

BRIEFING—SECURITY CLEARANCES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on Security Clearances. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

CONSTRUCTING A GREEN TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Constructing a Green Transportation Policy: Transit Modes and Infrastructure.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 20, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Federal and State Enforcement of Financial Consumer and Investor Protection Laws,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Serious Commercial Real Estate Credit Crunch and GSA: Leasing and Building During an Economic Crisis, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 23 through March 28, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 6:00 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 25, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 24, to hold hearings to examine United States European Command and United

States Joint Forces Command; with the possibility of a closed session following in SR–222, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

March 25, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH–215.

March 26, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military land power, 2 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 24, to continue hearings to examine modernizing bank supervision and regulation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

March 26, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 25, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on NextGen and the benefits of modernization, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health insurance industry practices, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 24, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

March 25, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine how to improve energy market transparency and regulation, 2 p.m., SD–366.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine legislation to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 24, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine Three Mile Island, focusing on lessons learned over the past 30 years, 10:30 a.m., SD–406.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transportation investment, 10 a.m., SD–406.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Z. Cannon, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: March 25, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the role of long-term care in health reform, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine middle income tax relief, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 24, to hold hearings to examine alleviating global hunger, focusing on challenges and opportunities for United States leadership, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine foreign policy and the global economic crisis, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 24, to hold hearings to examine addressing insurance market reform in national health reform, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 25, to hold hearings to examine Southern border violence, focusing on homeland security threats, vulnerabilities, and responsibilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 24, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine abusive credit card practices and bankruptcy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and the nomination of Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 25, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 25, to hold hearings to examine State-of-the-Art information technology (IT) solutions for Veterans Affairs benefits delivery, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 24, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 25, to hold hearings to examine an update from the Alzheimer's Study Group, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 25, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research, hearing to review the USDA administration of conservation program contracts, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 26, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing on the state of obesity in the United States, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Federal Law Enforcement Response to U.S.-Mexico Border Violence, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 25, Subcommittee on Defense, on Combat Aircraft Acquisition, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 25, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secret Service Protection and Inaugural Security, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 25 and 26, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Native—American and Alaska Natives Issues, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 B-308 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Raising Wages and Living Standards for Families and Workers, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on European Command, 10 a.m., and on Department of Defense/Veterans Affairs Medical Transition, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 25, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

March 25, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and HUD, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on DEA, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 26, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on S&T Research and Transitioning Products Into Use, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH:

Budget Overview, Implementation of ARRA and Status of the National Children's Study, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on State, and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 24, hearing on security development in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. European Command, and U.S. Forces Korea, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 24, Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, joint hearing on Department of Defense Health Information Technology: AHTLA is "Intolerable," Where Do We Go From Here? 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 25, full Committee, hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: How the Use and Misuse of Reconstruction Funding Affects the War Effort in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Contingency Contracting: Has the Call for Urgent Reform Been Answered? 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on readiness and sustainment of the Navy's surface fleet, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on status of the future combat systems program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on requirements for the future capabilities of the United States maritime forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on future roles and missions of the Missile Defense Agency, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 24, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Retirement Security: The Importance of an Independent Investment Adviser, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 25, full Committee, hearing on GAO's Undercover Investigation: Wage Theft of America's Vulnerable Workers, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 24, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Government's Intervention at American International Group," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 25, hearing entitled "Exploring the Balance between Increased Credit Availability and Prudent Lending Standards," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 26, hearing entitled "Addressing the Need for Comprehensive Regulatory Reform," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 24, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Update on Lebanon, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 25, full Committee, to mark up H. Res. 152, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 24, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Security the Smart Grid from Cyber Attack," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 26, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Consolidating DHS: An Update on the St. Elizabeth Project," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, March 26, hearing on the 2008 Election: A look back on what went right and wrong, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 24, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1478, Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Representation of Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases: A Constitutional Crisis in Michigan and Other States? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, joint oversight hearing entitled "Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf and the Future of our Oceans," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 689, To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 1078, Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park Act; and H.R. 1275, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 26, full Committee, oversight hearing entitled "California Drought: Actions by Federal and State agencies to address impacts on lands, fisheries, and water users, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 23, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Census 2010: Assessing the Bureau's Strategy for Reducing the Undercount of Hard-to-Count Populations, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 25, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to mark up H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, March 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing to Examine Federal Vehicle Technology Research and Development Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 24, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Coordination of International Science Partnerships, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 25, full Committee, to mark up the following: the Electronic Waste Research and Development Act; and H.R. 1145, National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Aviation and the Emerging Use of Biofuels, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 25, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs,” 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 26, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Expanding Equity Investment in Small Business,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 24, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Overview of Coast Guard Acquisition Policies and Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 26, full Committee, hearing on the Department of Transportation’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 24, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the Nexus between Engaged in Combat with the Enemy and PTSD in an Era of Changing Warfare Tactics, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 25, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1171, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1377, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; and H.R. 1513, Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 24, Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, joint hearing on Eliminating the Social Security Disability Backlog, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 24, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Trade Aspects of Climate Change Legislation, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 26, full Committee, to continue climate change, to continue hearings on Climate Change Legislation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.