

Facilities Management: Ensuring Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### GROWING THE WIRELESS ECONOMY THROUGH INNOVATION

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Avoiding the Spectrum Crunch: Growing the Wireless Economy through Innovation”. Testimony was heard from James Olthoff, Deputy Director, Physical Measurement Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Rangam Subramanian, Chief Wireless and Technology Strategist, Idaho National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

### TAX OUTLOOK FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Tax Outlook for Small Businesses: What’s on the Horizon?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RELIABILITY OF THE INLAND WATERWAY SYSTEM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “How Reliability of the Inland Waterway System Impacts Economic Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from Major General John Peabody, Mississippi River Valley Division, Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

### A LOOK AT CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVES’ ROLE IN THE DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From the Inside Out: A Look at Claims Representatives’ Role in the Disability Claims Process”. Testimony was heard from Tom Murphy, Director of Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup of the following measures: 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”. The following measure was forwarded, without amendment, H.R. 4114, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”. The following measures were forwarded, as amended: H.R. 2377, the “RAPID Claims Act”; and H.R. 4142, the “American Heroes COLA Act”.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee continue 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.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2013 302(b) allocations and to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and related agencies, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the impacts of sea level rise on domestic energy and water infrastructure, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine delays in OSHA’s standard-setting process and the impact on worker safety, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, John Thomas Fowlkes, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Kevin McNulty, and Michael A. Shipp, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Stephanie Marie Rose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Gonzalo P. Curiel, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Robert J. Shelby, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 10 a.m., SD–226.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, markup of Appropriations Bill FY 2013, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing on Recent Developments in the Middle East: The Security Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 4345, the “Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2012”, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Where the Jobs Are: Can American Manufacturing Thrive Again?”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Budget Hearing—the Office of Financial Research”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled “The DHS and DOE National Labs: Finding Efficiencies and Optimizing Outputs in Homeland Security Research and Development”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The

Prosecution of Former Senator Ted Stevens”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4043, the “Military Readiness and Southern Sea Otter Conservation Act”, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing entitled “Bureau of Land Management’s Hydraulic Fracturing Rule’s Impact on Indian Tribal Energy Development”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Problems at the Internal Revenue Service: Closing the Tax Gap and Preventing Identity Theft”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “Impact of Tax Policies on the Commercial Application of Renewable Energy and Technology”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Equity Finance: Catalyst for Small Business Growth”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Use of Technology to Better Target Benefits and Eliminate Waste, Fraud, and Abuse”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.