

Committee Meetings

BIG DATA AND AGRICULTURE: INNOVATION IN THE AIR

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Big Data and Agriculture: Innovation in the Air”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEXT STEPS IN K–12 EDUCATION: EXAMINING RECENT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Next Steps in K–12 Education: Examining Recent Efforts to Implement the Every Student Succeeds Act”. Testimony was heard from John B. King, Jr., Secretary, Department of Education; Stephen L. Pruitt, Commissioner of Education, Kentucky Department of Education; and public witnesses.

THE NEXT TERRORIST FINANCIERS: STOPPING THEM BEFORE THEY START

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “The Next Terrorist Financiers: Stopping Them Before They Start”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COUNTERING THE VIRTUAL CALIPHATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Countering the Virtual Caliphate”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGAN HARVESTING: AN EXAMINATION OF A BRUTAL PRACTICE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a joint hearing entitled “Organ Harvesting: An Examination of a Brutal Practice”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy in the Pacific: The Struggle to Maintain Influence”. Testimony was heard from Matthew J. Matthews, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, Senior Official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bu-

reau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE TO FINDINGS OF UNETHICAL AND CRIMINAL CONDUCT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s Response to Findings of Unethical and Criminal Conduct at the Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Steve Guertin, Deputy Director of Policy, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 5032, to allow certain property in the town of Louisa, Virginia, to be used for purposes related to compliance with water quality standards, and for other purposes; H.R. 5430, the “Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act of 2016”; H.R. 5468, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment obligations under Repayment Contracts between the United States and the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District; and a discussion draft of the “Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah; and Representatives Calvert; Brat; and Gohmert; Dionne E. Thompson, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of the Interior; Tom Filer, Town Manager, Louisa, Virginia; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2167, the “Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2015”; H.R. 2333, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain property related to the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas; H.R. 4387, the “Tule Lake National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2016”; and H.R. 5114, the “21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act of 2016”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McSally; and Moulton; Michael Reynolds, Associate Director for Workforce and Inclusion, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

DAMAGING REPERCUSSIONS: DOL'S OVERTIME RULE, SMALL EMPLOYERS, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Damaging Repercussions: DOL’s Overtime Rule, Small Employers, and their Employees”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3216, the “VET Act”; H.R. 4150, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Medical Staffing Recruitment and Retention Act”; H.R. 4764, the “Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act of 2016”; H.R. 5047, the “Protecting Veterans’ Educational Choice Act of 2016”; H.R. 5083, the “VA Appeals Modernization Act of 2016”; H.R. 5162, the “Vet Connect Act of 2016”; H.R. 5166, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 5392, the “No Veterans Crisis Line Call Should Go Unanswered Act”; H.R. 5407, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to prioritize the provision of services to homeless veterans with dependent children in carrying out homeless veterans reintegration programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5416, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand burial benefits for veterans who die while receiving hospital care or medical services under the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5420, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to acquire, operate,

and maintain the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Marne-la-Coquette, France; and H.R. 5428, the “Military Residency Choice Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lamborn; Titus; Ruiz; O’Rourke; DeSantis; Yoho; Jody B. Hice of Georgia; Newhouse; and Young of Iowa; Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.