

and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency Budgets for Fiscal Year 2013". Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenko, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Lek Kadeli, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS DUBIOUS CONTRACTING PRACTICES: SAVANNAH

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "VA's Dubious Contracting Practices: Savannah". Testimony was heard from Robert L. Neary, Acting Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### INDEPENDENT PAYMENT ADVISORY BOARD AND MEDICARE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on how the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) will impact the Medicare program, its beneficiaries, and health care providers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* To hold hearings to examine healthy food initiatives, local production, and nutrition, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Navy, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine the situation in Syria; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* To hold hearings to examine priorities, plans, and progress of the nation's space program, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's

proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 29, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 1150, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1191, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut, S. 1198, to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, S. 1215, to provide for the exchange of land located in the Lowell National Historical Park, S. 1589, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, S. 1708, to establish the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, S. 2131, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, and the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and S. 2133, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* To hold hearings to examine the President's 2012 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* To hold hearings to examine lending discrimination practices and foreclosure abuses, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* To hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Special Committee on Aging:* To hold hearings to examine opportunities for savings, focusing on removing obstacles for small business, 2 p.m., SD-562.

##### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing on budget views and estimates letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under jurisdiction of the Committee for FY 2013, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Federal Bureau of Investigations, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Army, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management/Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Budget, 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Installation, Environment, and BRAC, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2 p.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the Treasury Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Transportation Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing on assessing mobility airlift capabilities and operational risks under the revised 2012 defense strategy, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: The Pivotal Role of Communications Networks”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative: Rising Gasoline Prices”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capitol Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “The Securities Investor Protection Corporation: Past, Present, and Future” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2106, the “Syria Freedom Support Act”; H.R. 890, the “Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2011”; H.R. 1410 the “Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2011”; H.R. 3783, the “Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012”; H.R. 4041, the “Export Promotion Reform Act”; and S. Con. Res. 17, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the Inter-

national Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “The State Department’s Reward Programs: Performance and Potential”, 2 p.m., 2127 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, markup of H.R. 2179, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to United Service Organization, Incorporated, and for other purposes, 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The Prescription Drug Epidemic in America”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on H.R. 3808, the “Scott Gardner Act”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Council on Environmental Quality’s Fiscal Year 2013 Funding Request and the Effects on NEPA, National Ocean Policy and Other Federal Environmental Policy Initiatives”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, markup of the following: Views and Estimates on the Small Business Administration’s FY 2013 budget request; H.R. 3850, the “Government Efficiency through Small Business Contracting Act of 2012”; H.R. 3851, the “Small Business Advocate Act of 2012”; H.R. 3893, the “Subcontracting Transparency and Reliability Act of 2012”; H.R. 3980, the “Small Business Opportunity Act of 2012”; H.R. 4118, the “Small Business Procurement Improvement Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4121, the “Early Stage Small Business Contracting Act of 2012”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Protecting Maritime Jobs and Enhancing Marine Safety in the Post-Budget Control Act Fiscal Environment: A Review of the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2013 Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Closely-Held Businesses in the Context of Tax Reform”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.