

Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Chair, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Inspector General, Department of Justice; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION REFORM ACT (FITARA) SCORECARD 5.0

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 5.0”. Testimony was heard from Max Everett, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; Alison Doone, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; John Bashista, Director of Acquisition Management, Department of Energy; Barbara Helland, Associate Director of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Department of Energy; Dave Powner, Director of IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jay Mahanand, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development; Reginald Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development; Wade Warren, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Maria Roat, Chief Information Officer, Small Business Administration; Tim Gribben, Chief Financial Officer, Small Business Administration; and Althea Coetzee Leslie, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4376, the “Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017”; H.R. 4377, the “Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act of 2017”; H.R. 4378, the “Nuclear Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017”; H.R. 4375, the “STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act”; H.R. 4323, the “Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act”; H.R. 4254, the “Women in Aerospace Education Act”; and H.R. 3397, the “Building Blocks of STEM Act”. H.R. 3397 and H.R. 4254 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4323, H.R. 4375, H.R. 4376, H.R. 4377, and H.R. 4378 were ordered reported, without amendment.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND SMALL BUSINESSES: PROMOTING GREATER INFORMATION SHARING FOR STRONGER CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Federal Government and Small

Businesses: Promoting Greater Information Sharing for Stronger Cybersecurity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TURKEY’S FAILING RULE OF LAW

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the victims of Turkey’s failing rule of law, after receiving testimony from Jonathan R. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; CeCe Heil, American Center for Law and Justice, Franklin, Tennessee; Nate Schenckkan, Freedom House, New York, New York; and Jacqueline Furnari, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nomination of Glen R. Smith, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard readiness, focusing on how far we can stretch our Nation’s only multi-mission, military force, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2070, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorner, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfeld Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and Scott W. Brady, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Andrew E. Lelling, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “The Race to 5G and its Potential to Revolutionize American Competitiveness”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.