

ENCOURAGING FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKFORCE POLICIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Encouraging Family-Friendly Workplace Policies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-BOLIVIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S.-Bolivia Relations: Looking Ahead. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEMA'S GULF COAST REBUILDING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "FEMA's Gulf Coast Rebuilding Efforts: The Path Forward." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David Garratt, Acting Deputy Administrator, and James Walke, Acting Assistant Administrator, both with FEMA's Disaster Assistance Directorate; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MANAGING OUR OCEAN AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing entitled "Managing Our Ocean and Wildlife Resources in a Dynamic Environment: Priorities for the New Administration and the 111th Congress." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ROLE OF FEDERAL LANDS IN COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing entitled "The Role of Federal Lands in Combating Climate Change." Testimony was heard from Gail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Thomas R. Armstrong, Senior Advisory, Global Change Program, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1018, To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros; and H.R. 409, To provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the state of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Testimony was heard from Ed Roberson, Assistant Director, Renewable Re-

sources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VA HEALTH LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 784, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on vacancies in mental health professional positions in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; H.R. 785, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide outreach and training to certain college and university mental health centers relating to the mental health of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and other draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tsongas, Filner, and Herseth Sandlin; Gerald M. Cross, MD, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, and public witnesses.

VA DOCUMENT TAMPERING/ MISHANDLING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a joint hearing on Document Tampering and Mishandling at the Veterans Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing, Office of Inspector General; and Michael Walcoff, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits; Veterans Benefits Administration; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine improving nutrition for America's children in difficult economic times, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed briefing to examine Iran status report, focusing on nuclear and political issues, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine systemic risk and breakdown of financial governance, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine tax haven banks and United States tax compliance, focusing on obtaining names of United States clients with Swiss Accounts, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine getting to the truth through a nonpartisan commission of inquiry, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine health reform in an aging America, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on the Place of NOAA Science in the Overall Science Enterprise, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Project Management Oversight, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on EPA Oversight, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following measures: Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Dextromethorphan Distribution Act; Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act; Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act; H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom's Opportunity to Access Health Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act; H.R. 479, Wakefield Act; H.R. 577, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009; H.R. 756, National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009; H.R. 914, Physician Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1210, Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act, and H.R. 307, Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "TARP Oversight: Is TARP Working for Main Street?" 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Examining 287(g): The Role of State and Local Law Enforcement in Immigration Law," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 848, Performance Rights Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on H. J. Res. 18, Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to interagency cooperation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Afghanistan and Pakistan: Understanding a Complex Threat Environment, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on 21st Century Water Planning: the Importance of a Coordinated Federal Approach, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "The State of the Renewable Fuels Industry in the Current Economy," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following measure: "Water Quality Investment Act of 2009", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 147, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans; H.R. 228, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 297, Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Subsistence Allowance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 466, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 929, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of training to provide eligible veterans with skills relevant to the job market; H.R. 942, Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2009; H.R. 950, To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learning; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veterans Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and other draft legislation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, To continue hearings on the overview of the President's Budget proposals for fiscal year 2010, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Preparing for Copenhagen: How Developing Countries Are Fighting Climate Change", 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.