

VOLCANO HAZARDS: EXPLORING THE NATIONAL PREPARATION AND RESPONSE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Volcano Hazards: Exploring the National Preparation and Response”. Testimony was heard from Charles Mandeville, Volcano Hazards Program Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey; Tom Drea, Director and State Geologist, Wyoming State Geological Survey; Gordon Ito, Insurance Commissioner, State of Hawaii; Darryl Oliveira (via video conference), Director, Hawaii County Civil Defense; and a public witness.

EXAMINING DATA SECURITY AT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled “Examining Data Security at the United States Postal Service”. Testimony was heard from the following United States Postal Service officials: Randy Miskanic, Vice President of Secure Digital Solutions; Guy Cottrell, Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Service Inspection Service; and Tammy Whitcomb, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; Charles Hamby, Narcotic Enforcement Division, Prince George’s County Police Department; and a public witness.

THE ROLE OF THE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER IN THE HEALTHCARE.GOV WEBSITE DEBACLE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Role of the White House Chief Technology Officer in the HealthCare.gov Website Debacle”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

THE ROLE OF THE STATE APPROVING AGENCIES IN ENSURING QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Role of the State Approving Agencies in Ensuring Quality Education Programs for Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following legislative measures: H.R. 4720, the “Medal of Honor Priority Care Act”; H.R. 4887, the “Expanding Care for Veterans Act”; H.R. 4977, the “COVER Act”; H.R.

5059, the “Clay Hunt SAV Act”; H.R. 5475, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children; H.R. 5484, the “Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5686, the “Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Walberg, Bilirakis, Walz, Collins of Georgia, and Culberson; Rajiv Jain, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SECURITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine combating corruption in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe region, focusing on the link between security and good governance, including a need to build effective institutions and the important role played by civil society in combating corruption, after receiving testimony from Halil Yurdakul Yigitguden, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Coordinator for Economic and Environmental Affairs, Vienna, Austria; and Shaazka Beyerle, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Center for Transatlantic Relations, and Anders Aslund, Peterson Institute for International Economics, both of Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Takata airbag recalls and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) recall process, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the pricing of generic drugs, 1 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power

plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, 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, and the nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, and John Robert Blakey, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Amos L. Mazzant III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, 2 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 20, Full Committee, markup on the following legislative measures: H.R. 2901, the “Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2013”; H.R. 5206, to allow Foreign Serv-

ice and other executive agency employees to designate beneficiaries of their death benefits; H.R. 5241, the “Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act”; H.R. 5656, the “Feed the Future Global Food Security Act of 2014”; H.R. 5685, the “Rewards for Justice Congressional Notification Act of 2014”; H.R. 5710, the “Ebola Emergency Response Act”; H. Res. 714, reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region; and H. Res. 758, strongly condemning the actions of the Russian Federation, under President Vladimir Putin, which has carried out a policy of aggression against neighboring countries aimed at political and economic domination, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 20, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Examining What a Nuclear Iran Deal Means for Global Security”, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, November 20, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Is the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge Being Properly Managed?”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, November 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Inquiry into the Adequacy of Process in Verifying Eligibility”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, November 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity Threats: The Way Forward”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.