

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PROGRAM: ENSURING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN HHS CARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Unaccompanied Children Program: Ensuring the Safety of Children in HHS Care”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shalala, Wasserman Schultz, Higgins of Louisiana, and Burgess; Jonathan Hayes, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Lynn Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget and oversight hearing on the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from Kelvin Droegemeier, Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION—BORDER PATROL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Border Patrol. Testimony was heard from Carla Provost, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION, EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Indian Education, Education Construction”. Testimony was heard from Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

THE COSTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: FROM COASTS TO HEARTLAND, HEALTH TO SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Costs of Climate Change: From Coasts to Heartland, Health to Security”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Lower Half Ann C. Phillips, Special Assistant to the Governor for Coast-

al Adaptation and Protection, Office of the Governor, Virginia; and public witnesses.

BUILDING AMERICA’S CLEAN FUTURE: PATHWAYS TO DECARBONIZE THE ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Building America’s Clean Future: Pathways to Decarbonize the Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATION TO MAKE CARS IN AMERICA SAFER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Legislation to Make Cars in America Safer”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE NEXT MEGABANK? EXAMINING THE PROPOSED MERGER OF SUNTRUST AND BB&T

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Next Megabank? Examining the Proposed Merger of SunTrust and BB&T”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FY20 BUDGET: STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTERTERRORISM AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM BUREAU

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “The FY20 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Nathan Sales, Acting Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador-at-Large, Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT OF THE REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: FORMER SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election: Former Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 934, the “Health Benefits for Miners Act of 2019”;

and H.R. 935, the “Miners Pension Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative McKinley and public witnesses.

THE STATUS OF THE RECLAMATION FUND AND THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION’S FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING NEEDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Status of the Reclamation Fund and the Bureau of Reclamation’s Future Infrastructure Funding Needs”. Testimony was heard from Grayford Payne, Deputy Commissioner, Policy, Administration and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council, Murray, Utah; Federico Barajas, Executive Director, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Los Baños, California; and a public witness.

EXAMINING JUUL’S ROLE IN THE YOUTH NICOTINE EPIDEMIC: PART I

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining JUUL’s Role in the Youth Nicotine Epidemic: Part I”. Testimony was heard from Senator Durbin; and public witnesses.

BEYOND THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION: REPAIRING THE DAMAGE AND PREPARING TO COUNT ‘WE THE PEOPLE’

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Citizenship Question: Repairing the Damage and Preparing to Count ‘We the People’”. Testimony was heard from Steven Dillingham, Director, U.S. Census Bureau; Robert Goldenkoff, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Nicholas Marinos, Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

THE DEVIL THEY KNEW—PFAS CONTAMINATION AND THE NEED FOR CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “The Devil They Knew—PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; Steve Sliver, Executive Director, Michigan PFAS Action Response Team, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT; BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2019; VENEZUELA TPS ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”; H.R. 3877, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019”; and H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3877, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019”, and H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3877, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, provides that the bill shall be considered as read, and waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”, under a closed rule. The rule provides thirty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–28 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule waives clause 6(a) of Rule XIII, requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee against any resolution reported through the legislative day of July 26, 2019. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Mississippi and Representative Rogers of Alabama.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3597, the “Solar Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 3607, the “Fossil Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 3609, the “Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 335, the “South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019”. H.R. 3597, H.R. 3607, H.R. 3609, and H.R. 335 were ordered reported, as amended.

IS THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT A HELP OR HINDRANCE TO MAIN STREET?

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Is the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act a

Help or Hindrance to Main Street?”. Testimony was heard from Jane Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

TRUE TRANSPARENCY? ASSESSING WAIT TIMES FIVE YEARS AFTER PHOENIX

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “True Transparency? Assessing Wait Times Five Years after Phoenix”. Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; Teresa S. Boyd, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

FORMER SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT S. MUELLER, III ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Former Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MODERNIZING LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: LESSONS FROM THE STATES

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Legislative Information Technologies: Lessons from the States”. Testimony was heard from Diane Boyer-Vine, Legislative Counsel, California; Nelson P. Moe, Chief Information Officer, Virginia; Mike Rohrbach, Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Technology, State Legislature, Washington.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine hemp production and the 2018 farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the importance of energy innovation to economic growth and competitiveness, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019”, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident, S. 2066, to review United States Saudi Arabia Policy, S. 1441, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of North Macedonia (Treaty Doc. 116-01), and the nominations of Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Jonathan R. Cohen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Christopher Landau, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Libya, John Rakolta, Jr., of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years, and other pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine state and Federal recommendations for enhancing school safety against targeted violence, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1494, to amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to protect alien minors and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to end abuse of the asylum system and establish refugee application and processing centers outside the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, oversight hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing entitled “Protecting the Right to Organize Act: Modernizing America’s Labor Laws”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.