

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense received a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 United States Pacific Command (PACOM), after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, both of the Department of Defense; and Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, USA, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Rick D. West, USN, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Carlton W. Kent, USMC, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy, USAF, all of the Department of Defense; Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Captain Ike Puzon, USN (Ret.), Association of the United States Navy, and Kathleen B. Moakler, National Military Family Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia; Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and Kathy Roth-Douquet, Blue Star Families, Falls Church, Virginia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of

the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Bradley H. Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Rear Admiral Archer M. Macy, Jr., USN, Director, Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense; and Christina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request and oversight for fiscal year 2012 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), after receiving testimony from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

DOMESTIC RENEWABLE FUELS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels, focusing on ethanol and advanced biofuels, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Henry Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Michael J. McAdams, Advanced Biofuels Association (ABFA), and Scott Faber, Grocery Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Jan Koninckx, DuPont Applied BioSciences, Wilmington, Delaware; Kris Kiser, The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, Alexandria, Virginia; and Brooke Coleman, Advanced Ethanol Council, Boston, Massachusetts.

DEFICIT REDUCTION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on deficit reduction, after receiving testimony from J.D. Foster, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, Bridgeport, Connecticut, on behalf of the Comeback America Initiative; and Alan S. Blinder, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international development policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 budget, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; and Daniel W. Yohannes, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards;

S. 498, to ensure objective, independent review of task and delivery orders, with an amendment;

S. 762, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute;

S. 191, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, with an amendment;

S. Res. 128, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 1 through 7, 2011; and

The nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fulfilling our commitment to support victims of crime, after receiving testimony from Mary Lou Leary, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Kent Burbank, Pima County Attorney's Office, Tucson, Arizona; and Margaret Garvin, National Crime Victim Law Institute, Portland, Oregon.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Representative Clyburn, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to

be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who was introduced by Senators Udall (CO) and Bennet, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Brown (MA), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' employment, focusing on improving the transition from the battlefield to the workforce, after receiving testimony from Raymond M. Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; John Berry, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; John R. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy; Garrett Reppenhagen, Veterans Green Jobs, Denver, Colorado; Eric Smith, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Baltimore, Maryland; T. L. McCreary, Military.com, and Michael L. Yauger, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, both of Washington, D.C.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL DEVICE APPROVAL PROCESS REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the reform of the medical device approval process, focusing on premarket review and postmarket safety efforts, after receiving testimony from Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; William Maisel, Deputy Center Director for Science, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Diana Zuckerman, National Research Center for Women and Families, and David Nexon, Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), both of Washington, D.C.; Frederic S. Resnic, Harvard Medical School Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; Ralph F. Hall, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and Katherine Korgaokar, Denver, Colorado.