

Department of Human Services; Craig Burlingame, Chief Information Officer, Trial Court Information Services, Massachusetts Court System; and public witnesses.

HOW DISABILITY IS DECIDED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on how disability is decided. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Trudy Lyon-Hart, Director, Office of Disability Determination Services, Vermont Agency of Human Services, on behalf of the National Council of Disability Determination Directors; Lisa D. Ekman, Senior Policy Advisor, Health and Disability Advocates on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Social Security Task Force; Dan Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Leighton Chan, Chief, Rehabilitation Medicine Department, National Institutes of Health.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine balancing prosperity and security, focusing on challenges for United States air travel in a 21st century global economy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

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

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine strengthening market oversight and integrity, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the Defense

Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine retooling government for the 21st century, focusing on the President's reorganization plan and reducing duplication, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine convicting the guilty and exonerating the innocent, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine Verizon and cable deals, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Non Commissioned Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and The Retired Enlisted Association, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled "To Identify Duplicative Federal Rural Development Programs", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Projects, hearing on the FY 2013 Budget for Department of State, Near Eastern Affairs, 8:30 a.m., HVC-301. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Veterans Employment and Training Programs, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

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 Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the U.S. Central Command and the International Security Assistance Force, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This is a closed hearing.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., H–309, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security Facilities, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Issues, 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on FY 2013 Budget Request for Small Business Administration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Defense Health Program budget overview, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, markup of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reviewing the President’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposals for the U.S. Department of Labor”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight and the Anniversary of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprise, hearing on the Swap Data and Clearing House Indemnification Correction Act of 2012, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, business meeting to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum for the appearance of Edith O’Brien, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Russia 2012: Increased Repression, Rampant Corruption, Assisting Rogue Regimes”, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Halting the Descent: U.S. Policy toward the Deteriorating Situation in Iraq”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Iran, Hezbollah, and the Threat to the Homeland”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Secure Identification: The REAL ID Act’s Minimum Standards for Driver’s Licenses and Identification Cards”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: Federal Regulations and Regulatory Reform under the Obama Administration”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Harnessing American Resources to Create Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Families and Cost-of-Life Impacts”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Europe’s Sovereign Debt Crisis: Causes, Consequences for the United States and Lessons Learned”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “FOIA in the 21st Century: Using Technology to Improve Transparency in Government”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Job Creation Roadmap: How America’s Entrepreneurs Can Lead Our Economic Recovery”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Review of Innovative Financing Approaches for Community Water Infrastructure Projects—Part II”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine prerequisites for progress in Northern Ireland, focusing on the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, and the current challenges to full implementation of the agreement and the action that is necessary for continued confidence and progress in the peace process, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn Building.