

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: On Wednesday, March 21, 2012, the full Committee held a markup. The following was ordered reported, as amended: a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY PROVISIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Motor Vehicle Safety Provisions in House and Senate Highway Bills”. Testimony was heard from Representative Lewis (GA); David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Transportation Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

HOW MOBILE PAYMENTS COULD CHANGE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “The Future of Money: How Mobile Payments Could Change Financial Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING ONE DHS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Building One DHS: Why is Employee Morale Low?”. Testimony was heard from Catherine Emerson, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

EFFECTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2013 BUDGET FOR THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY 2013 Budget for the U.S. Geological Survey on Private Sector Job Creation, Hazard Protection, Mineral Resources and Deficit Reduction”. Testimony was heard from Marcia McNutt, Director, Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

LATEST THREAT TO ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Empty Hooks: The National Ocean Policy is the Latest Threat to Access for Recreational and Commercial Fisherman”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3985, the “Building Better Business Partnerships Act of 2012”; H.R. 3987, the “Small Business Protection Act of 2012”; H.R. 4081, the “Contractor Opportunity Protection Act of 2012”; H.R. 4206, the “Contracting Oversight for Small Business Jobs Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4203, the “Women’s Procurement Program Improvement Act of 2012”. The following bills were order reported, as amended: H.R. 3985; H.R. 3987; H.R. 4081; and H.R. 4206. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4203.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OPERATIONS AND THE 2012 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Internal Revenue Service Operations and the 2012 Tax Return Filing Season”. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings**PROGRESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. On Wednesday, March 21, 2012, commission concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Christopher Stanley, British-Irish Rights Watch, London; Mark Thompson, Relatives for Justice, Brian Gormally, Committee on the Administration of Justice, and Geraldine Finucane, all of Belfast; and Patricia Lundy, University of Ulster, Jordanstown.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.