014”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Status of the Fish and Wildlife Service’s

Responses to Committee Subpoenas and the Continued Lack of Transparency about Its Implementation and Enforcement of American Wildlife Laws, and Oversight of the Department of the Interior's Solicitor's Office", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 5412, the "Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1600, the "Requirements, Expectations, and Standard Procedures for Executive Consultation with Tribes (RESPECT) Act"; and H.R. 4668, the "Point Spencer Coast Guard and Public-Private Sector Infrastructure Development Facilitation and Land Conveyance Act", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Obstructing Oversight: Concerns from Inspectors General", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled "Exploring Our Solar System: The ASTEROIDS Act as a Key Step", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Small Business Administration: Management and Outlook", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "The Status of the Merchant Marine", 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 5404, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3593, the "VA Construction Assistance Act of 2013"; H.R. 4276, the "Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014"; H.R. 4399, the "Comprehensive Department of Veterans Affairs Performance Management and Accountability Reform Act of 2014"; H.R. 4862, the "Our Vets Deserve Better Act"; H.R. 4971, the "Ask Veterans Act"; and H.R. 5094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup certain bonuses or awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Metrics, Measurements and Mismanagement in the Board of Veterans' Appeals", 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the status of Affordable Care Act implementation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.