

EXAMINING THE NATION'S CURRENT AND NEXT GENERATION WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAMS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on the Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Nation’s Current and Next Generation Weather Satellite Programs”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Volz, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ralph Stoffler, Director of Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, U.S. Air Force; and Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5638, the “Solar Fuels Innovation Act”; H.R. 5640, the “Electricity Storage Innovation Act”; and H.R. 5636, the “National Institute of Standards and Technology Campus Security Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 5638 and H.R. 5640. H.R. 5636 was ordered reported, without amendment.

PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING AT UNITED STATES PORTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; and the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security, held a joint hearing entitled “Prevention of Smuggling at United States Ports”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Deputy Commandant for Operations, Policy, and Capabilities, U.S. Coast Guard; Wayne Brasure, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Todd C. Owen, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; Anne Harrington, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration; Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Gregory H. Canavan, Senior Fellow, Los Alamos National Laboratories; David A. Espie, Director of Security, Maryland Port Administration, Port of Baltimore; and a public witness.

DEFYING THE CONSTITUTION: THE ADMINISTRATION'S UNLAWFUL FUNDING OF THE COST SHARING REDUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Defying the Constitution: The Administration’s Unlawful Funding of the Cost Sharing Reduction Program”. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Mary Wakefield, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Mazur, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Michael Deich, Senior Advisor for Budget, Office of Management and Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5613, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction of supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2016; and H.R. 5523, the “Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act”. H.R. 5613 and H.R. 5523 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D753)

H.R. 3114, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities. Signed on July 6, 2016. (Public Law 114–189)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The ACA’s Cost Sharing Reduction Program: Ramifications of the Administration’s Decision on the Source of Funding for the CSR Program”, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Contracting Fairness”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Benghazi, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Report of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi, 9 a.m., HVC–301. This meeting will be closed.