

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011;

An original bill making appropriations for Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011; and

An original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), after receiving testimony from Rose Gottmoeller, Assistant Secretary of State for Verification, Compliance, and Implementation; and Edward L. Warner III, Secretary of Defense Representative to the New START Negotiations.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense strategic force structure options under the New START from Edward L. Warner III, Secretary Representative to Post-START Negotiations, and Michael S. Elliott, Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, United States Strategic Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael C. Camuñez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Charles P. Blahous III, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Gregg, and Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Conrad, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY MISMANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine mismanagement of contracts at Arlington National Cemetery, after receiving testimony from Edward M. Harrington, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Claudia L. Tornblom, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Management and Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Director, Army National Cemeteries Program, all of the Department of Defense; John C. Metzler, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Thurman Higginbotham, District Heights, Maryland.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine closing the language gap, focusing on improving the Federal government's foreign language capabilities, after receiving testimony from David C. Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jeffrey R. Neal, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Nancy E. Weaver, Director, Defense Language Office, Office of the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; David S. C. Chu, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; Richard D. Brecht, University of Maryland Center for Advanced Study of Language, College Park; and Dan E. Davidson, American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, Washington, D.C.

STATE OF THE AMERICAN CHILD

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine the state of the American child, focusing on the impact of Federal policies on children, after receiving testimony from Cecilia Elena Rouse, Member, Council of Economic Advisers; Seth D. Harris, Deputy Secretary of Labor; David A. Hansell, Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, and Howard K. Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Thelma Melendez de Santa Ana, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education.

INDIAN GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, after receiving testimony from Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Mark Brnovich, Arizona Department of Gaming, Phoenix; Philip N. Hogen, Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen, P.C., St. Paul, Minnesota; and Ernest Stevens, Jr., National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3397, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for take-back disposal of controlled substances in certain instances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John F. Walsh, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, John William Vaudreuil, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, William J. Ihlenfeld II, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mark Lloyd

Ericks, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Joseph Patrick Faughnan, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut, Harold Michael Oglesby, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, and Conrad Ernest Candelaria, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, all of the Department of Justice.

PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the passport issuance process, focusing on closing the door to fraud, after receiving testimony from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; and Brenda S. Sprague, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Passport Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of James R. Clapper, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 64 public bills, H.R. 5917–5980; and 16 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 307–310; and H. Res. 1570–1573, 1575–1582, were introduced. (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5663, to improve compliance with mine and occupational safety and health laws, empower workers to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine and other workplace tragedies, and establish rights of families of victims of workplace accidents, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–579, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5226, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia (H. Rept. 111–580, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5626, to protect public health and safety and the environment by requiring the use of safe well control technologies and practices for the drilling of high-risk oil and gas wells in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–581, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 1574, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5851) to provide whistleblower protections to certain workers in the offshore oil and gas industry (H. Rept. 111–582).

(See next issue.)

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Loretta Sanchez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6285**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Bruce Scott, Pentecostals of South Lake, Merrillville, Indiana. **Page H6285**

Adjournment Resolution—Senate: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 307, providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by voice vote. **Page H6306**