

Committee Meetings

NUCLEAR WEAPONS MODERNIZATION IN RUSSIAN AND CHINA

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

SOLYNDRA LOAN GUARANTEE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Continuing Developments Regarding the Solyndra Loan Guarantee.” Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Treasury: Gary Grippio, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fiscal Operations and Policy, Gary H. Burner, Chief Financial Officer, Federal Financing Bank.

DODD-FRANK DERIVATIVES LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Bring Certainty to the Over-the-Counter Derivatives Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEXT STEPS IN IRAN AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Iran and Syria: Next Steps?—Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of State: Wendy R. Sherman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and David S. Cohen, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

NARCOTICS, TERRORISM AND SOUTHERN U.S. BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, held a hearing entitled “A Call to Action: Narco-Terrorism’s Threat to the Southern U.S. Border.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL RIGHT-TO-CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2011

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued markup of H.R. 822 “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011”.

COMPENSATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR LOST REVENUE FROM NON-TAXABLE FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, held a hearing entitled “Payments in Lieu of Taxes.” Testimony

was heard from Pamela K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, Department of Interior; Lynne Corn, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, and a public witness.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 17 through October 22, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2112, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

On *Monday*, at 5:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Cathy Bissoon, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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 Armed Services: October 19, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the final report of the Commission on War-time Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 19, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine market microstructure, focusing on an examination of Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on continuation of the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 20, Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the Group of Twenty (G20) and global economic and financial risks, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 18, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine pipeline safety since San Bruno and other recent incidents, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine concussions and the marketing of sports equipment, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the status of response capability and readiness for oil spills in foreign Outer Continental Shelf waters adjacent to United States waters, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 19, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 544, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, S. 1083, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the Smoky Hill Trail, an overland trail across the Great Plains during pioneer days in Kansas and Colorado, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System, S. 1084, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the routes of the Shawnee Cattle Trail, the oldest of the major Texas Cattle Trails, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System, S. 1303, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish Fort Monroe National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 1325, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1347, to establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, S. 1421, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 1478, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept from the Board of Directors of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center Foundation, Inc., the donation of title to The National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

October 20, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold an oversight hearing to examine shale gas production and water resources in the Eastern United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 18, to hold hearings to examine a review of the 2011 floods and the condition of the nation's flood control systems, 10 a.m., SD-406.

October 19, Full Committee, with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Brownfields Program, focusing on cleaning up and rebuilding communities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 18, to hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for charitable giving, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 18, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the recession and older Americans, 10 a.m., SD-430.

October 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Elementary and Secondary Education Act", and any pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 18, to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11 and the anthrax attacks, focusing on protecting against biological threats, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 20, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs, to hold hearings to examine accountability at the Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA), 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 20, business meeting to consider S. 1262, to improve Indian education; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 134, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights, S. 399, to modify the purposes and operation of certain facilities of the Bureau of Reclamation to implement the water rights compact among the State of Montana, the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, and the United States, S. 1298, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 1327, to amend the Act of March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Dineh Corporation, and S. 1345, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the "Small Business Jobs Act of 2010", one year later, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 18, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.