

SUBPAR SUBCONTRACTING: CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES CONTRACTORS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled "Subpar Subcontracting: Challenges for Small Businesses Contractors." Testimony was heard from Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RECOVERY COORDINATION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Federal Recovery Coordination Program: Assessing Progress Toward Improvement." Testimony was heard from Debra A. Draper, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Philip Burdette, Principal Director, Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; John Medve, Executive Director, Office of VA-DoD Collaboration Service, Office of Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Arlington National Cemetery: An Update on Reform and Progress." Testimony was heard from Major General William H. McCoy, Jr., USA, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Army Inspector General Agency, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Director, National Cemeteries Program, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; and Patrick K. Hallinan, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing reviewing unemployment benefit proposals in the President's latest jobs plan and assessing whether they will help the long-term unemployed return to work. Testimony was heard from Sen. Wyden; Rep. Renacci; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment, and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC THREAT INTELLIGENCE

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Domestic Threat

Intelligence." Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 10 through October 15, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, to be followed by a vote on passage of S. 1619, Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act, and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1660, American Jobs Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: October 12, Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in disaster recovery and response, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 13, to hold hearings to examine addressing potential threats from Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives on implementing new economic sanctions one year later, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 12, to hold hearings to examine universal service reform, focusing on bringing broadband to all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 13, Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, to hold hearings to examine innovative practices to create jobs and reduce pollution, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 11, business meeting to consider S. 1641, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, S. 1642, to implement

the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, S. 1643, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 4 p.m., SD-215.

October 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on capital investment and manufacturing, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of State, Anne Terman Wedner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, and Terry Lewis, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Russ Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and routine lists in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 12, to hold hearings to examine the state of chronic disease prevention, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 11, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine labor-management forums in the Federal government, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

October 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on a status report on information sharing, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Carcieri crisis, focusing on the ripple effect on jobs, economic development and public safety in native communities, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 13, business meeting to consider S. 1301, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, H.R. 368, to amend title 28, United

States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, S. 1636, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, H.R. 394, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties, H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties, S. 1014, to provide for additional Federal district judgeships, and the nominations of Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, John M. Gerrard, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Thomas Owen Rice, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, David Nuffer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Steven R. Frank, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Martin J. Pane, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and David Blake Webb, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine arbitration, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 12, business meeting to consider the nomination of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: October 12, to hold hearings to examine finding consensus in the Medicare reform debate, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 12, full Committee, hearing to review legislative proposals amending Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Former Chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services." 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on National Guard and Reserve component acquisition and modernization, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey." 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on an update on KC-46A and legacy aerial refueling aircraft programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 14, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “Nuclear Weapons Modernization in Russia and China: Understanding Impacts to the United States.” 11:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 12, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3094, the “Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Regulations, Costs, and Uncertainty in Employer Provided Health Care.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade; and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled “Food Marketing: Can ‘Voluntary’ Government Restrictions Improve Children’s Health?” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Cutting EPA Spending.” 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Understanding Consumer Attitudes About Privacy.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.” 1 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “H.R. 1418, the ‘Small Business Lending Enhancement Act of 2011.’” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 12, Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement.” 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled “Emerging Threats and Security in the Western Hemisphere: Next Steps for U.S. Policy.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 13, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “TSA Reform: Exploring Innovations in Technology Procurement to Stimulate Job Growth, Part II.” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, October 13, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “Federal Election Commission: Reviewing Policies, Processes and Procedures.” 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 11, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1996, the “Government Litigation Savings Act.” 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Crimes, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Uncertain Justice: The Status of Federal Sentencing and the U.S. Sentencing

Commission Six Years after U.S. v. Booker.” 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled “One Year after President Obama’s Gulf of Mexico 6-Month Moratorium Officially Lifted: Examining the Lingering Impacts on Jobs, Energy Production and Local Economies.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 13, full Committee, hearing entitled “BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 12, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Status Report on the Transition to a Civilian-Led Mission in Iraq.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “Running on Empty: How the Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gamble Will Impact Small Business and Consumers.” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, October 12, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled “What Makes for Successful K–12 STEM Education: A Closer Look at Effective STEM Education Approaches.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 12, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “The International Space Station: Lessons from the Soyuz Rocket Failure and Return to Flight.” 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “The Endangered Species Act: Reviewing the Nexus of Science and Policy.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Advancing Coal Research and Development for a Secure Energy Future.” 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled “LightSquared: The Impact to Small Business GPS Users.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 12, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “National Infrastructure Bank: More Bureaucracy and More Red Tape.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 13, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Streamlining Emergency Management: Improving Preparedness, Response, and Cutting Costs.” 8:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 12, full Committee, hearing entitled “Failures at Miami VAMC: Window to a National Problem.” 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 11, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 4 p.m., HVC–304.