Committee Meetings

A 2022 REVIEW OF THE FARM BILL: THE ROLE OF USDA PROGRAMS IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: The Role of USDA Programs in Addressing Climate Change''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled ''United States Central Command''. Testimony was heard from General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., Commander, U.S. Central Command. This hearing was closed.

ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled ''Energy, Installations, and Environment Program Update''. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Paul Cramer, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Energy, Installations, and Environment; Paul Farnan, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, Energy, Installations, and Environment; Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations, and the Environment; and Edwin Oshiba, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy, Installations, and the Environment.

ENSURING WOMEN CAN THRIVE IN A POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Ensuring Women Can Thrive in a Post-Pandemic Economy''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a business meeting to approve new subcommittee assignments. Subcommittee assignments were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6102, the ''Black Lung Benefits Improvement Act of 2021''; H.R. 5129, the ''Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act of 2021''; H.R. 2499, the ''Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2021''; H.R. 5428, the ''School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act''; H.R. 3114, the ''Longshore and Harbor Workers' COVID–19 Compensation Act of 2021'', and H.R. 6087, the ''Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act''. H.R. 6102, H.R. 5129, H.R. 2499, H.R. 5428, H.R. 3114, and H.R. 6087 were ordered reported, as amended.

5G AND BEYOND: EXPLORING THE NEXT WIRELESS FRONTIER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled ''5G and Beyond: Exploring the Next Wireless Frontier''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EARLY SIGNS OF WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES COMMITTED BY THE RUSSIAN MILITARY DURING THE FULL-SCALE INVASION OF UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment held a hearing entitled ''Early Signs of War Crimes and Human Rights Abuses Committed by the Russian Military During the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

11 YEARS OF WAR: THE HUMANITARIAN IMPACT OF THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled ''11 Years of War: The Humanitarian Impact of the Ongoing Conflict in Syria''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 350, the ''Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2021''; H.R. 5460, the ''Virgin Islands Visa Waiver Act of 2021''; and H.R. 301, to amend title 36, United States Code, to establish the composition known as ''Lift Every Voice and Sing'' as the national hymn of the United States.

FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE: EVALUATING THE ROLE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT IN REDUCING CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled ''Fighting Fire with Fire: Evaluating the Role of Forest Management in Reducing Catastrophic Wildfires''. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

BIOENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUELS AND CHEMICALS OF TOMORROW

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled ''Bioenergy Research and Development for the Fuels and Chemicals of Tomorrow''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AN EMPIRICAL REVIEW OF THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled ''An Empirical Review of the Paycheck Protection Program''. Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

PROPOSALS FOR A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2022: MEMBERS' DAY HEARING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled ''Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2022: Members' Day Hearing''. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fletcher, Wittman, Garcia of Texas, Porter, Tlaib, Allen, Soto, Higgins of New York, Gottheimer, Costa, Miller of Illinois, Issa, Wasserman Schultz, Newhouse, Schrader, Tonko, Carter of Georgia, Schrier, Trahan, Blunt Rochester, Meng, Mrvan, Foster, Mann, Bishop of Georgia, Blumenauer, Luria, Sessions, Stansbury, Trone, Correa, Lee of Nevada, Plaskett, Valadao, and Case.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on legislation on Permanent Authorization for Flexible Use of Funds for Homeless Veterans; legislation on Veteran Health Training Act; legislation on Permanent Authorization for Education Assistance Benefits During Emergency Situations; legislation on Vaccine Refusal and GI Bill Benefits; legislation on HU–ASH Flexibilities; legislation on VA Home Loan Transparency and Consumer Protection Act of 2022; legislation on Expand Eligibility for Self-employment Assistance under Veteran Readiness and Employment; legislation on Foreign School GI Bill Payment; legislation on Program Approval; legislation on Quality Education for Veterans Act of 2022; H.R. 6458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement to specify an effective period of a transfer of Post-9/11 educational assistance to a dependent; and H.R. 6604, the ''Veterans Eligible to Transfer Schools Credit Act''. Testimony was heard from Brianne Ogilvie, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Oversight, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Case, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 4993, the ''Veterans Emergency Care Reimbursement Act of 2021''; H.R. 5738, the ''Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act''; H.R. 5754, the ''Patient Advocate Tracker Act''; H.R. 5819, the ''Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act''; H.R. 5941, the ''Fairness for Rural Veterans Act of 2021''; H.R. 6647, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes; H.R. 6823, the Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022; and legislation on Long-term Care Veterans Choice Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, McClain, O'Halleran, Rodgers of Washington, and Higgins of Louisiana; Julianne Flynn, Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Community Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Scotte Hartronft, Executive Director, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING FAMILY OUTCOMES THROUGH HOME VISITING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support held a hearing entitled ''Improving Family Outcomes through Home Visiting''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIG IDEAS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES: FOSTERING AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH STARTING, SUSTAINING AND GROWING SMALL BUSINESSES

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Big Ideas for Small Businesses: Fostering American Entrepreneurship Through Starting, Sustaining and Growing Small Businesses''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SHAREHOLDER PRIMACY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of shareholder primacy, focusing on what it means to put stock prices first, after receiving testimony from Lenore Palladino, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Judy Samuelson, Aspen Institute, New York, New York; Frederick Alexander, The Shareholder Commons, Wilmington, Delaware; and Joshua D. Rauh, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the role of digital assets in illicit finance, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kathryn Huff, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy), 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine charitable giving and trends in the nonprofit sector, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pandemic response and accountability, focusing on reducing fraud and expanding access to COVID–19 relief through effective oversight, 10:15 a.m., SD–342.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine building financial inclusion for America's underserved populations, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled ''United States Southern Command'', 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Greater Middle East and Africa'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled ''Defense Intelligence Posture to Support the Warfighters and Policy Makers'', 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled ''The Future of Medicine: Legislation to Encourage Innovation and Improve Oversight'', 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7066, the ''Russia and Belarus Financial Sanctions Act''; H.R. 7081, the ''Ukraine Comprehensive Debt Repayment Relief Act''; H.R. 7080, the ''Nowhere to Hide Oligarchs' Assets''; H.R. 6891, the ''Isolate Russian Government Officials Act''; and H.R. 6899, the ''Russia and Belarus SDR Exchange Prohibition Act'', 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Targeting of Black Institutions: From Church Violence to University Bomb Threats'', 10 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled ''Voting in America: Ensuring Free and Fair Access to the Ballot in Texas'', 3 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled ''Workplace Protections for Federal Judiciary Employees: Flaws in the Current System and the Need for Statutory Change'', 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 3431, the ''Increasing Community Access to Resiliency Grants Act of 2021''; H.R. 6491, the ''Salmon Focused Investments in Sustainable Habitats Act''; H.R. 6651, the ''Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act''; H.R. 6785, the ''Right Whale Coexistence Act of 2022''; and H.R. 6987, to establish programs to reduce the impacts of vessel traffic and underwater noise on marine mammals, and for other purposes, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''HBCUs at Risk: Examining Federal Support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities'', 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Member Day Hearing on Proxy Voting and Remote Committee Proceedings as Established by H. Res. 965 of the 116th Congress'' [Original Jurisdiction Hearing], 9 a.m., H–313 Capitol and Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled ''Setting the Standards: Strengthening U.S. Leadership in Technical Standards'', 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled ''Aviation Noise: Measuring Progress in Addressing Community Concerns'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, business meeting to approve Majority and Minority Subcommittee Assignments, and hearing entitled ''Building a Better VA: Addressing Healthcare Workforce Recruitment and Retention Challenges'', 2 p.m., HVC–210 and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled ''Hearing with IRS Commissioner Rettig on the 2022 Filing Season'', 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Innovative Workplaces, Historic Spaces: Modernizing House Office Buildings'', 9 a.m., 210 Cannon and Zoom.