

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a meeting on a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue subpoenas. The subcommittee approved the resolution.

IS THE FCC RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF SMALL BUSINESS AND RURAL AMERICA?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Is the FCC Responding to the Needs of Small Business and Rural America?”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 5449, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5146, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse”; H.R. 5448, the “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2014”; H.R. 5266, to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4926, to designate the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway” and the “James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway” in the State of Minnesota. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5266 and H.R. 4926. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 5449, H.R. 5448, and H.R. 5146. The General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were approved.

SCHEDULING MANIPULATION AND VETERAN DEATHS IN PHOENIX: EXAMINATION OF THE OIG’S FINAL REPORT

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Scheduling Manipulation and Veteran Deaths in Phoenix: Examination of the OIG’s Final Report”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Richard J. Griffin, Acting Inspector General; Robert A. McDonald, Secretary; and Lisa Thomas, Chief of Staff, Veterans Health Administration; Katherine L. Mitchell, Medical Director, Iraq and Afghanistan Post-Deployment Center, Phoenix VA Health Care System; and a public witness.

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS OFFERED BY PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on defined benefit pension plans offered by private sector employers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEARING 1

Select Committee on Benghazi: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing 1”, relating to Accountability Review Board implementation. Testimony was heard from Greg Starr, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine assessing and enhancing protections in consumer financial services, 11 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider GSA resolutions, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Carolyn Watts Colvin, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Ukraine Freedom Support Act”, S. 2778, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$10,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, S. Res. 530, expressing the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), as it expands its control over areas in northwestern Iraq, S. Res. 541, recognizing the severe threat that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa poses to populations, governments, and economies across Africa and, if not properly contained, to regions across the globe, and expressing support for those affected by this epidemic, S. Res. 540, recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations, and the nominations of Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to

be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, 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, Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and a list in the Foreign Service, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine overcoming persistent barriers to economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine tax audits of large partnerships, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wendy Beetlestone, Mark A. Kearney, Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., and Gerald J. Pappert, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Armando Ormar Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Stephen R. Bough, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, and H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, 11 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing on the benefits of promoting soil health in agriculture and rural America, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Administration’s Strategy for the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)”, 11:15 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Suicide Prevention and Treatment: Helping Loved Ones in Mental Health Crisis”, 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The ISIS Threat: Weighing the Obama Administration’s Response”, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, joint hearing entitled “The Struggles of Recovering Assets for Holocaust Survivors”, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Safeguarding Privacy and Civil Liberties While Keeping our Skies Safe”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing on oversight of the Drug Enforcement Administration, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing on oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 69, the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013”; H.R. 706, the “Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park Establishment Act”; H.R. 712, to extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; H.R. 1363, the “Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”; H.R. 1839, the “Hermosa Creek Watershed Protection Act of 2013”; 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. 3326, the “Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013”; H.R. 3608, the “Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act”; H.R. 3980, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; H.R. 3981, the “Accelerated Revenue, Repayment, and Surface Water Storage Enhancement Act”; H.R. 4166, the “Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4534, the “Native American Children’s Safety Act”; H.R. 4846, the “Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5003, the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”; H.R. 5040, the “Idaho County Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act”; H.R. 5049, the “Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014”; H.R. 5050, the “May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act”; H.R. 5139, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16; H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; H.R. 5167, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; H.R. 5412, the “Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act”; H.R. 5476, the “Cabin Fee Act of 2014”; S. 363, the “Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013”; and S. 609, the “San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act”, 11 a.m. or conclusion of the Joint Session, whichever occurs later, 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining ObamaCare’s Failures in Security, Accountability and Transparency”, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Protecting International Religious Freedom”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled “U.S. Census Bureau: Addressing Data Collection Vulnerabilities”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Science of Dyslexia”, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “An Update on the Small Business Health Options Program: Is It Working for Small Businesses?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Threat Posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), al-Qa’ida, and other Islamic Extremists”, 8 a.m., HVC-210.