

### TAPPING AMERICA'S UNCONVENTIONAL OIL RESOURCES FOR JOB CREATION AND AFFORDABLE DOMESTIC ENERGY

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Tapping America's Unconventional Oil Resources for Job Creation and Affordable Domestic Energy: Technology and Policy Pathways". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### GSA'S SQUANDERING OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled "GSA's Squandering of Taxpayer Dollars: A Pattern of Mismanagement, Excess, and Waste". Testimony was heard from the following GSA officials: Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator; Brian Miller, Inspector General; Martha Johnson, Former Administrator; Susan Brita, Deputy Administrator; Alison Doone, Chief Financial Officer; Robert Peck, Former Public Buildings Service (PBS) Commissioner; David Foley, Public Building Services Deputy Commissioner; and Lisa Daniels, Event Planner, Public Buildings Service.

### TAX REFORM AND TAX-FAVORED RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing on tax reform and tax-favored retirement accounts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### TAXATION OF CAPITAL

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the taxation of capital affects growth and employment, after receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Washington, DC.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

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

Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on a review of the recent Inspector General management deficiency report and an assessment of the fiscal year 2013 General Services Administration (GSA) funding request, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the National Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013, 2 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine protecting commuters, focusing on ensuring accountability and oversight in tolling, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration (GSA), 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold a hearing to examine the Asia Pacific, focusing on trade opportunities for agriculture and food producers from the Great Plains to the Pacific Northwest, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Iran and Syria, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States policy response to entrenched African leadership, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine effective strategies for accelerated learning, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Xavier Dempsey, of California, Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine perspectives from the entrepreneurial ecosystem, focusing on creating jobs and growing businesses through entrepreneurship, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

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

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care, focusing on saving money by serving seniors, 2 p.m., SH-216.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, business meeting to consider a proposal to satisfy the Committee's reconciliation instructions required by H. Con. Res. 112, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Navy's 30 Year Shipbuilding Plan—Assumptions and Associated Risks to National Security, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Reviewing the Impact of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' Regulatory and Enforcement Actions", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "FDA User Fees 2012: How Innovation Helps Patients and Jobs", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Budget and Spending Concerns at DOE", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup of the "Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act of 2012" and the Committee Print of Budget Reconciliation legislative recommendations of the Committee on Financial Services, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "North Korea after Kim Jong-il: Still Dangerous and Erratic", 10 a.m., 2127 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "Bureau of Counterterrorism: Budget, Programs, and Policies", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled "Building Secure Partnerships in Travel, Commerce, and Trade with the Asia-Pacific Region", 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Full Committee, markup of H.R. 3674, the "PRECISE Act of 2011", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Library of Congress: Ensuring Continuity and Efficiency During Leadership Transitions", 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, continue markup of Committee Print of Material to be Transmitted to the Committee on the Budget Pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con Res. 112, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled "Voting Wrongs: Oversight of the Justice Department's Voting Rights Enforcement", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled "Document Fraud in Employment Authorization: How an E-Verify Requirement Can Help", 11:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup of Committee Print of Material to be Transmitted to the Committee on the Budget Pursuant to Section 201 of H. Con. Res. 112, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, markup of the following measures: H.R. 538, the "Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act"; H.R. 3609, the "Taxpayers Right to Know Act"; H.R. 4257, the "Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012"; H.R. 4363, providing the authority to offer phased retirement to federal employees; legislation clarifying that Federal tax levies may be enforced against TSP accounts; and H.R. 4364, reforming the law governing the pay of recess appointees, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled "NSF Major Multi-User Research Facilities Management: Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled "Avoiding the Spectrum Crunch: Growing the Wireless Economy through Innovation", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Tax Outlook for Small Businesses: What's on the Horizon?", 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "How Reliability of the Inland Waterway System Impacts Economic Competitiveness", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "From the Inside Out: A Look at Claims Representatives' Role in the Disability Claims Process", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup of H.R. 4114, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012"; H.R. 2377, the "RAPID Claims Act"; and H.R. 4142, the "American Heroes COLA Act", 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup of legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, H. Con. Res. 112, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.