

Overview of the Issues. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Mizrach, Director, VA New Jersey Health Care System, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and public witnesses.

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS—COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LENDING

Committee on Financial Services: and the Committee on Small Business held a joint hearing entitled "Condition of Small Business and Commercial Real Estate Lending in Local Markets." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability and Counselor to the Secretary; John C. Dugan, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and John E. Bowman, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Karen G. Mills, Administrator, SBA; Elizabeth Duke, Governor, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, FDIC.

RADICALIZATION ANALYSIS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Radicalization Analysis. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the road to economic recovery, focusing on prospects for jobs and growth, after receiving testimony from Richard Berner, Morgan Stanley and Co., New York, New York; Jeffrey Joerres, Manpower Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 1 through March 6, 2010

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act, and Senator Baucus, or his designee, will be recognized to offer a substitute amendment.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12:15 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 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the Army budget overview for fiscal year 2011, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine funding and oversight of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 4, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the U.S. Capitol Police, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 3, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the protective forces at the Department of Energy, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 2, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine restoring credit, focusing on proposals to fix small business borrowing and lending problems, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 2, to hold hearings to examine Toyota's recalls and the government's response, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 3, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Fisheries Enforcement Programs and Operations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 3, business meeting to consider any pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's implementation of programs authorized and funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 3, to hold hearings to examine transportation investments relative to the national economy and jobs, 10 a.m., SD-406.

March 4, Full Committee, with the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold joint hearings to examine S. 2995, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 2, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey Alan Goldstein, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury, Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Sherry Glied, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, 11:15 a.m., SD-215.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 2010 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 4, to hold hearings to examine Middle East peace, focusing on ground truths, challenges ahead, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 4, to hold hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on reversing the epidemic, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 3, to hold hearings to examine chemical security, focusing on assessing progress and charting a path forward, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 3, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine oversight challenges in the Medicare prescription drug program, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 4, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine new paradigms for private sector preparedness, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 2, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine global internet freedom and the rule of law, part II, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine encouraging innovative and cost-effective crime reduction strategies, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 4, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 2772, to establish

a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, and the nominations of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Gloria M. Navarro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Audrey Goldstein Fleissig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lucy Haeran Koh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Jon E. DeGuilio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and Jane E. Magnus-Stinson and Tanya Walton Pratt, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 4, business meeting to consider S. 2989, to improve the Small Business Act, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 2, to hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation from Disabled Veterans of America, 2 p.m., 345 Cannon Building.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine mental health care and suicide prevention for veterans, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Ex-Prisoners of War, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Officers Association of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Wounded Warrior Project, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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

March 4, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 3, to consider the following: H.R. 3509, Agricultural Credit Act of 2009; and H.R. 3954, Florida National Forest Land Adjustment Act of 2009; and the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget, 3:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 3, Subcommittee on General Farm, Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review implementation of changes to the Commodity Exchange Act contained in the 2008 Farm Bill, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 2, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Major Systems Acquisition at DHS, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on National Intelligence Program Budget, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Child Nutrition, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 10 a.m., H-310 Capitol, and on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Contingency Transportation and Logistics Issues, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Nuclear Nonproliferation, DOE, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on DHS Intelligence Programs and the Effectiveness of State and Local Fusion Centers, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Transportation Security Administration: Are We Making Smart Investments for Real Transportation Security? 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies, on Strengthening Native American Communities: Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Trust Resources and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Combating Health Care Fraud and Abuse, 2 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on U.S. Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 3, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing to review the Department of Defense process for assessing the requirements to implement repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs, 2 p.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on the Budget, March 3, hearing on Member's Day, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 4, hearing on Defense Department Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 2, hearing on Improving Children's Health: Strengthening Federal Child Nutrition Programs, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 3, hearing with U.S. Secretary of Education on Building a Stronger Economy: Spurring Reform and Innovation in American Education, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on TSCA and Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals: Examining Domestic and International Actions, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to continue hearings entitled "Oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Broadband, Part 3," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 3, to consider Committee Print entitled "Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Haiti Debt Relief," followed by consideration of H.R. 4573, Debt Relief for Earthquake Recovery in Haiti Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 3, hearing on U.S. Policies and Programs for Global Development: USAID and the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on Regional Overview of East Asia and the Pacific, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 4, full Committee, to mark up H. Res. 252, Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Restoring America's Reputation in the World: Why it Matters, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 3, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled: The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 3, hearing on Domestic and International Trademark Implications of HAVANA CLUB and Section 211 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Enforcement of the Criminal Laws Against Medicare and Medicaid Fraud, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 3, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing entitled "Setting the Bar for Accountability: Improving NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcement Programs and Operations, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year

2011 budget requests for the Minerals Management Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the United States Geological Survey (excluding the water resources program), and the USDA Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 4, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 4, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget request for the Power Marketing Administrations, U.S. Department of Energy, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 3, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Transnational Drug Enterprises (Part II): U.S. Government Perspectives on the Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 4, full Committee, hearing entitled "Prostate Cancer: New Questions About Screening and Treatment," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled "Continuing Problems in USDA's Enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, March 2, to consider H.R. 4247, Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, March 3, hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2011, Research and Development Budget Proposal, 12 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 4, hearing on Reform in K-12 STEM Education, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 3, hearing on The Water Resources Development Act of 2007: A Review of Implementation in its Third Year, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on U.S. Mayors Speak Out: Addressing Disasters in Cities, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 4241, To amend chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, to allow for increased flexibility in payments to State veterans homes, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 3, to mark up Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 3, executive, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, briefing on SRP Wrap-Up, 1 p.m., 304 HVC.

March 3, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 3 p.m., 304 HVC.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: March 5, to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2010, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.