

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Susan Spear, Acting Director, Budget, both of the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government 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 funding request, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, and Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, both of the General Services Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, focusing on challenges in attaining audit readiness and improving business processes and systems, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Joseph W. Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army and Chief Management Officer, Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, David Tillotson III, Deputy Chief Management Officer of

the Air Force, and Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

NATIONAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY LABORATORIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the National Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories, after receiving testimony from Charles F. McMillan, Laboratory Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Paul J. Hommert, President and Director, Sandia National Laboratories, and Penrose C. Albright, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and Charles V. Shank, and C. Kumar N. Patel, both a Co-Chairman, National Research Council Committee on Review of the Quality of the Management and of the Science and Engineering Research at the National Security Laboratories, all of the Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee began consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

PROTECTING COMMUTERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting commuters, focusing on ensuring accountability and oversight in tolling, after receiving testimony from Bill Baroni, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Deputy Executive Director, New York; Eugene A. Conti, Jr., North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary, Raleigh, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Steve Grabell, NFI, Vineland, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations; and Chris Plaushin, AAA, Washington, DC.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, and Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, both of the General Services Administration.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCERS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the Asia Pacific, focusing on trade opportunities for agriculture and food producers from the Great Plains to the Pacific Northwest, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment; Islam Siddiqui, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Darci Vetter, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Mark Powers, Northwest Horticultural Council, Yakima, Washington; Paul Casper, South Dakota Soybean Association, Sioux Falls; Steve Crider, Amy's Kitchen, Medford, Oregon; and Steve Thomson, King Estate Winery, Eugene, Oregon.

IRAN AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Iran and Syria from National Security Briefers.

U.S. AFRICAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the United States policy response to entrenched African leadership, including S. Res. 402, condemning Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army for committing crimes against humanity and mass atrocities, and supporting ongoing efforts by the United States Government and governments in central Africa to remove Joseph Kony and Lord's Resistance Army commanders from the battlefield, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Earl Gast, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Christopher Fomunyoh, National Democratic Institute, Washington, DC.; and Mo Ibrahim, London, United Kingdom.

ACCELERATED LEARNING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine effective strategies for accelerated learning, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. Rudin, The College Board, Washington, DC.; Carolyn Bacon Dickson, O'Donnell Foundation, Dallas, Texas; Peter Winograd, University of New Mexico Center for Education Policy Research, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Marybeth Shubert, Advanced Programs Initiative, Inc., Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Joel Vargas, Jobs for the Future, Boston, Massachusetts.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives from the entrepreneurial ecosystem, focusing on creating jobs and growing businesses through entrepreneurship, after receiving testimony from Nishith Acharya, Director, Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Mayor Craig Lowe, Gainesville, Florida; Evan Burfield, StartupDC, Washington, DC.; Scott Daugherty, North Carolina Small Business Technology Development Center, Raleigh; Christina Friederichs, Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program, Kansas City, Missouri; Scott D. Gerber, Young Entrepreneur Council, Hoboken, New Jersey; Juliet Gorman, Etsy, Brooklyn, New York; Patricia G. Greene, Babson College, Babson Park, Massachusetts; Jennifer Hyman, Rent the Runway, New York, New York; Alex Laskey, Opower, and Matt Mitchell, George Mason University Mercatus Center, both of Arlington, Virginia; Joe Nigro, Vsnap.com, Boston, Massachusetts; Vivek Wadhwa, Stanford University, Moffett Field, California; and Tim Williamson, The Idea Village, New Orleans, Louisiana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

FUTURE OF LONG-TERM CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of long-term care, focusing on saving money by serving seniors, after receiving testimony from John O'Brien, Director of Healthcare and Insurance, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Loren Colman, Minnesota Department of Human Services Assistant Commissioner for Continuing Care, St. Paul; Judith Feder, Georgetown University Georgetown Public Policy Institute, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, DC.; and Bruce A. Chernof, The SCAN Foundation, Long Beach, California.