

KEEPING AMERICA FIRST: FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY AT NSF, NIST, OSTP AND INTERAGENCY STEM PROGRAMS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Keeping America FIRST: Federal Investments in Research, Science, and Technology at NSF, NIST, OSTP and Interagency STEM Programs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CORRECTING KERFUFFLES—ANALYZING PROHIBITED PRACTICES AND PREVENTABLE PATIENT DEATHS AT JACKSON VAMC

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Correcting Kerfuffles—Analyzing Prohibited Practices and Preventable Patient Deaths at Jackson VAMC”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA'S INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM—A PROGRAM REVIEW

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “VA's Independent Living Program—A Program Review”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Margarita Devlin, Acting Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Jason Furman, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine Southeast regional perspective on “Magnuson-Stevens Act” reauthorization, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 753, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, S. 1169, to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, and S. 1309, to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 1271, to direct the President to establish guidelines for the United States foreign assistance programs, an original bill entitled, “Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2013”, and the nominations of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, and Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of the District of Columbia, Theodore Strickland, of Ohio, and Stephen N. Zack, of Florida, all to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, 11:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on developments in Egypt, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Eastern Partnership, focusing on the outlook for Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, Armenia, and Azerbaijan, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine ensuring access to higher education, focusing on simplifying Federal student aid for today's college student, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine contract support costs and sequestration, focusing on Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, S. 975, to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009, and the nominations of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Pamela L. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Vince Girdhari Chhabria, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Peter C. Tobin, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, and Amos Rojas, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine cartel prosecution, focusing on stopping price fixers and protecting consumers, 2:45 p.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on Schools, Colleges, and Universities”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Obamacare Implementation Problems: More than Just a Broken Website”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Impact of Patent Assertion Entities on Innovation and the Economy”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “EPA’s Proposed GHG Standards for New Power Plants; and a measure regarding the Whitfield-Manchin legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 3329, to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and for other purposes; H.R. 3468, the “Credit Union Share Insurance

Fund Parity Act”; H.R. 1800, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 2274, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3448, the “Small Cap Liquidity Reform Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “TSA’s SPOT Program and Initial Lessons From the LAX Shooting”, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Over-Criminalization Task Force, hearing on Regulatory Crime: Solutions, 10:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee markup on the following legislation: H.R. 1308, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; H.R. 2798, to amend Public Law 106-206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; H.R. 2824, the “Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America”; H.R. 3008, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3188, the “Yosemite Rim Fire Emergency Salvage Act”; and H.R. 3189, the “Water Rights Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Reviewing Alternatives to Amtrak’s Annual Losses in Food and Beverage Service”, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Border Security Oversight, Part III: Border Crossing Cards and B1/B2 Visas”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3350, the “Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Transparency and Accountability within the Environmental Protection Agency”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled “Self-Insurance and Health Benefits: An Affordable Option for Small Business?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Progress Report: Hurricane Sandy Recovery—One Year Later”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Addressing Operational Challenges to Ensure Accurate and Optimal VA Third Party Collections”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.