

Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Elaine Duke, Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### FY 2010 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for Fiscal Year 2010. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

#### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act and Small Business.” Testimony was heard from Nancy A. Bird, Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on An Independent FEMA: Restoring the Nation’s Capabilities for Effective Emergency Management and Disaster Response. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### TRANSPORTATION’S HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Materials Safety Program. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Douglass, Acting Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Deborah Hersman, member, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS APPELLATE PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Examining Appellate Processes and Their Impacts on Veterans. Testimony was heard from Judge Bruce E. Kasold, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals; and Ronald S. Burke, Director, Appeals Management Center, Veterans Benefits Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

#### FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Federal Contract Compliance. Testimony was heard from Lorenzo Harrison, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor; Jan R. Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. TRADE/INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Investment Protections in U.S. Trade and Investment Agreements. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT IN AFGHANISTAN

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Support in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from LTG Richard Zahner, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2, U.S. Army, Department of Defense.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

##### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Defense Health Program Overview, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of the Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

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#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 18 through May 23, 2009

##### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders’ Bill of

Rights Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine funding and oversight of the Department of Energy, 10:15 a.m., SD-138.

May 19, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Navy military construction programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 20, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the National Institutes of Health, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

May 21, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 21, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

May 21, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Government Accountability Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* May 19, to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

May 20, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for military space programs; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

May 20, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* May 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and John D. Porcari, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, both of the Department of Commerce, and Aneesh Chopra, to be Chief Technology Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy at the Executive Office of the President, 11 a.m., SR-253.

May 21, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine health and product safety issues associated with imported drywall, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 21, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for NASA, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* May 19, business meeting to consider any pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* May 19, to hold hearings to examine business opportunities and climate policy, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* May 19, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine oil and gas tax provisions, focusing on the President's Fiscal Year 2010 budget proposal, 10 a.m., SD-215.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine The United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 19, to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for U.S.-China cooperation on climate change, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

May 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pathways to a green global economic recovery, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine developing a coordinated and sustainable strategy for Somalia, 9 a.m., SD-419.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine developments on the ground in Pakistan and Afghanistan, 11 a.m., SVC-217.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy priorities in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for international affairs, 1:30 p.m., SH-216.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 19, business meeting to consider S. 982, to protect the

public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 717, to modernize cancer research, increase access to preventative cancer services, provide cancer treatment and survivorship initiatives, and any pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine public health challenges in our nation's capital, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine financial regulatory lessons from abroad, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* May 21, to hold hearings to examine executive branch authority to acquire trust lands for Indian tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 19, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine protecting Americans, focusing on holding foreign manufacturers accountable, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act, focusing on a ban on vertical price fixing, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 20, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine securing the border and America's points of entry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 20, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine criminal prosecution as a deterrent to health care fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, the nominations of Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and committee's subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* May 21, business meeting to mark up pending legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 19, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Robert S. Litt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine pension plans, 2 p.m., SR-432.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the role of small business in stimulus contracting, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* May 21, hearing to review low carbon fuel standard proposals, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* May 18, Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Intelligence Program and Military Intelligence Program, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 19, Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies, on IRS, 10 a.m., and on National Archives, 2 p.m., room to be announced.

May 19, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on EPA, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Department of Defense Overview, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on Defense, on Department of Defense, 12:30 p.m., 210 HVC.

May 20, Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies, on OMB, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on U.S. Agency for International Development, 9:30 a.m.; on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10:30 a.m.; and on Office of Global AIDS Coordinator, 11:30 a.m., room to be announced.

May 20, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Member Requests, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA): Nuclear Nonproliferation and Weapons, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies, on Treasury Department, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Geological Survey, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* May 19, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 19, Defense Acquisition Panel, hearing on Measuring Performance: Developing Good Acquisition Metrics, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Seapower, and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy Aviation Programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization

Budget Request for Air Force Modernization Programs, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Another Crossroads? Professional Military Education Twenty Years after the Goldwater-Nichols Act and the Skelton Panel, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Military Services' Operations and Maintenance Funding, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Army Acquisition, Reset, and Modernization Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Military Personnel Overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space and Missile Defense Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, May 21, hearing on the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, May 19, hearing on Examining the Abusive and Deadly Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 20, hearing on The Obama Administration's Education Agenda, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 21, hearing on Increasing Student Aid Through Loan Reform, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, May 18, to mark up the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Auto Safety: Existing Mandates and Emerging Issues," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, May 19, hearing entitled "Capital Loss, Corruption and the Role of Western Financial Institutions," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Approaches to Improving Credit Rating Agency Regulation," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "H.R. 2351, Credit Union Share Insurance Stabilization Act," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 20, to mark up the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, May 21, hearing on Military and Overseas Voting: Obstacles and Potential Solutions, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, May 20, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Unfairness in Federal Cocaine Sentencing: Is It Time To Crack the 100 to 1 Disparity? and to consider the following bills: H.R. 1459, Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009; H.R. 1466, Major Drug Trafficking Prosecution Act of 2009; H.R. 265, Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2009; H.R. 2178, Crack-Cocaine Equitable Sentencing Act of 2009; and H.R. 18, Powder-Crack Cocaine Penalty Equalization Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, May 19, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on Implementation of Public Law 110-229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal June 22-26, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 21, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Future of the Forest Economy, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, May 19, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing entitled "The State of Federal Information Security," 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "ONDCP's Fiscal Year 2010 National Drug Control Budget and the Priorities, Objectives, and Policies of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under the New Administration," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to consider the following bills: H.R. 22, To amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to allow the United States Postal Service to pay its share of contributions for annuitants' health benefits out of the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund; and H.R. 1345, District of Columbia Hatch Act Reform Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 21, full Committee, oversight hearing entitled "The Future of the V-22 Osprey: Costs, Capabilities, and Challenges," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "Stakeholders' Views on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, May 18, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, hearing on H.R. 2297, The White House Conference on Food and Nutrition, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, May 19, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Request, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on the Science of Insolvency, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 20, full Committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, May 20, hearing entitled "Heroes of Small Business," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare, hearing entitled "Impacts of Outstanding Regulatory Policy on Small Biofuels Producers and Family Farmers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 19, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Recommendations of the National Committee on Levee Safety, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Consumer Issues: Emergency Contingency Planning and Outlook for Summer Travel, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Piracy Against U.S.-Flagged Vessels: Lessons Learned, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, May 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA Medical Care: The Crown Jewel and Best Kept Secret, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Gulf War Illness Research: Is Enough Being Done? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 20, full Committee, hearing on the Growing Needs of Women Veterans: Is the VA Ready? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 21, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1037, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1098, Veterans Worker Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1168, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1172, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors; H.R. 1821, Equity for Injured Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1879, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 2180, To amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities called to active service, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, May 19, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Administration's (SSA's) employment support programs for disability beneficiaries including the Ticket to Work Program, 2 p.m. 1100 Longworth.

May 21, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on issues involving tax-exempt and taxable governmental bonds, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, May 19, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on GAO's upcoming report on security clearance reform, "Personnel Security Clearances," 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: May 20, to hold hearings to examine oil and the economy, focusing on the impact of rising global demand on the United States recovery, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.