

GPS SERVICE GAP

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “GPS: Can We Avoid A Gap in Service?” Testimony was heard from Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense; MG William N. McCasland, USAF, Director, Space Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force; Steve Huytbrechts, Principal Director, Command, Control, Communications, Space and Spectrum, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Networks and Information Integration/Chief Information Office); and LTG Larry D. James, USAF, Commander, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Air Force Space Command, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command; Karen L Van Dyke, Director, Position Navigation and Timing, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

COMPLEXITY OF THE TAX CODE HINDERS SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing entitled “How the Complexity of the Tax Code Hinders Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Financial Status of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Representatives Oberstar, Mica, Costello and Petri; and Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Director, CBO.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 8, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 11 through May 16, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act.

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: May 12, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, business meeting to mark up proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 supplemental for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for military construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

May 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Labor, 9:45 a.m., SD-138.

May 14, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 supplemental for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the pandemic flu, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: May 12, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Charles Weber, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Paul N. Stockton, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs, Thomas R. Lamont, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SH-216.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 for the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 13, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine manufacturing and the credit crisis, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 12, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 13, Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine tourism in troubled times, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 13, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), focusing on perspectives of aviation stakeholders, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 12, to hold hearings to examine S. 967, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to create a petroleum product reserve, and S. 283, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify the conditions for the release of products from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve Account, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1013, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Sequestration Program Amendments Act of 2009, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 12, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter Silva Silva, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, and Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and JoEllen Darcy, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 12, to hold hearings to examine financing comprehensive health care reform, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, and Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for nuclear non-proliferation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the United States strategy toward Pakistan, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine energy security, focusing on historical perspectives and modern challenges, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 13, Subcommittee on African Affairs, with the Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues, to hold joint hearings to examine confronting rape and other forms of violence against women in conflict zones, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 12, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and any pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine delivery reform, focusing on the roles of primary and specialty care in innovative new delivery models, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Homeland Security, 4 p.m., SD-342.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, focusing on preserving school choice for all, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, and Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 14, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 12, to hold hearings to examine helping state and local law enforcement, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gerard E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and Mary L. Smith, of Illinois, to be Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 13, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine torture and the Office of Legal Counsel in the Bush Administration, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 13, to hold hearings to examine problems for military and overseas voters, focusing on why many soldiers and their families cannot vote, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: May 13, to hold hearings to examine small business financing, focusing on a progress report on Recovery Act implementation and alternative sources of financing, 2:15 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 12, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 14, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review food safety standards for horticulture and organic agriculture, 10 a.m., 1399 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies, on GSA, 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of Homeland Security, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies, on Forest Service, 1:30 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and on Members Requests, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 2 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on State Department, 9:30 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies, on District of Columbia, 9:15 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 9 a.m., and on Fish and Wildlife Service, 1:30 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies, on Indian Health Service, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 13, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy national security programs, 2 p.m., 2112 Rayburn.

May 14, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., and a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on Can DOD Coordinate the Requirements, Budgets and Acquisition Processes to Reduce Cost Growth and Increase Efficiency in Acquisition? 7 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Defense Health Program Overview, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of the Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, May 12, hearing on American's Competitiveness through High School Reform, 3 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Health, Families and Communities, hearing on Improving Child Nutrition Programs to Reduce Childhood Obesity, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the following: Consumer Credit Protection Improvement Act and H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1346, Medical Device Safety Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 13, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Implications of the G–20 Leaders Summit for Low Income Countries and the Global Economy," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "How Should the Federal Government Oversee Insurance?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 14, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the United States and Turkey: A Model Partnership, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, briefing on UN Office on Drugs and Crime's Role in Combating Piracy, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 13, hearing entitled "The President's FY 2010 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 13, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, to mark up H.R. 2200, Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 13, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the National Research Council's publication "Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 14, full Committee, oversight hearing on the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 13, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1916, Migratory Bird Habitat Investment and Enhancement Act; H.R. 2062, Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2188, Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 129, To authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California; H.R. 762, To validate final patent number 27–2005–0081, and for other purposes; H.R. 865, To convey the New River State Park campground located in Mount Rodgers National Recreation Area in the Jefferson National Forest in Carroll County, Virginia, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1442, To provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909; H.R. 1471, To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1641, Cascadia Marine Trail Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 14, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 2008, Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 13, hearing on AIG: Where is the Taxpayer's Money Going? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 14, full Committee, hearing entitled "Protecting the Public from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: H.R. 1507, Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "Protecting the Protectors: An Assessment of Front-line Federal Workers in Response to the H1N1 Flu," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, May 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the National Climate Service Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 14, full Committee, hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 13, hearing entitled "The Role of Small Business Suppliers and Manufacturers in the Domestic Auto Industry," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 13, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Economic Viability of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, (CRAF) Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Requests of the Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, and the Federal Maritime Commission, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 14, full Committee, hearing on An Independent FEMA: Restoring the Nation's Capabilities for Effective Emergency Management and Disaster Response, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Reauthorization of the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Safety Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 13, hearing on Innovative Technologies and Treatments Helping Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 14, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining Appellate Processes and Their Impacts on Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 14, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Federal Contract Compliance, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 14, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on investment obligations in U.S. bilateral investment treaties (BITs) and free trade agreements (FTAs), 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for April 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.