

GREEN BUILDINGS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Green Buildings Offer Multiple Benefits: Cost Savings, Clean Environment and Jobs. Testimony was heard from Kevin Kampschroer, Acting Director, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, GSA; Drury Crawley, Lead Mechanical Engineer, Office of Building Technologies, Department of Energy; Ray Uhalde, Senior Advisor, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

LONG-TERM SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on The Importance of a Long-Term Surface Transportation Authorization in Sustaining Economic Recovery. Testimony was heard from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; Carlos Braceras, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

WOMEN VETERANS ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and the Subcommittee on Memorial Affairs and Health held a joint hearing on Eliminating the Gaps: Examining Women Veterans' Issues. Testimony was heard from Randall V. Williamson, Director, Health Care, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; and Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief, Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office, both with the Veterans Health Administration; and Irene Trowell-Harris, RN, Director, Center of Women Veterans; and public witnesses.

VA STATE APPROVING AGENCIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on State Approving Agencies. Testimony was heard from Representative Timothy H. Bishop of New York; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Ways and Means: Began markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings**REGIONAL IMPACT OF IRAN CRISIS**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the Iran crisis on its OSCE neighbors, after receiving testimony from David Kramer, former Assistant Secretary of State; Stephen Blank, United States Army War College, Department of Defense; and Jennifer Windsor, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 17, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the elements of a national manufacturing strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2010, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up H. Res. 591, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to certain specific communications with and financial assistance provided to General Motors Corporation and Chrysler LLC, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled "Industry Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.