

## ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND JOB CREATION

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Role of Small Business in Innovation and Job Creation: The SBIR and STTR Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, COUNSELING, AND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program budget and VRE National Counseling Contract. Testimony was heard from John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Ruth A. Fanning, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## ELIMINATE CERTAIN TAX BENEFITS RELATING TO ABORTION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 1232, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain tax benefits relating to abortion. The bill was ordered reported without amendment.

## 2011 TAX FILING SEASON

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Internal Revenue Service and the 2011 Tax Return Filing Season. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on USDA FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, OPM FY 2012 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Terrorist Travel—Programs and Funding, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol. This is a CLASSIFIED and CLOSED hearing.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on a review of the implementation plans for the repeal of law and policies governing service by openly gay and lesbian service members, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve component equipment posture, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on communications and Technology, hearing on legislation to Clarify NTIA and RUS Authority to Return Reclaimed Stimulus Funds to the U.S. Treasury, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn. Following the hearing the Subcommittee will hold a markup on the legislation.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The PPACA’s High Risk Pool Regime: High Cost, Low Participation,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing, and Community Opportunity, hearing on Legislative Proposals to Reform the National Flood Insurance Program, Part II, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, joint hearing on the Government of Belarus: Crushing Human Rights at Home? 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Competition and Consolidation in Financial Markets, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Tribal development of energy resources and the creation of energy jobs on Indian lands,” 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health and Oversight, hearing on AARP’s organizational structure, management, and financial growth over the last decade, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, FY 2012 Budget Overview, 9 a.m., 304 HVC. This is a closed hearing.

## Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March 2011, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, April 4

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, April 1

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 658—FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011. Consideration of H.R. 1255—Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011 (Subject to a Rule).

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