

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary, Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued consideration of Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part IV. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAN SANCTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Iran Sanctions: Options, Opportunities, and Consequences. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving 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 rule reported from the Rules Committee on the legislative day of December 16, 2009.

SSA NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER REPLACEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing on Recovery Act Project to Replace the Social Security Administration’s National Computer Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Michael Gallagher, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Budget, Finance and Management; and Patrick P. O’Carroll, Inspector General; and a public witness.

GUANTANAMO DETAINEES TRANSFERS—EFFECTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 923, Requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the President related to the effects on foreign intelligence collection of the transfer of detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, into the United States.

BRIEFING—PAKISTAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Pakistan. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1391)

S. 1599, to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws. Signed on December 14, 2009. (Public Law 111–113)

S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms. Signed on December 14, 2009. (Public Law 111–114)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider H.R. 310, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village, S. Res. 374, recognizing the cooperative efforts of hunters, sportsmen’s associations, meat processors, hunger relief organizations, and State wildlife, health, and food safety agencies to establish programs that provide game meat to feed the hungry, an original bill pertaining to watershed projects in Massachusetts and West Virginia, and the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a briefing on the assessment by the Joint Estimating Team of the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter Program, 1:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1102, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, S. 1830, to establish the Chief Conservation Officers Council to improve the energy efficiencies of Federal agencies, S. 2868, to provide increased access to the General Services Administration’s Schedules Program by the American Red Cross and State and local governments, H.R. 2711, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties, S. 2865, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), S. 2872, to reauthorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records

Commission through fiscal year 2014, H.R. 2877, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 76 Brookside Avenue in Chester, New York, as the “1st Lieutenant Louis Allen Post Office”, H.R. 3667, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the “Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building”, H.R. 3788, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the “Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building”, H.R. 1817, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the “John S. Wilder Post Office Building”, H.R. 3072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9810 Halls Ferry Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building”, H.R. 3319, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gulling Street in Portola, California, as the “Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building”, H.R. 3539, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the “Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building”, H.R. 3767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 North Main Street in Smithfield, Utah, as the “W. Hazen Hillyard Post Office Building”, and the nominations of Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, and Elizabeth M. Harman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine tools to combat deficits and waste, focusing on enhanced rescission authority, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine United States implementation of human rights treaties, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, and Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, both to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary for Health, and Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on understanding cyberspace as a medium for radicalization and counter-radicalization, 1:30 p.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Innovations in Addressing Childhood Obesity,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Has the TSA Breach Jeopardized National Security? An Examination of What Happened and Why,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Piracy of Live Sports Broadcasting over the Internet, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Protecting Employees in Airline Bankruptcies, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on H.R. 4115, Open Access to the Courts Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 725, Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 2288, Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2476, Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 3726, Castle Nugent Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009; H.R. 3538, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act; and H.R. 2314, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled “The U.S. Government as Dominant Shareholder: How Should the Taxpayers' Ownership Rights be Exercised?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled “History Museum or Records Access Agency? Defining and Fulfilling the Mission of the National Archives and Records Administration,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Acquisition Deficiencies at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 4 p.m., HVC.