

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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The number one priority of this Congress is to foster private sector job creation and get Americans back to work.

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee is uniquely positioned to conduct a broad-based, economy-wide examination of the barriers that stand in the way of job growth and economic recovery. In his State of the Union Address, the President called for a government-wide examination of regulations, to “help our companies compete” and to “knock down barriers that stand in the way of their success.”

In the first three quarters of the 112th Congress, the Committee held numerous hearings, including those at both the full committee and the subcommittee levels, to examine how the rules proposed and implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Interior, the Department of Labor, and the General Services Administration, among others, have hurt job creation. The Full Committee has advanced the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, as well as the Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012, and a moratorium on “Midnight Rules” or major rules offered by a lame duck president.

Private sector economic growth is not only held back by regulatory barriers standing in the way of small, medium-sized, and large businesses, but also by the uncertainty surrounding our nation’s skyrocketing debt. The Committee’s unique position to oversee all federal government agencies and functions, as well as our role in crafting federal workforce and government management legislation, gives us the opportunity to promote private sector economic growth by reducing fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government spending, and improving government performance.

During the first three quarters of the 112th Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held 165 oversight hearings and reported 63 bills and resolutions to the House for consideration, including the restoration of the successful D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, bills dealing with tax accountability for federal employees and contractors, transparency of grants, protecting whistleblowers, reducing the size of the federal workforce through attrition, modernizing the Federal Information Security Management Act, and reforming the United States Postal Service. The Digital Accountability and Transparency Act, a bipartisan transparency spending bill sponsored by the Chairman and Ranking Member and reported by the Committee, was adopted by the House of Representatives on a unanimous voice vote in April 2012.

To carry out its duties most effectively, the Committee established seven standing subcommittees: the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy; the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management; the

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives; the Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations; the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending; the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs; and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform.

I. Legislative Activities

BILLS ENACTED INTO LAW

H.R. 1308, to amend the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act to extend the termination date for the Commission, and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Elton Gallegly on April 1, 2011, passed the House on May 12, 2011, and became Public Law 112-13.

H.R. 2061, Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Richard Hanna on May 31, 2011, passed the House on November 2, 2011, and became Public Law 112-73.

H.R. 3237, the SOAR Technical Corrections Act. Introduced by Rep. Trey Gowdy on October 18, 2011, passed the House on December 6, 2011, and became Public Law 112-92.

S. 1302, a bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy. Introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer on June 29, 2011, passed the House on May 7, 2012, and became Public Law 112-119.

BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

H.R. 471, Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act. Introduced by Rep. John Boehner on January 26, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on March 10, 2011, and ordered favorably reported by a vote of 21 ayes to 14 nays; H. Rept. 112-36 filed on March 17, 2011; and passed the House on March 30, 2011, by a vote of 225-195.

H.R. 665, Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Jason Chaffetz on February 11, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 17, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote; H. Rept. 112-402 filed on February 27, 2012; and passed by the House on March 20, 2012 by a vote of 403-0.

H.R. 1255, Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Steve Womack on March 30, 2011, with primary referral to the Committee on Appropriations. History: The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform did not act on H.R. 1255; and it was passed by the House on April 1, 2011, by a vote of 221-201.

H.R. 1734, Civilian Property Realignment Act. Introduced by Rep. Jeff Denham on May 4, 2011, with the primary referral to the Committee on Transportation. History: The Committee on Transportation reported the bill on February 1, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-384, Part 1); the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform discharged with bill; and on February 7, 2012, it was passed by the House by a vote of 259-164.

H.R. 2146, DATA Act. Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa on June 13, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on June 22, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a voice vote. H.

Rept. 112-260 filed on October 25, 2011; and was passed by the House on April 25, 2012, by voice vote.

H.R. 2297, to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton on June 22, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 3, 2011, ordered favorably reported to the House by voice vote; and passed in the House on December 6, 2011, as amended by voice vote.

H.R. 3581, Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2012. Introduced by Rep. Scott Garrett on December 7, 2011, with a primary referral to the Committee on the Budget. History: On January 31, 2012, report filed by the Committee on the Budget (H. Rept. 112-380, Part 1), discharged by the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Ways and Means; was passed by the House on February 7, 2012, by a vote of 245-180.

H.R. 3835, to extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees. Introduced by Rep. Sean Duffy on January 27, 2012, passed by the House on February 1, 2012, by a vote of 309 – 117.

H.R. 3902, District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act. Introduced by Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton on February 6, 2012. History: Marked up by the Committee on February 7, 2012, ordered reported favorably by voice vote; and passed by the House on February 29, 2012, by voice vote.

H.R. 4257, Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012. Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa on March 26, 2012. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 18, 2012 and ordered reported favorably; H. Rept. 112-455 filed on April 26, 2012; and passed by the House on April 26, 2012, by voice vote.

H. Res. 391, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, on the 10th anniversary of that date. History: H. Res. 391 was introduced on September 7, 2011; the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform did not act on H. Res. 391; and it was agreed to by the House on September 9, 2011, without objection.

S. 627, Budget Control Act of 2011. Introduced by Senator Patrick Leahy on March 17, 2011. History: The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform did not act on S. 627; and it was agreed to by the House on July 29, 2011, by a vote of 218-210.

BILLS PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE

H.R. 373, Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Virginia Foxx on January 20, 2011. History: Marked up by the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform on September 21, 2011, and ordered reported favorably to the Full Committee, as amended, by a recorded vote of 5 ayes to 4 nays; marked up by the Committee on November 17, 2011, and ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a vote of 22 ayes to 12 nays. Committee filed a report on May 16, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-483, Part 1).

H.R. 538, Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act. Introduced by Rep. Henry Cuellar on February 8, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 18, 2012, and ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote. Committee filed a report on June 15, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-534).

H.R. 828, Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Jason Chaffetz on February 28, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 13, 2011, and ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote. Committee filed report on June 23, 2011 (H. Rept. 112-115).

H.R. 829, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Jason Chaffetz on February 28, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 13, 2011, and ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 899, to amend title 41, United States Code, to extend the sunset date for certain protests of task and deliver order contracts. Introduced by Rep. James Lankford on March 3, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on March 10, 2011, and ordered reported favorably, by voice vote; H. Rept. 112-37 filed on March 17, 2011.

H.R. 1470, to amend title 5, U.S.C., to extend the probationary period applicable to appointments in the civil service, and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Dennis Ross on April 8, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 13, 2011, and ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a vote of 15 ayes to 14 nays. Report filed by the Committee on June 23, 2011 (H. Rept. 112-116).

H.R. 1974, Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act. Introduced by Rep. Mike Quigley on May 24, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on June 22, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a voice vote.

H.R. 2008, Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa on May 26, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 26, 2012, ordered reported favorably, by voice vote. Report filed on June 15, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-536).

H.R. 2309, Postal Reform Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa on June 23, 2011. History: Marked up by the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy on September 21, 2011, and ordered reported favorably to the Full Committee, as amended, by a recorded vote of 8 ayes to 5 nays. Marked up by the Committee on October 13, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a recorded vote of 22 Ayes to 18 Nays. Committee filed report on January 12, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-363, Part 1).

H.R. 3029, Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Mick Mulvaney on September 22, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 3, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a recorded vote of 23 Ayes to 14 Nays. Committee filed a report on December 19, 2011 (H. Rept. 112-334).

H.R. 3071, Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Edolphus Towns on September 29, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 17, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 3124, Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Wm. Lacy Clay on October 6, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on October 13, 2011, ordered reported favorably by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3262, Government Results Transparency Act. Introduced by Rep. Frank Guinta on October 26, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 3, 2011, ordered reported favorably by voice vote.

H.R. 3289, Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa on November 1, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 3, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a recorded vote of 35 Ayes to 0 Nays. Committee filed report on May 30, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-508, Part 1).

H.R. 3433, GRANT Act. Introduced by Rep. James Lankford on November 16, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 17, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote. Committee filed report on May 16, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-484).

H.R. 3609, Taxpayers Right to Know Act. Introduced by Rep. James Lankford on December 8, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 26, 2012, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 3813, Securing Annuities for Federal Employees Act of 2012. Introduced by Rep. Dennis Ross on January 24, 2012. History: Marked up by the Committee on February 7, 2012, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a vote of 22 Ayes to 16 Nays. Report filed on February 9, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-394, Part 1).

H.R. 4078, Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012. Introduced by Rep. Tim Griffin on February 17, 2012. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 26, 2012, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a vote of 21 Ayes to 16 Nays. Also referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, which reported the bill on April 27, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-461, Part 1).

H.R. 4363, Federal Employees Phased Retirement Act. Introduced by Rep. Darrell Issa on February 17, 2012. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 18, 2012, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote. Report filed on June 15, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-535).

H.R. 4365, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies. Introduced by Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle on April 17, 2012. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 18, 2012, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 4607, Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012. Introduced by Rep. Reid Ribble on April 24, 2012. History: Marked up by the Committee on April 26, 2012, ordered reported favorably, by

voice vote. Report filed on June 1, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-513, Part 1). Also referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, which discharged the bill on June 1, 2012.

S. 300, Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2011. Introduced by Sen. Chuck Grassley on February 8, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on October 13, 2011, ordered reported favorably by unanimous consent. Committee filed report on January 27, 2012 (H. Rept. 112-376, Part 1).

POSTAL NAMING MEASURES

ENACTED:

H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building".

H.R. 771, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 789, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office".

H.R. 793, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the "Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office."

H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the "Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office."

H.R. 1632, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office".

H.R. 1843, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the "John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building".

H.R. 1975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the "First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building".

H.R. 2062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the "Matthew A. Pucino Post Office".

H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office."

H.R. 2149, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Pahoia Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the "Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building".

H.R. 2213, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the "Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office".

H.R. 2244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the "Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office".

H.R. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building".

H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the "Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office".

H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building".

H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building".

H.R. 3220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office."

H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building."

H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building."

H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building."

H.R. 3413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the "Private Isaac T Cortes Post Office."

S. 349, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4865 Tallmadge Road in Rootstown, Ohio, as the "Marine Sgt. Jeremy E. Murray Post Office."

S. 655, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Dogwood Street in Cary, Mississippi, as the "Spencer Byrd Powers, Jr. Post Office".

S. 1412, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office".

PASSED BY THE HOUSE:

H.R. 2158, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the "Wayne Grisham Post Office."

H.R. 2548, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6310 North University Street in Peoria, Illinois, as the "Charles 'Chip' Lawrence Chan Post Office Building".

H.R. 3637, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter, Florida, as the "Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building."

PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE:

H.R. 3276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the "Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL).

H.R. 3378, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the "Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Dan Benishek (R-MI).

H.R. 3412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1421 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville, Louisiana, as the "Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Charles Boustany (R-LA).

H.R. 3477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the "Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX).

H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the "SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-IN).

H.R. 3593, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the "National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Nan Hayworth (R-NY).

H.R. 3772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the "First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS).

H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Sidney 'Sid' Sanders McMath Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR).

H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the "Nicky 'Nick' Daniel Bacon Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR).

H.R. 3892, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the “Private First Class Victor A. Dew Post Office.”
Sponsored by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA).

Full Committee Business Meetings Held

Jan. 25, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Organization Meeting

Mar. 10, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 899 (Lankford) – To amend title 41, United States Code, to extend the sunset date for certain protests of task and deliver order contracts.

H.R. 899 was ordered reported favorably by voice vote, a quorum being present.

H.R. 793 (Woolsey) – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the “Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office.”

H.R. 793 was ordered reported favorably by unanimous consent, a quorum being present.

H.R. 471 (Boehner) – “Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act,” or “SOAR Act.”

Issa amendment in the nature of a substitute – agreed to by voice vote, a quorum being present.

Norton amendment in the nature of a substitute (to the Issa amendment) – defeated by a record vote of 12 ayes to 21 noes.

Voting aye: Platts, Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Connolly, Braley, Welch, and Murphy.

Voting no: Issa, Burton, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

H.R. 471 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, a quorum being present, by a vote of 21 ayes to 14 nays.

Voting aye: Issa, Burton, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Voting no: Platts, Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Connolly, Quigley, Braley, Welch, Murphy, and Speier.

Apr. 13, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 829 (Chaffetz) – the Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2011.

Chaffetz amendment in the nature of a substitute – agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Connolly amendment to the Chaffetz substitute – defeated by voice vote.

Speier amendment to the Chaffetz substitute – agreed to by voice vote.

Quigley amendment to the Chaffetz substitute – ruled out-of-order (non-germane)

Tierney amendment to the Chaffetz substitute – ruled out-of-order (non-germane)

H.R. 829 was ordered reported favorably by voice vote, as amended, a quorum being present.

H.R. 828 (Chaffetz) – the Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011.

Chaffetz amendment in the nature of a substitute – agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Lynch amendment to the Chaffetz substitute – agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

-Issa asked unanimous consent to change “90” to “60” on page 2, line 10 of the amendment.

There was no objection.

Davis amendment to the Chaffetz substitute – defeated by voice vote.

H.R. 828 was ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote, a quorum being present.

H.R. 1470 (Ross-FL) – To amend title 5, U.S.C., to extend the probationary period applicable to appointments in the civil service, and for other purposes.

Ross amendment in the nature of a substitute – agreed to by voice vote.

Connolly amendment to the Ross substitute – ruled out-of-order (non-germane)

Cummings amendment to the Ross substitute – defeated by a vote of 13 ayes to 14 noes.

Voting aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Davis, Braley, Murphy and Speier.

Voting no: Issa, Burton, Platts, Chaffetz, Walberg, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross and Farenthold.

H.R. 1470 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, a quorum being present, by a vote of 15 ayes to 14 nays.

Voting aye: Issa, Burton, McHenry, Chaffetz, Walberg, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta and Farenthold.

Voting no: Platts, Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Davis, Braley, Murphy, and Speier.

H.R. 1423 (Cole) – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the “Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office.”

H.R. 1423 was ordered favorably reported by unanimous consent, a quorum being present.

June 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 2146 (Issa), the DATA Act.

Issa offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Speier offered an amendment to the substitute amendment – adding language on page 28, regarding the review of Federal funds rewarded. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Connolly offered an amendment to the substitute. He then withdrew his amendment.

Quigley offered an amendment to the substitute amendment regarding a tax expenditures report.

Issa asked unanimous consent to amend the Quigley amendment by adding language after line 10. There was no objection.

The Quigley amendment, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

Welch offered an amendment to the substitute amendment which inserted language regarding the

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, and also added language regarding Federal funds. Issa asked unanimous consent to add the words “to the extent practicable” to coordinate the amendment with the earlier Speier amendment language pertaining to page 28, line 22 of the substitute. There was no objection.

The Welch amendment, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

Cummings offered an amendment en bloc. He then withdrew his amendment.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote. H.R. 2146 was ordered reported favorably by voice vote, as amended, a quorum being present.

H.R. 1974 (Quigley), the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act.

Quigley offered an amendment adding language regarding technical changes to reports. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1974 was ordered reported favorably by voice vote, as amended, a quorum being present.

H.R. 2061 (Hanna), the Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011.

Issa offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2061 was ordered reported favorably by voice vote, as amended, a quorum being present.

Activity Report of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The Activity Report was ordered reported favorably by voice vote, a quorum being present.

The following postal naming bills were considered en bloc:

H.R. 789 (Rothman), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office";

H.R. 1843 (Bordallo), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the "John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building";

H.R. 1975 (Schiff), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the "First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building";

H.R. 2062 (Keating), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the "Matthew A. Pucino Post Office";

H.R. 2149 (Hanabusa), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Pahoia Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the “Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2213 (Nunnelee), a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office” and

H.R. 2244 (Hanna), a bill to designate the facility at the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the “Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office.”

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to favorably report the bills. There was no objection.

Oct. 13, 2011, 10:30 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 2309 (Issa), the “Postal Reform Act of 2011.”

Ross offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

Lankford offered an amendment (#103) to the Ross ANS to add a section to the bill, “Retiree

Health Care Benefit Payment Deferral.” The amendment was agreed to by voice vote. Cummings offered a substitute (#35) to the Ross ANS. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 16 Ayes to 17 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, and Murphy.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Ross offered an amendment (#104) to the Ross ANS to strike part of Sec. 401 (“Adequacy, Efficiency, and Fairness of Postal Rates”) and insert new language. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Lynch offered a substitute (#36) to the Ross ANS. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 17 Ayes to 20 Nays.

Voting Aye: Platts, Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, and Murphy.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Chaffetz offered an amendment (#177) to the Ross ANS to strike section 111 (“Frequency of Mail Delivery”) and insert new language. The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

Clay offered an amendment (# 21) to the Ross ANS to strike part of Sec. 501 (Sec. 702.

“Advocate for competition”). The amendment failed by a recorded vote of 16 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, and Murphy.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Buerkle offered an amendment (#132) to the Ross ANS to add language at the end of Sec. 104 regarding limiting retail facilities identified for closure. The amendment was agreed to by a recorded vote of 21 Ayes to 17 Nays.

Voting Aye: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Voting Nay: Amash, Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, and Murphy.

Norton offered an amendment (#92) to the Ross ANS to add Sense of Congress language regarding collective bargaining agreements. The amendment was agreed to by U.C.

Chaffetz offered an amendment (# 131) to the Ross ANS adding a paragraph to Sec. 211 regarding economic savings. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Norton offered an amendment (#96) to the Ross ANS striking subsection (c) of Sec. 112 (“Efficient and Flexible Universal Postal Service”) and replacing it with new language. The amendment failed by a recorded vote of 16 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, and Murphy.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Meehan offered an amendment (#8) to the Ross ANS regarding Sec. 202(b)(1) (“Commencement of a Control Period”). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as amended by the Platts amendment (#18).

Platts offered an amendment (#18) to the Meehan amendment (#8). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Connolly offered an amendment (#91) to the Ross ANS to strike titles I, II, and III of the bill and insert a new title I. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 17 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Turner offered an amendment en bloc (3 parts – amendments #59, #60 and #101) to the Ross ANS. There was no objection to a unanimous consent request to add, “as listed in the National Register of Historic Places” after the word “district” in amendment #59 of the en bloc. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Davis offered an amendment (#38) to the Ross ANS to strike section 311 (“Postal Service Workers’ Compensation Reform”). The amendment was withdrawn.

Davis offered an amendment (#39) to the Ross ANS to strike section 403 (“Rate Preferences for Nonprofit Advertising”). There was no objection to a unanimous consent request to substitute the language from amendment #105 (makes three changes to section 403). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Lankford offered an amendment (#133) to the Ross ANS to add a section to title I of the bill, “Applicability of Procedures Relating to Closures and Consolidations.” The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Towns offered an amendment (#23) to the Ross ANS to add a GAO study and report on the effects of proposed closures and consolidations on minority communities. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Murphy offered an amendment (#93-Norton) to strike subsections (g) and (i) of section 211, and to strike sections 304 and 305 of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 17 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Murphy offered an amendment (#52) to the Ross ANS to strike section 112 (c) of the bill and insert other language (“Reaffirmation of Public Appeal”). The amendment was withdrawn.

Braley offered an amendment (#30) to the Ross ANS to strike subtitle A (“Commission on Postal Reorganization”) of title I of the bill, and to strike section 112 (“Efficient and Flexible Universal Postal Service”) of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 17 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farentold, and Kelly.

Braley offered an amendment (#32) to the Ross ANS to add a subsection at the end of section 104, "Annual Plan." The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Yarmuth offered an amendment (#11) to the Ross ANS to strike section 409 ("Appropriations Modernization") of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 17 Ayes to 23 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farentold, and Kelly.

The Ross amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote. The bill, H.R. 2309, as amended, was favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by a recorded vote of 22 Ayes to 18 Nays.

Voting Aye: Issa, Burton, Mica, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farentold, and Kelly.

Voting Nay: Platts, Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

H.R. 3124 (Clay), the "Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2011."

S. 300, the "Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2011."

There was no objection to the unanimous consent request to favorably report H.R. 3124 and S. 300 to the House.

Nov. 3, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 3029 (Mulvaney), the "Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011."

Meehan offered an amendment (#010) exempting law enforcement officers from being defined as Federal employees (for purposes of sec. 2 of the bill). The amendment was withdrawn.

Cummings offered an amendment (#107) inserting a section adding reporting requirements for various government agencies. Mr. Issa offered an amendment (2nd degree) to the Cummings amendment, which required only the Office of Management and Budget to submit a report. The Issa amendment was agreed to by voice vote. The Cummings amendment, as amended by the Issa 2nd degree amendment, was agreed to by voice vote.

Cooper offered an amendment (#014) which changed the replacement rate ratio from 1-3 to 1-2. The amendment was withdrawn.

Yarmuth offered an amendment (#018) which exempted agencies that provide services to veterans. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 9 Ayes to 12 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Towns, Norton, Tierney, Lynch, Connolly, Davis, Yarmuth, and Speier.

Voting Nay: Issa, Platts, Jordan, Chaffetz, Lankford, Buerkle, Gosar, Meehan, DesJarlais, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Lynch offered an amendment (#039) in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Lynch offered an amendment (#038) adding a new section, "Reduction in Procurement of Service Contracts." Mr. Issa offered an amendment (2nd degree) to the Lynch amendment, which added language regarding waiver authority. The Issa amendment was agreed to by voice vote. The Lynch amendment, as amended by the Issa 2nd degree amendment, was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3029, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by a recorded vote of 23 Ayes to 14 Nays.

Voting Aye: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, Kelly and Cooper.

Voting Nay: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Yarmuth and Speier.

H.R. 3289 (Issa), the "Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2011."

Cummings asked Unanimous Consent to change the title of the bill to the "Platts-Van Hollen Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2011." There was no objection.

Tierney offered an amendment (#001) to Sec. 201, "Protection of Intelligence Community Whistleblowers." The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Braley offered an amendment (# 035) regarding jury trials. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 13 Ayes to 20 Nays.

Voting Aye: Platts, Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Yarmuth and Speier. Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

Speier offered an amendment which added a Government Accountability Office study. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3289, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by a recorded vote of 35 Ayes to 0 Nays.

Voting Aye: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, Kelly, Cummings, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Yarmuth and Speier.

Voting Nay: none.

H.R. 3262 (Guinta), the "Government Results Transparency Act."

The bill, H.R. 3262, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

H.R. 3237 (Gowdy), the "SOAR Technical Corrections Act."

Mr. Issa offered an amendment to replace section 3, "Nationally Norm-Referenced Standardized Tests." The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3237, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

H.R. 2297 (Norton), to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Norton offered an ANS. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 2297, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

The following postal naming bills were reported favorably to the House, by U.C.:

H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. John Carter (R-TX).

H.R. 2079, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY).

H.R. 2158, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the "Wayne Grisham Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA).

H.R. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Lou Barletta (R-PA).

H.R. 2422, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the "Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Michael Grimm (R-NY).

H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX).

H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. John Olver (D-MA).

H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA).

H.R. 3220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office." Sponsored by Rep. Chip Cravaack (R-MN).

H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO).

H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO).

H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building." Sponsored by Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO).

S. 1412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office." Sponsored by Rep.

Nov. 17, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 665 (Chaffetz), the “Excess Federal Building and Property Disposal Act of 2011.”

Quigley offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

Connolly offered an amendment to the Quigley ANS that allows properties appropriate only for park land to be exempt from the pilot program. The Connolly amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The Quigley ANS, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 665, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

H.R. 3071 (Townsend), the “Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2011.”

Issa offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

McHenry offered an amendment to the Issa ANS regarding prohibition of the use of any non-official electronic mail account, program or system.

Cummings offered an amendment (2nd degree) to the McHenry amendment that would create exemptions to the prohibition. The Cummings amendment was defeated by voice vote.

The McHenry amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The Issa ANS, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3071, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

H.R. 3433 (Lankford), the “Grant Reform and New Transparency Act of 2011.”

Connolly offered an amendment to replace the requirement that winning grant proposals be posted online with a requirement that abstracts of such proposals be posted. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Cummings offered an amendment to strike a subsection regarding disclosure of peer reviewers.

Lankford offered an amendment (2nd degree) to the Cummings amendment that would allow the actual names of peer reviewers to remain private. The Lankford amendment was further amended by a Lankford U.C. request to add the language “and title (or a unique identifier)” after “name”. There was no objection. The Lankford amendment to the Cummings amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The Cummings amendment, as amended by the Lankford amendment, was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3433, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

H.R. 373 (Foxx), the “Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011.”

Lankford offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

Connolly offered an amendment to the Lankford ANS regarding accounting for benefits in UMRA analyses. The Connolly amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Cummings offered an amendment to the Lankford ANS regarding consultation with private parties. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 10 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Voting Aye: Cummings, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Welch, Murphy and Speier.

Voting Nay: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

The ANS was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 373, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by a recorded vote of 22 Ayes to 12 Nays.

Voting Aye: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

Voting Nay: Cummings, Maloney, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Davis, Welch, Murphy and Speier.

Feb. 7, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting:

Summary:

H.R. 3813 (Ross), the Securing Annuities for Federal Employees Act of 2012.

1. Mr. Ross offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).
2. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to the Ross ANS limiting the increase in employee pension contributions to those earning more than \$100,000 per year. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.
3. Ms. Norton offered an amendment to the Ross ANS expressing the sense of Congress that a portion of the savings from the bill should be directed to the Office of Personnel Management to increase its capacity to process retirement claims and eliminate the backlog of claims. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.
4. Mr. Lynch offered an amendment to the Ross ANS to make increased employee contributions inapplicable during a pay freeze year. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 17 Ayes to 21 Nays.

Ayes: Platts, Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

Nays: Issa, Burton, Mica, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

5. Mr. Davis offered an amendment to the Ross ANS to strike section 4 of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 15 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Ayes: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

Nays: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

6. Mr. Kucinich offered an amendment to the Ross ANS to strike section 3 of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 15 Ayes to 22 Nays.

Ayes: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

Nays: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

7. Mr. Lynch offered an amendment (with Mr. Chaffetz) to the Ross ANS to allow federal employee contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund of a retiring employee's accrued annual leave. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

8. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to the Ross ANS limiting the increase in employee pension contributions to those earning more than \$30,000 per year. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

The Ross ANS, as amended, was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill, H.R. 3813, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House, a quorum being present, by a recorded vote of 22 Ayes to 16 Nays.

Ayes: Issa, Burton, Mica, Platts, Turner, McHenry, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold, and Kelly.

Nays: Cummings, Towns, Maloney, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy, and Speier.

H.R. 3902 (Norton), the District of Columbia Special Election Reform Act. The bill, H.R. 3902, was ordered reported favorably to the House, a quorum being present, by voice vote.

The Chair asked unanimous consent to favorably report 12 postal naming bills to the House.

There was no objection. Postal naming bills:

- H.R. 3276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2810 East Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the “Reverend Abe Brown Post Office Building.” Sponsored by Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL).
- H.R. 3378, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Elm Avenue in Munising, Michigan, as the “Elizabeth L. Kinnunen Post Office Building.” Sponsored by Rep. Dan Benishek (R-MI).
- H.R. 3412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1421 Veterans Memorial Drive in Abbeville, Louisiana, as the “Sergeant Richard Franklin Abshire Post Office Building.” Sponsored by Rep. Charles Boustany (R-LA).
- H.R. 3413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office.” Sponsored by Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY).
- H.R. 3477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the “Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building.” Sponsored by Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX).
- H.R. 3501, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the “SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office.” Sponsored by Rep. Marlin Stutzman (R-IN).
- H.R. 3593, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 787 State Route 17M in Monroe, New York, as the “National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency NCS Officer Gregg David Wenzel Memorial Post Office.” Sponsored by Rep. Nan Hayworth (R-NY).
- H.R. 3637, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Old Dixie Highway in Jupiter, Florida, as the “Roy Schallern Rood Post Office Building.” Sponsored by Rep. Thomas Rooney (R-FL).
- H.R. 3772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 150 South Union Street in Canton, Mississippi, as the “First Sergeant Landres Cheeks Post Office Building.” Sponsored by Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS).

- H.R. 3869, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the “Sidney ‘Sid’ Sanders McMath Post Office Building.” Sponsored by Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR).
- H.R. 3870, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the "Nicky 'Nick' Daniel Bacon Post Office.” Sponsored by Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR).
- H.R. 3892, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8771 Auburn Folsom Road in Roseville, California, as the “Private First Class Victor A. Dew Post Office.” Sponsored by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA).

April 18, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 4364 (Issa) – the Recess Appointment Restoration Act.

The bill was withdrawn.

H.R. 4257 (Issa) – the Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012.

1. Mr. Chaffetz offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

The Chaffetz amendment was agreed to by voice vote; the bill, H.R. 4257, was ordered favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 538 (Cuellar) – the Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act.

1. Mr. Issa offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

The Issa amendment was agreed to by voice vote; the bill, H.R. 538, was ordered favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 4365 (Buerkle) – to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies.

1. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to add a section at the end of the bill to require that any revenue generated shall be deposited in the general fund of the U.S. Treasury to be used solely for deficit reduction.

The Cummings amendment was agreed to by voice vote; the bill, H.R. 4365, was ordered favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

H.R. 4363 (Issa) – the Federal Employee Phased Retirement Act.

1. Mr. Lynch offered an amendment to add a section to the end of the bill allowing phased retirees to deposit lump sum payments for annual leave into their Thrift Savings Plan accounts.

Mr. Issa asked unanimous consent to modify the Lynch amendment to require phased retirees to work for at least one year in order to deposit lump sum payments for annual leave into their Thrift Savings Plan accounts. There was no objections.

The Lynch amendment, as amended by the Issa amendment, was agreed to by voice vote.

2. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to add a subsection to section 2 of the bill (“Cost Savings to be Used Solely for Retirement Purposes”).

The Cummings amendment was defeated by voice vote.

3. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to add a section to the end of the bill (“Sec. 3. Treatment of Certain Surplus Postal Retirement Contributions.”)

Mr. Cummings withdrew his amendment.

The bill, H.R. 4363, was ordered favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

April 26, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting.

The following legislation was considered:

To amend title 5, United States Code, to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013, H. Con. Res. 112 (Committee Print – Reconciliation Recommendations).

1. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment was withdrawn.
2. Mr. Chaffetz offered an amendment which added a section: Sec. 503. Contributions to Thrift Savings Fund of Payments for Accrued or Accumulated Leave. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.
3. Mr. Lynch offered an amendment which added a section: Sec. 503. Pharmacy Benefit Management Services and Pharmaceutical Pricing Agreements Under FEHBP. The amendment was withdrawn.

The Committee Print of the Reconciliation Recommendations, as amended, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 19 Yeas to 15 Nays.

Yeas: Issa, Burton, Turner, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

Nays: Cummings, Towns, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy and Speier.

H.R. 2008 (Issa) – the Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act of 2011.

The bill was ordered reported favorably to the House by voice vote.

H.R. 4078 (Griffin-AR) – the Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012

1. Mr. Issa offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).
2. Mr. Yarmuth offered an amendment to the Issa ANS regarding exception for the health or safety of members of the Armed Forces or veterans.
3. Mr. Issa offered an amendment (second degree) to the Yarmuth amendment. The Issa amendment limits the exception to regulations issued by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Issa amendment was agreed to by voice vote. The Yarmuth amendment, as amended by the Issa second degree amendment, was agreed to by voice vote.
4. Mr. Davis offered an amendment to the Issa ANS regarding exception for the health and safety of senior citizens. The amendment was withdrawn.
5. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to the Issa ANS regarding exception for the health or safety of children. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 16 Yeas to 20 Nays.

Yeas: Cummings, Towns, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy and Speier.

Nays: Issa, Burton, Turner, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

6. Ms. Maloney offered an amendment to the Issa ANS regarding exception for equal protection for women and minorities.
7. Mr. Issa offered an amendment (second degree) to the Maloney amendment striking the proposed language in subsection (d) and replacing it with broader language regarding exception for equal protection and civil rights. The Issa amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The Maloney amendment, as amended by the Issa second degree amendment, was agreed to by voice vote.

8. Mr. Kucinich offered an amendment to the ANS regarding exception for limiting oil speculation. The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 16 Yeas to 20 Nays.
Yeas: Cummings, Towns, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy and Speier.
Nays: Issa, Burton, Turner, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

The Issa ANS was agreed to by a voice vote, as amended. The bill, H.R. 4078, was ordered reported favorably to the House, as amended, by a recorded vote of 21 Yeas to 16 Nays.

Yeas: Issa, Burton, Mica, Turner, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Amash, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, Meehan, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

Nays: Cummings, Towns, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth, Murphy and Speier.

H.R. 4607 (Ribble) -- the Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012.

The bill, H.R. 4607, was ordered reported favorably to the House, by voice vote.

H.R. 3609 (Lankford) – the Taxpayers Right to Know Act.

Mr. Lankford offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

1. Mr. Quigley offered an amendment to the Lankford ANS to insert a new subsection, “Taxpayer Receipt.” The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote of 17 Yeas to 19 Nays, with one voting “Present.”

Yeas: Amash, Meehan, Cummings, Towns, Norton, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly, Quigley, Davis, Braley, Welch, Yarmuth and Murphy.

Nays: Issa, Burton, Mica, Turner, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Lankford, Buerkle, Gosar, Labrador, DesJarlais, Walsh, Gowdy, Ross, Guinta, Farenthold and Kelly.

Present: Speier.

2. Ms. Speier offered an amendment to the Lankford ANS regarding sole-source contracts. The amendment was withdrawn.
3. Mr. Cummings offered an amendment to the Lankford ANS that would exempt legislative branch offices from the definition of agency given in the legislation. The amendment was withdrawn.

The Lankford ANS was agreed to by voice vote. The bill, H.R. 3609, was ordered reported favorably to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

S. 1302 – To authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy.

The Chairman asked unanimous consent that the bill, S. 1302, be ordered reported favorably to the House. There was no objection.

Subcommittee Business Meetings Held

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy:

Sept. 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 2309 (Issa), the Postal Reform Act of 2011.

Mr. Lynch made a point of order on the jurisdiction regarding Sec. 311 of the bill. The Chair ruled against the point of order. Mr. Connolly made a point of order to appeal the ruling of the Chair. A motion was made to table the appeal of the ruling. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 6 ayes to 4 nays.

Voting Aye: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Walberg and Issa.

Voting Nay: Lynch, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Ross offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Connolly offered an amendment (#92) to the ANS to strike section 111 of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 7 nays to 4 ayes.

Voting Nay: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Aye: Lynch, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Lynch offered an amendment (#28) to the ANS to strike titles I, II, and III and insert the text of his postal bill, H.R. 1351. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 8 nays to 4 ayes.

Voting Nay: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Aye: Lynch, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Chaffetz offered an amendment (# 174) to the ANS to cut the number of days the post office delivers mail. The amendment was withdrawn.

Davis offered an amendment (# 31) to the ANS to strike section 311 of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 8 nays to 4 ayes.

Voting Nay: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Aye: Lynch, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Davis offered an amendment (#32) to the ANS to strike section 403 of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 8 nays to 4 ayes.

Voting Nay: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Aye: Lynch, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Lynch offered an amendment (# 29) to the ANS to add a Title – OVERPAYMENT OFFERS OBLIGATION. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 8 nays to 5 ayes.

Voting Nay: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Aye: Lynch, Norton, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Connolly offered an amendment (#96) to the ANS to add a section regarding alternate Postal Service programs. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 8 nays to 5 ayes.

Voting Nay: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Aye: Lynch, Norton, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Lynch offered an amendment (#26) to the ANS to strike section 113 of the bill. The amendment was defeated by a roll call vote of 8 nays to 5 ayes.

Voting Nay: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Aye: Lynch, Norton, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to by voice vote. H.R. 2309, as amended, was ordered reported favorably to the full committee by a recorded vote of 8 ayes to 5 nays.

Voting Aye: Ross, Amash, Jordan, Chaffetz, Mack, Walberg, Gowdy and Issa.

Voting Nay: Lynch, Norton, Connolly, Davis and Cummings.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform:

Sept. 21, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform Business Meeting.

Summary:

H.R. 373 (Foxx), the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011.

Lankford offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Connolly offered an amendment to the substitute. He then withdrew his amendment.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 373, as amended, was ordered reported favorably by a recorded vote of 5 ayes to 4 noes.

Voting Aye: Lankford, Kelly, Chaffetz, Labrador, and Meehan.

Voting No: Connolly, Murphy, Lynch and Cummings.

II. Oversight Activities

Full Committee Hearings Held

Jan. 26, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Hearing on “Bailouts and the Foreclosure Crisis: Report of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (“SIGTARP”).”

Witnesses: The Honorable Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; The Honorable Tim Massad, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability and Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Feb. 10, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Business Meeting regarding the Oversight Plan, and Full Committee Hearing, “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation.”

Witnesses: Mr. Jay Timmons, CEO, National Association of Manufacturers; Mr. Tom Nassif, President and CEO, Western Growers Association; Mr. Harry Alford, CEO, Black Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Michael J. Fredrich, President, MCM Composites, LLC; Mr. Jack Buschur, Buschur Electric; Mr. James Gattuso, Senior Research Fellow in Regulatory Policy, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. Sidney Shapiro, Center for Progressive Reform; Ms. Karen Kerrigan, President and CEO, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council; and Mr. Jerry Ellig, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center.

Feb. 17, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Hearing “Waste and Abuse: The Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge.”

Witnesses: Hon. Claire McCaskill, U.S. Senate; Mr. Andrew Moylan, Vice President of Government Affairs, National Taxpayers Union; Mr. Thomas A. Schatz, President, Citizens Against Government Waste; Ms. Debra Cammer, Vice President and Partner, IBM; Hon. Gene L. Kodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, U.S. Government Accounting Office; Veronique de Rugy, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center; Mr. Vincent Frakes, Federal Policy Manager, Center for Health Transformation; Mr. Gary Kalman, Director, Federal Legislative Office, U.S. PIRG.

Feb. 28, 2011, 10:30 a.m.

Joint Hearing with Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on “America’s Presidential Libraries: Their Mission and Their Future.”

Witnesses: Hon. David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and

Records Administration; Mr. Thomas Putman, Director, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum; Mr. R. Duke Blackwood, Director, Ronald Reagan Presidential Library; Thomas Schwartz, Ph.D., Illinois State Historian, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum; Ms. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, Chair, Board of Directors, The Roosevelt Institute; and Martha Kumar, Ph.D., Professor, Towson University.

Mar. 3, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing, “The Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge II: How U.S. Taxpayers are Paying Double for Failing Government Programs.”

Witnesses: Hon. Thomas M. Davis, III, Director of Federal Government Affairs, Deloitte & Touche LLP; Hon. Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, U.S. Government Accountability Office; and Ms. Ryan Alexander, President, Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Mar. 8, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee field hearing, “The Foreclosure Crisis” at the University of Maryland School of Law located at 500, W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Witnesses: Hon. Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland; Hon. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore; Mr. Mark Kaufman, Commissioner of Financial Regulation, MD Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Mr. Kevin Jerron Matthews, Homeowner; Ms. Jane A. Wilson, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center, Inc.

Mar. 17, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “The Freedom of Information Act: Crowd-Sourcing Government Oversight.”

Witnesses: Ms. Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information, National Archives and Records Administration; Mr. Daniel Metcalfe, Executive Director, Collaboration on Government Secrecy; Mr. Rick Blum, Coordinator, Sunshine in Government; Mr. Tom Fitton, President, Judicial Watch; Ms. Angela Canterbury, Director of Public Policy, Project on Open Government.

Mar. 31, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Why Isn’t the Department of Homeland Security Meeting the President’s Standard on FOIA?”

Witnesses: Ms. Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer, The Privacy Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. Ivan Fong, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. John Verdi, Senior Counsel, Director of Open Government Project, Electronic Privacy Information Center.

Apr. 5, 2011, 9:45 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Are Postal Workforce Costs Sustainable?”

Witnesses: Hon. Louis J. Giuliano, Chairman, U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors; Hon. James C. Miller, III, Governor, U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors; Hon. Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and CEO, United States Postal Service; and Mr. Cliff Guffey, President, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Apr. 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “State and Municipal Debt: Tough Choices Ahead.”

Witnesses: Hon. Scott Walker, Governor of Wisconsin; Hon. Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont; Andrew Biggs, Ph.D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Mr. Mark Mix, President, National Right to Work Committee; Robert Novy-Marx, Ph.D., Professor of Finance, University of Rochester Simon Graduate School of Business; and Desmond Lachman, Ph.D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute.

Apr. 18, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Policies Affecting High Tech Growth and Federal Adoption of Industry Best Practices” located at the Council Chambers of the San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA.

Witnesses: Mr. Milo Medin, Vice President for Access Services, Google; Mr. Stuart McKee, National Technology Officer, U.S. Public Sector, Microsoft; and Mr. Patrick Quinlan, President, Rivet Software.

Apr. 19, 2011, 8:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation: Assessing the Cumulative Impact of EPA Regulation on America’s Farmers” located at Salinas City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, California.

Witnesses: Mr. Tom Nassif, President and CEO, Western Growers Association; Mr. Jim Bogart, President, Growers/Shippers Association of Central California; Mr. Richard R. Smith, Owner, Paraiso Vineyards; Mr. Norm Groot, Executive Director, Monterey County Farm Bureau; Mr. Mike Jarrard, Mann Packing Co., Inc.; Mr. Mark Murai.

Apr. 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Federal Policies Affecting Innovation and Job Growth in the Biotech and Pharmaceutical Industries” located at Atkinson Hall, the University of California, San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA.

Witnesses: David Gollaher, M.D., President and CEO, California Healthcare Institute; Mr. Duane J. Roth, CEO, Connect; Mr. Joseph D. Panetta, President and CEO, BIOCOM; Mr. Alexis Lukianov, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, NuVasive, Inc.; Ms. Marye Anne Fox, Chancellor, University of California, San Diego.

May 3, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Presidential Records in the New Millennium: Updating the Presidential Records Act and Other Federal Recordkeeping Statutes to Improve Electronic Records Preservation.”

Witnesses: Hon. David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; Mr. Brook Colangelo, Chief Information Officer, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President.

May 6, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee field hearing entitled, “Pathways To Energy Independence: Hydraulic Fracturing And Other New Technologies, ” held at the Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California.

Witnesses: Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, 32nd District of California; Mr. Rock Zierman, CEO, California Independent Petroleum Association; William F. Whitsitt, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Devon Energy; Mr. Steve Layton, President, E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation; and Mr. Tupper Hull, Vice President Western States Petroleum Association.

May 10, 2011, 12:30 p.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “The Future of Capital Formation.”

Witnesses: Hon. Mary Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Ms. Meredith Cross, Director of the Division of Corporation Finance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mr. Barry E Silbert, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Second Market, Inc.; Mr. Eric Koester, Chief Operation Officer and Founder, Zaarly, Inc.; Richard W. Rahn, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Cato Institute; Mr. Jon Macey, Sam Harris Professor of Corporate Law, Securities Law and Corporate Finance, Yale Law School; Hon. Roel Campos, Partner, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LLP.

May 12, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Politicizing Procurement: Will President Obama’s Proposal Curb Free Speech & Hurt Small Business?”

Witnesses: The Honorable Daniel Gordon, Administrator for Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Mr. Alan Chvotkin, Senior Vice President, Professional Services Counsel; Mr.

Mark Renaud, Partner, Wiley Rein, LLP; Ms. M.L. Mackey, CEO, Beacon Interactive Systems; Ms. Lawrie Hollingsworth, President, Asset Recovery Technologies, Inc.; Mrs. Marion Blakey, President and CEO, Aerospace Industries Association; Mr. Brad Smith, Professor Capital University Law School.

May 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Pain at the Pump: Policies that Suppress Domestic Production of Oil and Gas.”

Witnesses: Hon. Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Hon. David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior.

June 2, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Making the Gulf Coast Whole Again: Assessing the Recovery Efforts of BP and the Obama Administration After the Oil Spill.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Haley Barbour, Governor, State of Mississippi; Mr. Craig Taffaro, President, St. Bernard’s Parish, LA; Mr. Bill Williams, Commissioner, Gulf County, FL; Mr. Cory Kief, President, Offshore Towing, Inc.; Mr. Frank Rusco, Director, Energy and Science Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mr. Michael Bromwich, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, U.S. Department of Interior.

June 13, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Obstruction of Justice: Does the Justice Department Have to Respond to a Lawfully Issued and Valid Congressional Subpoena?”

Witnesses: Mr. Morton Rosenberg, Former Specialist in American Public Law, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Mr. Todd Tatelman, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service’s American Law Division; Mr. Louis Fisher, Scholar in Residence, The Constitution Project; Professor Charles Tiefer, Commissioner, Commission on Wartime Contracting.

June 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Achieving Transparency and Accountability in Federal Spending.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Earl Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; Ms. Ellen Miller, Executive Director, Sunlight Foundation; Mr. Patrick Quinlan, Chief Executive Officer, Rivet Software; Ms. Kim Wallin, Controller, State of Nevada; Mr. Craig Jennings, Director of Federal Fiscal Policy, OMB Watch.

June 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Operation Fast and Furious: Reckless Decisions, Tragic Outcomes.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Ms. Josephine Terry, Mother of Late Border Agent Brian Terry; Ms. Michelle Terry Balogh, Sister of Late Border Agent Brian Terry; Mr. Robert Heyer, Cousin of Late Border Agent Brian Terry; Special Agent John Dodson, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Phoenix Field Division; Special Agent Olindo “Lee” Casa, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Phoenix Field Division; Special Agent Peter Forcelli, Group Supervisor, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Phoenix Field Division; The Honorable Ronald Weich, Assistant Attorney General. U.S. Department of Justice

June 17, 2011, 12:30 p.m.

Full Committee Field hearing entitled, “Unionization Through Regulation: The NLRB’s Holding Pattern on Free Enterprise” located at the Charleston County Council Chambers, The Lonnie Hamilton Building, 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina.

Witnesses: Mr. Philip Miscimarra, Labor Attorney, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; Mr. Neil Whitman, President, Dunhill Staffing Systems; Professor Julius G. Getman, Earl E. Sheffield Regents Chair, University of Texas at Austin School of Law; Ms. Cynthia Ramaker, Employee, The Boeing Company (Testifying on Her Own Behalf); Mr. Lafe Solomon, Acting General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board; The Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of the State of South Carolina; The Honorable Alan Wilson, Attorney General of the State of South Carolina.

June 21, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “The Hatch Act: The Challenges of Separating Politics from Policy.”

Witnesses: Mr. Richard W. Painter, Professor of Corporate Law, University of Minnesota Law School, Former Associate White House Counsel to President George W. Bush 2005-2007; Mr. Scott A. Coffina, Partner, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, Former Associate White House Counsel to President George W. Bush 2007-2009; Ms. Ana Galindo-Marrone, Hatch Act Unit Chief, U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

July 7, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Cybersecurity: Assessing the Nation’s Ability to Address the Growing Cyber Threat.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Greg Shaffer, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Mr. Robert J. Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, U.S. Department of Defense; Mr. Ari Schwartz, Senior

Internet Policy Advisor, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

July 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Consumer Financial Protection Efforts: Answers Needed.”
Witness: The Honorable Elizabeth Warren, Assistant to the President and Special Adviser to the Secretary of the Treasury, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

July 26, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border.”

Witnesses: Mr. Darren Gil, Former ATF Attaché to Mexico; Mr. Lorren Leadmon, ATF Intelligence Operations Specialist; Special Agent Jose Wall, ATF Senior Special Agent, Tijuana, Mexico; Special Agent William Newell, Former ATF Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division; Special Agent Carlos Canino, ATF Acting Attaché to Mexico; Special Agent William McMahan, ATF Deputy Assistant Director for Field Operations (West, including Phoenix and Mexico).

July 27, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Disposal of Federal Real Property: Legislative Proposals.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Jason Chaffetz, Member of Congress; The Honorable Mike Quigley, Member of Congress; The Honorable Jeff Denham, Member of Congress; The Honorable Daniel Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. David Foley, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, U.S. General Services Administration; Ms. Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, Congressional Budget Office; Mr. Joseph Moravec, Former Commissioner, Public Buildings Administration, U.S. General Services Administration; Ms. Maria Foscarinis, Executive Director, National Center on Homelessness & Poverty.

Sept. 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “How A Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulations.”

Witnesses: John Graham, Ph. D., Dean, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, former OIRA Administrator; Mrs. Robbie LeValley, Co-owner, Homestead Meats, Member of the Board of Directors, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association; Mr. David Arkush, Director, Public Citizen’s Congress Watch; Mr. David Barker, Owner, Vida Preciosa International, Inc.; Mr. Mathew Palmer, Flight Attendant, Delta Air Lines (testifying on his own behalf); The Honorable Cass Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Sept. 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “How Obama’s Green Energy Agenda is Killing Jobs.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Energy; Mr. Daniel Poneman, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Energy; The Honorable Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor.

Oct. 4, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Where is the Peace Dividend? Examining the Final Report to Congress of the Commission on Wartime Contracting.”

Witnesses: Commissioner Clark Kent Ervin, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Commissioner Katherine Schinasi, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Commissioner Michael J. Thibault, Co-Chair, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Commissioner Robert J. Henke, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Commissioner Christopher Shays, Co-Chair, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Commissioner Charles Tiefer, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Commissioner Dov S. Zakheim, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Commissioner Grant S. Green (Invited), Commission on Wartime Contracting.

Nov. 1, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Lights Out II: Should EPA Take A Step Back to Fully Consider Utility MACT's Impact on Job Creation?”

Witnesses: The Honorable Kenneth Cuccinelli, II, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia; The Honorable Robert Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Josh Bivens, Ph.D., Economist, Economic Policy Institute.

Nov. 14, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Delhi Pension Fallout: Federal Government Picked Winners and Losers, So Who Won and Who Lost?”

Witnesses: Mr. Steve Gebbia; Mr. Chuck Cunningham; Mr. Den Black; Mr. Bruce Gump; Ms. Mary Miller; Mr. Tom Rose; Ms. Barbara Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Mr. Vincent K. Snowbarger, Deputy Director for Operations, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Nov. 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Pay for Performance: Should Fannie and Freddie Executives Be Receiving Millions in Bailouts?”

Witnesses: Mr. Michael J. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fannie Mae; Mr. Charles E. “Ed” Haldeman, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Freddie Mac; Mr. Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Dec. 1, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants.”

Witnesses: Mr. George Sheldon, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Eskinder Negash, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dec. 14, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “The Leadership of the Nuclear Regulatory Committee.”

Witnesses (all from Nuclear Regulatory Commission): The Honorable Gregory Jaczko, Chairman; The Honorable George E. Apostolakis, Commissioner; The Honorable William C. Ostendorff, Commissioner; The Honorable Kristine L. Svinicki, Commissioner; The Honorable William D. Magwood, IV, Commissioner; Mr. William Borchart, Executive Director for Operations; and Mr. Steven Burns, General Counsel.

Dec. 14, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants (minority day of hearing).”

Witnesses: Ms. Florrie Burke, Consultant, Anti-Human Trafficking/Human Rights/Collaborations and Chair Emeritus, Freedom Network USA, UNODC Global Training Initiative; and Ms. Andrea Powell, Executive Director and Co-Founder, FAIR Girls.

Feb. 1, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Uncharted Territory: What are the Consequences of President Obama’s Unprecedented “Recess” Appointments.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Mike Lee, United States Senator (R-UT); The Honorable C. Boyden Gray, Founding Partner, Boyden Gray & Associates; Mr. Andrew J. Pincus, Partner, Mayer Brown; Mr. Michael J. Gerhardt, Samuel Ashe Distinguished Professor in Constitutional Law University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Law; Mr. David B. Rivkin, Partner, Baker Hostetler, LLP; Mr. Mark A. Carter, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP.

Feb. 2, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Fast and Furious: Management Failures at the Department of Justice.”

Witness: The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States.

Feb. 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “The Right to Choose: Protecting Workers from Forced Political Contributions.”

Witnesses: Ms. Claire Waites, 8th Grade Science Teacher, Bay Minette, Alabama; Ms. Sally Coomer, Home Healthcare Agency Owner, Home Healthcare Provider, Carnation, Washington; Mr. Terry Bowman, Line Worker, Ford Motor Company; and Kenneth G. Dau-Schmidt, Ph.D., Willard and Margaret Carr Professor of Labor and Employment Law, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University of Bloomington.

Feb. 13, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Exploring all the Energy Options and Solutions: South Texas as a Leader in Creating Jobs and Strengthening the Economy” held at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, TX.”

Witnesses: Ms. Elizabeth Ames Jones, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas; Mr. Charif Souki, Chief Executive Officer, Cheniere Energy, Inc.; Mr. Jeff Weis, Executive Vice President, Orion Drilling Company LLC; Mr. Scott Stanford, Operations Manager, Royal Offshore, Royal Production Company, Inc.; Mr. Mark Leyland, Senior Vice President, Offshore Wind Projects, Baryonyx Corporation; Mr. Roland C. Mower, President and Chief Executive Officer, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation; and Mr. Robert E. Parker, President, Repcon, Inc.

Feb. 15, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Why Reshuffling Government Agencies Won’t Solve the Federal Government’s Obesity Problem.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Mark R. Warner, United States Senator from Virginia; The Honorable Ron Johnson, United States Senator from Wisconsin; Paul C. Light, Ph.D., Paulette Goddard Professor of Public Service, Robert Wagner School of Public Service; The Honorable Dan Blair, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration; Mr. Robert Shea, Principal, Grant Thornton, LLP; and Mr. Max Stier, President and CEO, Partnership for Public Service.

Feb. 16, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Separation of Church and State: Has the Obama Administration Trampled on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience?”

Witnesses: The Most Reverend William E. Lori, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bridgeport, CT, Chairman Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; The Reverend Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; C. Ben Mitchell, Ph.D, Graves Professor of Moral Philosophy, Union University; Rabbi Meir Soloveichik, Director, Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, Yeshiva University and Associate Rabbi, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun; Craig Mitchell, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Ethics, and Chair, Ethics Department, Associate Director of the Richard Land Center for Cultural Engagement, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Mr. John H. Garvey, President, The Catholic University of America; Dr. William K. Thierfelder, President, Belmont Abbey College; Dr. Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver, President, East Texas Baptist University; Dr. Allison Dabbs Garrett, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Oklahoma Christian University; Laura Champion, M.D., Medical Director, Calvin College Health Services; and Barry W. Lynn, Esq., Executive Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Feb. 28, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Government 2.0: GAO Unveils New Duplicative Program Report.

Witnesses: The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, U.S. Government Accountability Office; and The Honorable Tom Coburn, United States Senate.

March 8, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, “Food Stamp Fraud as a Business Model: USDA’s Struggle to Police Store Owners.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture; The Honorable Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Ms. Jennifer Hatcher, Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, Food Marketing Institute; and The Honorable Kenya Mann Faulkner, Inspector General, Pennsylvania Office of Inspector General.

March 19, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee field hearing entitled, “Failure to Recover: The State of Housing Markets, Mortgage Servicing Practices, and Foreclosures” to be held at the Brooklyn Borough Hall, located at 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Witnesses: Mr. Morris Morgan, Deputy Comptroller for Large Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Ms. Suzanne G. Killian, Senior Associate Director for the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve System; Mr. Alfred M. Pollard, General

Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Ms. Sheila Sellers, National Mortgage Outreach Executive Bank of America; Mr. Eric J. Schuppenhauer, Senior Vice President, Mortgage Banking - Core Servicing and Borrower Assistance Executive, JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA; Mr. Joe Ohayon, Senior Vice President, Community Relations, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; Mr. Jeff Jaffee, Chief Regulatory Affairs Officer, CitiMortgage; The Honorable Arthur M. Schack Supreme Court Justice, State of New York; Ms. Meghan Faux, Deputy Director, South Brooklyn Legal Services; and Mr. Edward Pinto, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute.

March 20, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, "Oversight of the Department of Energy's Stimulus Spending."

Witness: The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

March 21, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, "Europe's Sovereign Debt Crisis: Causes, Consequences for the United States and Lessons Learned."

Witnesses: The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; and The Honorable Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

March 26, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Full Committee joint hearing with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure entitled, "TSA Oversight Part III: Effective Security or Security Theater?"

Witnesses: Mr. Christopher L. McLaughlin, Assistant Administrator for Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration; Mr. Stephen Sadler, Assistant Administrator for Intelligence and Analysis, Transportation Security Administration; Mr. Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office; and Rear Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, United States Coast Guard.

April 16, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, "Addressing GSA's Culture of Wasteful Spending."

Witnesses: The Honorable Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, U.S. General Services Administration; The Honorable Martha N. Johnson, Former Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration; Mr. Jeff Neely, Regional Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, Pacific Rim Region (9), U.S. General Services Administration; The Honorable Michael J. Robertson, Chief of Staff, U.S. General Services Administration, Mr. David E. Foley, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, U.S. General Services Administration; and The Honorable Daniel M. Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration.

May 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

Joint Hearing of the Full Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure entitled, "TSA Oversight Part IV: Is TSA Effectively Procuring, Deploying, and Storing Aviation Security Equipment and Technology?"

Witnesses: Mr. David R. Nicholson, Assistant Administrator for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Transportation Security Administration; Mr. Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Mr. Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office.

May 10, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, "Where Are All the Watchdogs? Addressing Inspector General Vacancies."

Witnesses: The Honorable Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, United States Department of Agriculture, and Chair, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; The Honorable Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, United States General Services Administration; Mr. Jake Wiens, Investigator, Project on Government Oversight (POGO); and The Honorable Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

May 31, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee hearing entitled, "Rhetoric vs. Reality: Does President Obama Really Support an 'All-of-the-Above' Energy Strategy?"

Witnesses: Mr. Michael Krancer, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Ms. Kathleen Sgamma, Vice-President of Government and Public Affairs, Western Energy Alliance; Mr. Mark J. Perry, Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Mr. Daniel J. Weiss, Senior Fellow and Director of Climate Strategy, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Mr. Charles T. Drevna, President, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers; and Mr. Peter S. Glaser, Partner, Troutman Sanders LLP.

June 4, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee Field Hearing entitled, "EPA Overreach and the Impact on New Hampshire Communities", Exeter, New Hampshire.

Witnesses: The Honorable T.J. Jean, Mayor of Rochester, New Hampshire; Mr. Dean Peschel, Peschel Consulting LLC; Mr. John C. Hall, Hall & Associates; Mr. Peter Rice, Public Works Director, City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Mr. H. Curtis "Curt" Spalding, Regional Administrator, EPA New England Headquarters, Region 1.

June 6, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Full Committee Hearing: “Addressing Concerns About the Integrity of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Jobs Reporting”

Witnesses: Mr. Daniel Moss, Executive Editor, Economy, Bloomberg News; Mr. Robert Doherty, General Manager, United States at Reuters News; Ms. Lucy Dalglish, Executive Director, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Dr. Keith Hall, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University; Ms. Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Senior Fellow, The Manhattan Institute; Mr. Carl Fillichio, Senior Advisor for Communications and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor; Mr. John M. Galvin, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; The Honorable Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

June 18, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Full Committee Field Hearing, “Tennessee Job Creation: Do Federal Government Regulations Help or Hinder Tennessee’s Economic Development? Held at the Campus of Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Witnesses: The Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor, State of Tennessee; The Honorable Lamar Alexander, United States Senate; The Honorable Bob Corker, United States Senate; Mr. William “Bill” F. Hagerty, IV, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; Mr. Mark Faulkner, Owner, Vireo Systems, Inc., (on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business); Mr. H. Grady Payne, Chief Executive Officer, Conner Industries, Inc., Mr. Scott Cocanougher, Chief Executive Officer, First Community Bank of Bedford County; and Mr. Bob Bedell, Sales Unit Manager, Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated (on behalf of the Beverage Association of Tennessee).

Subcommittee Meetings and Hearings Held

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy:

Mar. 2, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing, “Pushing the Envelope: The Looming Crisis at USPS.”

Witnesses: Hon. Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General, USPS; Ms. Ruth Goldway, Chair, Postal Regulatory Commission; Mr. Phil Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, U.S. GAO; Jim Sampey, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, Valpak; Mr. Arthur Sackler, Coordinator, Coalition for a 21st Century Postal Service; and Mr. Frederic Rolando, Director of Legislative and Political Affairs, National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO).

Mar. 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing, “Are Federal Workers Underpaid?”

Witnesses: Hon. John Berry, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Andrew Biggs, Ph.D., Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Mr. James Sherk, Senior Policy Analyst in Labor Economics, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. Max Stier, President, Partnership for Public Service; and Ms. Colleen Kelley, National President, National Treasury Employees Union.

Apr. 13, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, “Federal Employees’ Compensation Act: A Fair Approach?”

Witnesses: Mr. Gary Steinberg, Acting Director, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor; Mr. Douglas Fitzgerald, Director, Division of Federal Employees’ Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor; Mr. Bill Siemer, Assistant IG for Investigations, USPS; Ms. Lisa McManus, President and CEO, Contract Claim Services, Inc., Ms. Milagros Rodriguez, Occupational Health and Safety Specialist, AMGE.

May 12, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy hearing entitled, “Where Have All the Letters Gone? –The Mailing Industry and Its Future.”

Witnesses: Mr. Dave Riebe, President of Logistics and Distribution, Quad/Graphics; Mr. Jerry Cerasale, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Direct Marketing Association; Mr. Rob Melton, Vice President of Specialty Paper, Domtar; and Mr. Todd Haycock, Director, Postal Services, 3i Infotech, North America.

May 26, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, "Rightsizing the Federal Workforce."

Witnesses: Hon. Cynthia M. Lummis, U.S. House of Representatives; Hon. Thomas Marino, U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Andrew G. Biggs, Resident Scholar, AEI; and Mr. William R. Dougan, National President, National Federation of Federal Employees.

June 1, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, "Official Time: Good Value for the Taxpayers?"

Witnesses: Hon. Phil Gingrey, M.D., U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Timothy Curry, Deputy Associate Director, Partnership and Public Relations, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Mr. James Sherk, Senior Policy Analyst in Labor Economics, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. F. Vincent Vernuccio, Labor Policy Counsel, CEI; Mr. John Gage, National President, American Federation of Government Employees.

June 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, "Postal Infrastructure: How Much Can We Afford?"

Witnesses: Mr. David Williams, Vice President, Network Operations Management, United States Postal Service; Mr. Dean Granholm, Vice President, Delivery and Post Office Operations, United States Postal Service; Mr. Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Mr. Michael Winn, President, Greylock Associates, LLC; Mr. Joe Hete, President and CEO, ATSG, Inc.; Mr. Cliff Guffey, President, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

July 27, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, "The Thrift Savings Plan: Helping Federal Employees Achieve Retirement Security."

Witnesses: Mr. Gregory Long, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Mr. Clifford Dailing, Chairman, Employee Thrift Advisory Council, Secretary-Treasurer, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association; Mr. Joseph Beaudoin, President, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Nov. 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, "Back to the Basics: Is OPM Meeting its Mission?"

Witnesses: The Honorable John Berry, Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Mr. Matthew Perry, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; The Honorable Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Mr. Jeffrey E. Cole, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Mr. Pasquale “Pat” M. Tamburrino, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, U.S. Department of Defense; Ms. Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Mr. Patrick W. Manzo, Executive Vice President, Global Customer Service and Chief Privacy Officer, Monster Worldwide, Inc.; and Mr. Mark Conway, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Monster Worldwide, Inc.

Jan. 25, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, “Retirement Readiness: Strengthening the Federal Pension System.”

Witnesses: Mr. Charles “Chuck” Grimes, Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Andrew Biggs, Ph. D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Mr. Pete Sepp, Executive Vice President, National Taxpayers Union; Mr. David B. Snell, Director of Retirement Benefits, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE); The Honorable Howard Coble (NC-06); The Honorable Mike Coffman (CO-06); The Honorable Robert J. Dold (IL-10); The Honorable Tim Griffin (AR-02); and The Honorable Richard B. Nugent (FL-05).

Feb. 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, “Honoring George Washington’s Legacy: Does America Need a Reminder?”

Witnesses: The Honorable Frank Wolf, Member of Congress; Mr. Richard Brookhiser, Author of *George Washington on Leadership*; Ms. Anne D. Neal, President, American Council of Trustees and Alumni; Ms. Lucia Henderson, Vice Regent, District of Columbia Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association.

March 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, “Can a USPS-Run Health Plan Help Solve its Financial Crisis?”

Witnesses: Mr. Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General and CEO, United States Postal Service; Mr. Walton Francis, Author and Federal Health Care Expert.

May 16, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy hearing entitled, “Hatch Act: Options of Reform.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Carolyn N. Lerner, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; Special Counsel Lerner will be accompanied by: Ms. Ana Galindo-Marrone, Chief, Hatch Act Unit, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; The Honorable Irvin B. Nathan, Attorney General, District of Columbia; The Honorable Jon J. Greiner, Former Utah State Senator; Mr. Scott A. Coffina, Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP; and Mr. Jon Adler, National President, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Subcommittee on Government Organization Efficiency and Financial Management:

Feb. 16, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing, “Making Sense of the Numbers: Improving the Federal Financial Reporting Model.”

Witnesses: Mr. Thomas Allen, Chairman, The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board; Mr. Jonathan D. Breul, Executive Director, IBM Center for the Business of Government; Mr. Michael J. Hettinger, Executive Director, Grant Thornton LLP.

Mar. 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing, “A Look at the FY10 Consolidated Financial Report of the U.S. Government.”

Witnesses: Hon. Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, U.S. GAO; Hon. Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; and Hon. Richard L. Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Mar. 10, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Joint hearing of the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management entitled, “Financial management, Work Force, and Operations at the SEC: Who’s Watching Wall Street’s Watchdog?”

Witnesses: Witnesses: Hon. Mary Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mr. Jeffrey Risinger, Director, Office of Human Resources, SEC; Mr. Jonathan Katz, Former Secretary, SEC; Mr. Stephen J. Crimmins, K & L Gates, LLP; Ms. Helen Chairman, Attorney at Law, Baker and Poliakoff, LLP.

Mar. 11, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Red to Black: Improving Collection of Delinquent Debt Owed to the Government.”

Witness: David Lebryk, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury.

Apr. 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Improper Payments: Finding Solutions.”

Witnesses: Hon. Daniel Werfel, Controller, OMB; and Ms. Kay L. Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. GAO.

May 13, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Financial Management at the Department of Homeland Security.”

Witnesses: Ms. Peggy Sherry, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Acting CFO, DHS.

June 2, 2011, 12:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management hearing entitled, “IRS E-file and Identity Theft.”

Witnesses: Mr. Jim White, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Ms. Sharon Hawa, Identity Theft Victim; Ms. Lori Petraco, Identity Theft Victim; Ms. LaVonda Thompson, Identity Theft Victim; The Honorable Douglas H. Shulman Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

July 28, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Improper Medicare Payments: \$48 Billion in Waste?”

Witnesses: The Honorable Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Health & Human Services; Ms. Michelle Snyder, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Ms. Kay Daly, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Ms. Kathleen King, Director of Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

Sept. 23, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “The Department of Defense: Challenges in Financial Management.”

Witnesses: Mr. Mark Easton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Defense; Mr.

Daniel Blair, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Defense; Mr. Asif Khan, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

Oct. 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Internal Control Weaknesses at the Department of Homeland Security.”

Witnesses: Ms. Peggy Sherry, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Mr. Robert West, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Mr. John McCoy, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

Nov. 4, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Identity Theft and Tax Fraud: Growing Problems for the Internal Revenue Service.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Richard Nugent (FL-05), U.S. House of Representative; The Honorable J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Mr. Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services & Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; Mr. Ronald A. Cimino, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Criminal Matters, Tax Division, United States Department of Justice.

Dec. 7, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management and Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives joint hearing entitled, “A Medicaid Fraud Victim Speaks Out: What’s Going Wrong and Why?”

Witnesses: Mr. Richard West, Victim of Medicaid Fraud; Ms. Robin Page West, Attorney, Cohan, West & Karpook, P.C.; Ms. Angela Brice-Smith, Director, Medicaid Integrity Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Mr. Gary Cantrell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, Health & Human Services; Ms. Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Ms. Valerie Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Feb. 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Solutions Needed: Improper Payments Total \$115 Billion in Federal Misspending.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, Chairman, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States Senate; The Honorable Daniel I.

Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; Mr. Mike Wood, Executive Director, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; and Ms. Beryl Davis, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

March 1, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “The Status of Government Financial Management: A Look at the FY2011 Consolidated Financial Statements.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, U.S. Government Accountability Office; The Honorable Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; and The Honorable Richard L. Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

March 22, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Joint Hearing of the Subcommittee on Government Operations, Efficiency and Financial Management and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security entitled, “New Audit Finds Problems in Army Military Pay.”

Witnesses: LTC Kirk Zecchini, U.S. Army Reserve; Mr. Asif Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Mr. James Watkins, Director, Accountability and Audit Readiness, Department of the Army; Ms. Jeanne M. Brooks, Director, Technology & Business Architecture Integration, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Department of the Army; and Mr. Aaron Gillison, Deputy Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service – Indianapolis, Department of Defense.

April 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Problems at the Internal Revenue Service: Closing the Tax Gap and Preventing Identity Theft.”

Witnesses: Mr. Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner of Service and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; Ms. Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service; The Honorable J. Russell George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Mr. James R. White, Director, Strategic Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office.

June 7, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management hearing entitled, “Assessing Medicare and Medicaid Program Integrity.”

Witnesses: Peter Budetti, M.D., Director of Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid; Ms. Ann Maxwell, Regional Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of the Inspector General for Health & Human Services; Ms. Carolyn Yocom, Director of Health Care, Medicaid, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Ms. Kathleen King, Director of Health Care, Medicare, U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives:

Mar. 1, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program: Keeping the Door Open."

Witnesses: Mr. Ronald Holassie, Senior, Bishop Carroll High School; Ms. Lesly Alvarez, 8th Grader, Sacred Heart School; Ms. Sheila Jackson, Mother of DC OSP Student; Ms. Latasha Bennett, Mother of DC OSP Student; Mr. Kevin Chavous, Chairman, Black Alliance for Education Options; Patrick Wolf, Ph.D., University of Arkansas; Ms. Betty North, Principal and CEO, Preparatory School of D.C.; and Ramona Edelin, Executive Director, D.C. Association of Public Charter Schools.

Mar. 15, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "Obamacare: Why the Need for Waivers?"

Witnesses: Mr. Steven B. Larsen, J.D., Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Mr. Edmund F. Haislmaier, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Health Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. Scoot Wold, Esq., Shareholder, Hitesman & Wold, P.A.; and Ms. Judy Feder, Ph.D., Professor, Georgetown University.

Apr. 5, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement in Government Health Care."

Witnesses: Ms. Deborah Taylor, CFO, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Peter Budetti, M.D., Deputy Administrator for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Mr. Gerald T. Roy, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Hon. Loretta Lynch, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; Mr. David Botsko, Inspector General, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System; Ms. Jean MacQuarrie, Vice President for Client Services, Thomson Reuters; Mr. Michael Cannon, Director of Health Policy Studies, Cato Institute; and Ms. Rachel Klein, Deputy Director for Health Policy, Families USA.

May 12, 2011, 8:45 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census, and the National Archives hearing entitled, “The District of Columbia’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability.”

Witnesses: Hon. Vincent Gray, Mayor, District of Columbia; Hon. Kwame Brown, Chairman, D.C. City Council; Natwar Gandhi, Ph.D., Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia; Mr. Matt Fabian, Managing Director, Municipal Market Advisors; and Alice Rivlin, Ph.D., Brookings Institution.

June 2, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, “FDA Medical Device Approval: Is There a Better Way?”

Witnesses: Congressman Erik Paulsen, Member of Congress, R-Minnesota, 3rd District; Dr. Jeffrey (Jeff) Shuren, Director, Centers for Devices and Radiological Health, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Mr. Jack W. Lasersohn, General Partner, The Vertical Group; David L. Gollaher, PhD, President and CEO, California Healthcare Institute (CHI); Dr. Rita Redberg, Professor of Medicine, University of California San Francisco, Editor of the Archives of Internal Medicine.

June 24, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and National Archives hearing entitled, “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Is There a Security Gap?”

Witnesses: Mr. Richard Sarles, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Chief Michael Taborn, Metro Transit Police Division; Chief Cathy Lanier, Metropolitan Police Department; Mr. Anthony Griffin, County Executive, Fairfax County Government.

July 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, “Fulfilling a Legal Duty: Triggering a Medicare Plan from the Administration.”

Witnesses: Mr. Jonathan Blum, Deputy Administrator and Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Dr. Charles P. Blahous III, Public Trustee of Social Security and Medicare; Dr. Joseph Antos, Wilson H. Taylor Scholar in Health Care and Retirement Policy, American Enterprise Institute; Mr. James C. Capretta, Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center; Dr. Paul N. Van de Water, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

July 28, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census, and the National Archives hearing entitled, “Impact of Obamacare on Job Creators and Their Decision to Offer Health Insurance.”

Witnesses: Mr. Andrew Puzder, CEO, CKE Restaurants; Mr. Grady Payne, Connor Industries, Inc.; Mr. Will Morey, President and CEO, Morey's Pier; Ms. Victoria J. Braden, President and CEO, Braden Benefit Strategies, Inc.; Mr. Michael J. Brewer, President, Lockton Benefit Group; Mr. Terry Gardiner, Vice President, Small Business Majority.

Sept. 21, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "Examining Abuses of Medicaid Eligibility Rules."

Witnesses: Mr. Stephen Moses, President, Center for Long-Term Care Reform; Mr. David Dorfman, Attorney, Law Offices of David A. Dorfman; Ms. Janice Eulau, Assistant Administrator, Medicaid Services Division, Suffolk County Department of Social Services; The Honorable Julie Hamon, Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Oct. 6, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "Obamacare's Employer Penalty and its Impact on Temporary Workers."

Witnesses: Mr. Ed Lenz, Senior Vice President, American Staffing Association; Mr. John Uprichard, President/CEO, Find Great People International; Mr. Tav Gauss, President/CEO, The Action Group – Human Resources Solution; Mr. Topher Spiro, Managing Director, Health Policy, The Center for American Progress Action Fund.

Oct. 27, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "Examining Obamacare's Hidden Marriage Penalty and Its Impact on the Deficit."

Witnesses: Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., President, American Action Forum, Former CBO Director; Ms. Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research; Richard Burkhauser, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Cornell University; Sara R. Collins, Ph.D., Vice President, Affordable Health Insurance, The Commonwealth Fund.

Nov. 30, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance."

Witnesses: Michelle Hudspeth, M.D., Division Director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Medical University of South Carolina; Mr. Walter Kalmans, President, Lontra Ventures; Mr. Ted Okon, Executive Director, Community Oncology Alliance; Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Kasey K. Thompson, Pharm.D., Vice President, Office of Policy, Planning and Communications, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Dec. 7, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management and Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives joint hearing entitled, "A Medicaid Fraud Victim Speaks Out: What's Going Wrong and Why?"

Witnesses: Mr. Richard West, Victim of Medicaid Fraud; Ms. Robin Page West, Attorney, Cohan, West & Karpook, P.C.; Ms. Angela Brice-Smith, Director, Medicaid Integrity Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Mr. Gary Cantrell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, Health & Human Services; Ms. Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Ms. Valerie Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Jan. 24, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "McPherson Square: Who Made the Decision to Allow Indefinite Camping in the Park?"

Witnesses: Mr. Jonathan Jarvis, Director, National Park Service; Ms. Cathy Lanier, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department; Mr. Paul Quander, Jr., Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, District of Columbia; Mohammad Akhter, M.D., Director, District of Columbia Department of Health; Mr. Timothy Zick, Cabell Research Professor of Law, William and Mary School of Law.

March 6, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives hearing entitled, "The Pros and Cons of Making the Census Bureau's American Community Survey Voluntary."

Witnesses: The Honorable Ted Poe, Member of Congress; The Honorable Robert Groves, Ph.D., Director, U.S. Census Bureau; Andrew Biggs, Ph.D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Lawrence Yun, Ph.D., Chief Economist, National Association of Realtors; and Mr. Patrick Jankowski, Vice President, Research, Greater Houston Partnership.

April 25, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Joint hearing of the Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Is Government Adequately Protecting Taxpayers from Medicaid Fraud?"

Witnesses: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, United States Senator from Iowa; The Honorable Michele Bachmann, United States Representative from Minnesota; Gabriel E.

Feldman, M.D.; Local Medical Director for the Personal Care Services Program, New York City; Christine Ellis, D.D.S., M.S.D., Orthodontist, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; David Feinwachs, M.H.A., M.A., J.D, Ph.D., Former General Counsel, Minnesota Hospital Association; Claire Sylvia, J.D., Partner, Phillips & Cohen, LLP; Lucinda Jesson, J.D., Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services; Cindy Mann, J.D., Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Ms. Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, United States Government Accountability Office.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations:

Mar. 2, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing, “U.S. Military Leaving Iraq: Is the State Department Ready?”

Witnesses: Mr. Grant S. Green, Commissioner, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Mr. Michael Thibault, Co-Chair, Commission on Wartime Contracting; Mr. Stuart Bowen, jr., Special Inspector General, Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; Ambassador Patrick Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, U.S. Department of State; Ambassador Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense; Mr. Frank Kendall, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, U.S. Department of Defense.

Mar. 16, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing, “TSA Oversight Part 1: Whole Body Imaging.”

Witnesses: Hon. Sharon Cissna, Representative, Alaska State House of Representatives; Mr. Marc Rotenberg, Executive Director, Electronic Privacy Information Center; Mr. Fred H. Cate, Senior Policy Advisor, Centre for Information Policy Leadership, Hunton & Williams; David J. Brenner, Ph.D., Center for Radiological Research, Columbia University; Mr. Stewart A. Baker, Partner, Steptoe and Johnson, LLP; Mr. Lee Kair, Assistant Administrator for Security Operations, TSA; and Mr. Robin E. Kane, Assistant Administrator for Security Technology, TSA.

Apr. 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, “Tsunami Warning, Preparedness, and Interagency Cooperation: Lessons Learned.”

Witnesses: William Leith, Ph.D., Acting Associate Director for National Hazards, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior; Mr. Kenneth D. Murphy, Regional Administrator – Region X, FEMA; Ms. Mary Glackin, Dep. Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, U.S. Department of Commerce; Mr. John W. Madden, Director Division of

Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State of Alaska; and Ms. Nancy Ward, Regional Administrator, FEMA.

Apr. 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations and Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands joint hearing entitled, "The Border: Are Environmental Laws and Regulations Impeding Security and Harming the Environment?"

Witnesses: Hon. Silvestre Reyes, Member of Congress; Mr. Ronald Vitiello, Deputy Chief, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Ms. Kim Thorsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Management, U.S. Department of the Interior; Mr. Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. George Zachary Taylor National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers; Mr. Gene Wood, National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers; Mr. Jim Chilton, Chilton Ranch; and Ms. Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. GAO.

May 4, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "Is This Any Way to Treat Our Troops? Part III: Transition Delays."

Witnesses: Mr. John Medve, Executive Director, VA/DOD Collaboration Service, U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs; Mr. Dan Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, U.S. GAO; Ms. Lynn Simpson, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, U.S. Department of Defense; Mr. Mark Bird, IT Team Assistant Director, U.S. GAO; and Mr. Randall B. Williamson, Health Care Team Director, U.S. GAO.

May 11, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "USAID: Following the Money."

Witnesses: Hon. Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. AID; and Hon. Donald Gambatesa, IG, U.S. AID.

May 25, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "Cybersecurity: Assessing the Immediate Threat to the United States."

Witnesses: Rear Admiral Michael A. Brown, Director, Cybersecurity Coordination, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. James A. Lewis, Director of Technology and Public Policy Program, CSIS; Mr. Sean McGurk, Director, National Cybersecurity and

Communications Integration Center, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. Dean Turner, Director, Global Intelligence Network Symantec Security Response; Mr. Phillip Bond, President, TechAmerica.

June 24, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Joint hearing of the Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations with the Committee on Foreign Affairs' Subcommittees on the Western Hemisphere and the Middle East and South Asia entitled, "Venezuela's Sanctionable Activity."

Witnesses: The Honorable Daniel Benjamin, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Kevin Whitaker, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Thomas Delare, Director for Terrorism Finance and Economic Sanctions Policy, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Adam J. Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

July 13, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "TSA Oversight Part 2: Airport Perimeter Security."

Witnesses: Mr. John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Transportation Security Administration; Mr. Rafi Ron, President, New Age Security Solutions, Former Directory of Security Tel Aviv-Ben Gurion International Airport; Mr. Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Mr. William Parker, Inspector, K-9 Unit, Amtrak Police Department; Mr. TJ "Jerry" Orr, Airport Director and Operator, Charlotte International Airport.

Sept. 15, 2011, 10:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough to Combat Corruption?"

Witnesses: Mr. Gary J. Motsek, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Support, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics & Material Readiness), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics), U.S. Department of Defense; Mr. Kim Denver, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, U.S. Department of Defense; Brigadier General Stephen Townsend, USA, Director, Joint Staff Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell, U.S. Department of Defense.

Oct. 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "Status Report on the Transition to a Civilian-Led Mission in Iraq."

Witnesses: The Honorable Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, United States Department of State; The Honorable Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, United States Department of Defense; The Honorable Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, United States Department of Defense.

Nov. 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "Progress of the Obama Administration's Policy Towards Iran."

Witnesses: Mr. Mark Dubowitz, Executive Director, Foundation for Defense of Democracies; Kenneth M. Pollack, Ph.D., Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution; Suzanne Maloney, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution; Mr. Adam J. Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Mr. Henry T. Wooster, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Colin H. Kahl, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East, U.S. Department of Defense.

Dec. 7, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "Oversight in Iraq and Afghanistan: Challenges and Solutions."

Witnesses: The Honorable Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Defense; The Honorable Harold W. Geisel, Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Michael G. Carroll, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development; Mr. Stuart W. Bowen, Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; Mr. Steven J. Trent, Acting Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

Feb. 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, "Preventing Stolen Valor: Challenges and Solutions."

Witnesses: Mr. Lernes Hebert, Director of Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, U.S. Department of Defense; Colonel Jason Evans, Adjutant General, U.S. Army; Colonel Kari Mostert, Director of Awards and Decorations, U.S. Air Force; Mr. James Nierle, President, Department of the Navy's Board of Decorations & Medals, U.S. Navy; Mr. Scott Levins, Director, National Personnel Records Center; Mr. Joseph Davis, Director of Public Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Mr. C. Douglas Sterner, Curator, Military Times Hall of Valor.

March 29, 2012, 8:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations hearing entitled, “Are Changes in Security Policy Jeopardizing USAID Reconstruction Projects and Personnel in Afghanistan?”

Witnesses: Mr. Steven J. Trent, Acting Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Mr. J. Alexander Their, Assistant to the Administrator and Director of the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs; U.S. Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending:

Feb. 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing, “The Stimulus: Two Years Later.”

Witnesses: John Taylor, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Stanford University; Russell Roberts, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Mercatus Center, George Mason University; Christina Romer, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, University of California at Berkeley; Jared Bernstein, Ph.D., Office of the Vice President, The White House; J.D. Foster, Ph.D., Norman B. Ture Senior Fellow in the Economic of Fiscal Policy, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. Alex Brill, Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Mr. Andrew Busch, Global Currency and Public Policy Strategist, BMO Capital Markets Investment Banking Division; Mr. Chris Edwards, Director of Tax Policy Studies, Cato Institute; Josh Bivens, Ph.D., Economic Policy Institute.

Mar. 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing, “Assessing the Cumulative Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturers.”

Witnesses: Mr. Aris Papadopolous, CEO and Chairman, Portland Cement Association; Ms. Donna Harman, CEO, American Forest and Paper Association; Mr. Michael P. Walls, Vice President, Regulatory and Technical Affairs, American Chemistry Council; Mr. Michael Kamnikar, Senior Vice President, Forging Industry Association, Ellwood Group; Mr. Bernard Schimmel, Vice President, Technical Services, Boral Bricks, Inc.; and Mr. David C. Foerter, Executive Director, Institute of Clean Air Companies (ICAC).

Mar. 16, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing, “Project Labor Agreements and the Cost of Doing Business in the Construction Industry.”

Witnesses: Mr. John Ennis, CEO, Ennis Electric, Inc.; Ms. Linda Figg, FIGG Engineering Group; Dale Belman, Ph.D., MSU School of Industrial and Labor Relations; Mr. John Biagas, Bay Electric Inc.; Mr. Maurice Baskin, American Builders and Contractors, Inc.; Mr. Daniel Gordon, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President;

Mr. Robert Peck, Commissioner of Public Buildings, GSA; and David Michaels, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary for Occupational Health and Safety, U.S. Department of Labor.

Apr. 6, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government hearing entitled, "Assessing the Impact of Greenhouse Gas Regulations on Small Business."

Witnesses: Mr. Joe Rajkovic, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association; David Kreutzer, Ph.D., Research Fellow in Energy Economics and Climate Change, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. David D. Doniger, Policy Director, Climate Center, Natural Resources Defense Council; Mr. Keith Holman, Deputy Executive Director, National Lime Association; Ms. Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA; and Ms. Claudia Rodgers, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration.

Apr. 20, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation in the Northeast Part I" located at Irondequoit Town Hall, 1280 Titus Avenue, Irondequoit, NY.

Witnesses: Mr. Mike Medina, President, Optimax; Ms. Rebecca A. Meinking, Executive Vice President, Radec Corporation; Mr. Bill Pollock, CEO, Optimization; Mrs. Cathy Martin, President, Monroe County Farm Bureau; Mr. Jonathan L. Taylor, Oakridge Dairy; Mr. John Teeple, Teeple Farms, Inc.; Ms. Jolene Bender, Supervisor, Town of Marion; Ms. Maggie Brooks, Monroe County Executive; and Sheriff Barry Virts, Wayne County.

Apr. 20, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation in the Northeast Part II" located at South Side Innovation Center, 2610 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY.

Witnesses: Mr. Jud Gostin, President, Sensis Corporation; Mr. Steve Lefebvre, President, Empire ABC; Mr. Andrew Reeves, Owner, Reeves Farms; Mrs. Nancy Hourigan, Owner, Hourigan's Dairy Farm; Mr. Tom DeMarree, Owner, Demree Orchards; Mr. Orrin MacMurray, Chairman, C & S Companies; Mr. Travis Glazier, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Onondaga County Executive; and Mr. Thomas Squires, Cayuga County Administrator.

May 25, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "How Federal Reserve Policies Add to Hard Times at the Pump."

Witnesses: Mr. Vincent R. Reinhart, Resident Scholar, AEI; Robert Murphy, Ph.D., Economist, Institute for Energy Research; Dean Baker, Ph.D., Co-Director, Center for Economic Policy Research; Mr. Greg Wannemacher, President, Wannemacher Total Logistics; and Ms. Karen Kerrigan, President and CEO, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council.

June 1, 2011, 2:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Duplication, Overlap, and Inefficiencies in Federal Welfare Programs."

Witnesses: Ms. Patricia Dalton, Chief Operating Officer, Government Accountability Office; Mr. Robert Rector, Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation; Mr. John Mashburn, Executive Director, The Carleson Center for Public Policy; Ms. Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks.

June 22, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending "Lasting Implications of the General Motors Bailout."

Witnesses: Mr. Ron Bloom, Former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Mr. Vince Snowbarger, Deputy Director, Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation; Mr. Dan Ikenson, Associate Director, Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute; Mr. Bruce Gump, Vice Chairman, Delphi Salaried Retiree Association; Dr. Thomas Kochan, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ms. Shikha Dalmia, Senior Analyst, Reason Foundation.

July 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Joint Hearing of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending and the Committee on Education and the Workforce's Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training entitled, "The Gainful Employment Regulation: Limiting Job Growth and Student Choice."

Witnesses: Dr. Dario A. Cortes, President, Berkeley College; Ms. Karla Carpenter, Graduate of Herzing University; Dr. Anthony Carnevale, Director, Center on Education and Workforce, Georgetown University; Mr. Harry C. Alford, President and CEO, National Black Chamber of Commerce.

July 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "EPA's Appalachian Energy Permittorium: Job Killer or Job Creator?"

Witnesses: The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito (R, WV- 2), U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Tom Mackall, President, Sterling Mining; Mr. Chris Hamilton, Senior Vice President, West

Virginia Coal Association; Mr. Joe Lovett, Executive Director, Appalachian Center for Economy and the Environment; Mr. Roger Horton, Chairman, Safety Committee Local 5958, Co-Chair, Mountain Top Mining Coalition; Mr. John Stilley, President, Amerikohl Mining Inc.; Ms. Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency; Ms. Margaret E. Gaffney-Smith, Chief, Regulatory Community of Practice, Army Corps of Engineers.

July 26, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Lights Out: How EPA Regulations Threaten Affordable Power and Job Creation."

Witnesses: The Honorable Robert Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Ms. Janet Henry, Deputy General Counsel, American Electric Power; Mr. Mike Carey, President, Ohio Coal Association; Dr. Joel Schwartz, Professor of Environmental Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health.

Sept. 13, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Take Two: The President's Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs."

Witnesses: Professor John Taylor, Mary and Robert Raymond Professor of Economics at Stanford University and the George P. Shultz Senior Fellow in Economics at the Hoover Institution; Ms. Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute; Dr. Heather Boushey, Senior Economist, Center for American Progress; Mr. Peter Schiff, CEO, Euro Pacific Capital Inc.; Mr. Brink Lindsey, Senior Scholar, Kauffman Foundation.

Oct. 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Running on Empty: How the Obama Administration's Green Energy Gamble Will Impact Small Business and Consumers."

Witnesses: Mr. Jeremy Anwyl, CEO, Edmunds.com; Marlo Lewis, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Competitive Enterprise Institute; Mr. Roland Hwang, Transportation Program Director, Natural Resources Defense Council; Mr. Scott Greneth, Independent Trucker, Owner-Operator Independent Driver's Association; The Honorable David Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; The Honorable Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Ms. Margo Oge, Director of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Environmental Protection Agency.

Nov. 2, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "The Green Energy Debacle: Where Has All the Taxpayer Money Gone?"

Witnesses: The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Energy; Mr. Elliot Lewis, Assistant Inspector General, U.S. Department of Energy; W. David Montgomery, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, National Economic Research Associates, Inc.; Mr. Greg Kats, President, Capital-E; Mr. Brett McMahon, Vice President of Business Development, Miller & Long Concrete Construction.

Nov. 30, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "The Price of Uncertainty: How Much Could DOT's Proposed Billion Dollar Service Rule Cost Customers this Holiday Season?"

Witnesses: Mr. Ed Nagle III, President and CEO, Nagle Companies; Mr. Glen Keysaw, Executive Director of Transportation/Logistics, Associated Food Stores, Inc.; Mr. Robb MacKie, President and CEO, American Bakers Association; Mr. Frank Miller, Director of Logistics, Badcock & More; Mr. Henry Jasny, Vice President & General Counsel, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety; Jesse David, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Edgeworth Economics; The Honorable Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Jan. 25, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Vole Vehicle Fire: What did NHTSA Know and When Did They Know It?"

Witnesses: The Honorable David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation; Mr. Daniel F. Akerson, Chairman and CEO, General Motors; and Mr. John German, Senior Fellow, The International Council on Clean Transportation.

April 25, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Joint hearing of the Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending hearing entitled, "Is Government Adequately Protecting Taxpayers from Medicaid Fraud?"

Witnesses: The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, United States Senator from Iowa; The Honorable Michele Bachmann, United States Representative from Minnesota; Gabriel E. Feldman, M.D.; Local Medical Director for the Personal Care Services Program, New York City; Christine Ellis, D.D.S., M.S.D., Orthodontist, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; David Feinwachs, M.H.A., M.A., J.D., Ph.D., Former General Counsel, Minnesota Hospital Association; Claire Sylvia, J.D., Partner, Phillips & Cohen, LLP; Lucinda Jesson, J.D., Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services; Cindy Mann, J.D., Director, Center

for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Ms. Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, United States Government Accountability Office.

May 16, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus and Government Spending hearing entitled, “The Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gamble: What Have All the Taxpayer Subsidies Achieved?”

Witnesses: Mr. Jim Nelson, President and CEO, Solar3D, Inc.; Mr. Greg Kats, President, Capital-E; Mr. Craig Witsoe, CEO, Abound Solar, Inc.; Mr. Brian D. Fairbanks, President and CEO, Director, Nevada Geothermal Power, Inc.; Mr. Michael J. Ahearn, Chairman of the Board of Directors, First Solar, Inc.; and Mr. John M. Woolard, President and CEO, BrightSource Energy, Inc.

June 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus and Government Spending hearing entitled, “The Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gamble Part II: Were All the Taxpayer Subsidies Necessary?”

Witnesses: Mr. David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy, Inc.; Mr. Walter C. Rakowich, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Prologis, Inc.; Mr. Robert S. Mancini, Chief Executive Officer, Cogentrix Energy, LLC; Ms. Dita Bronicki, Chief Executive Officer, Ormat Technologies, Inc.; and Ms. Veronique de Rugy, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs:

Feb. 9, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing, “State and Municipal Debt: The Coming Crisis?”

Witnesses: Ms. Nicole Gelinas, Manhattan Institute; Mr. David Skeel, S. Samuel Arsht Professor of Corporate Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Ms. Eileen Norcross, Mercatus Center, George Mason University; Ms. Iris J. Lav, Senior Advisor, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Mar. 10, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Joint hearing of the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management entitled, “Financial Management, Work Force, and Operations at the SEC: Who’s Watching Wall Street’s Watchdog?”

Witnesses: Hon. Mary Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mr. Jeffrey Risinger, Director, Office of Human Resources, SEC; Mr. Jonathan Katz, Former Secretary, SEC; Mr. Stephen J. Crimmins, K & L Gates, LLP; Ms. Helen Chairman, Attorney at Law, Baker and Poliakoff, LLP.

Mar. 15, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, “State and Municipal Debt: The Coming Crisis? Part II.”

Witnesses: Hon. Daniel Liljenquist, Utah State Senator; Ms. Robin Prunty, Managing Director, Standard & Poor’s; Dean Baker, Ph.D., Center for Economic Policy and Research; Mr. Robert Kurtter, Moody’s Investors’ Service; and Andrew Biggs, Ph.D., The American Enterprise Institute.

Mar. 30, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing, “Has Dodd-Frank Ended Too Big to Fail?”

Witnesses: Hon. Neil Barofsky, Special IG for TARP; and Hon. Tim Massad, Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability and Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

May 11, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, “Transparency as an Alternative to the Federal Government’s Regulation of Risk Retention.”

Witnesses: Mr. Edward DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Anthony B. Sanders, Ph.D., Professor, George Mason University; Mr. Joshua Rosner, Managing Director, Graham Fisher & Co., Inc.; and Ms. Janneke Ratcliffe, Executive Director, Center for Community Capital, UNC.

May 24, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, “Who’s Watching the Watchmen? Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.”

Witnesses: Hon. Elizabeth Warren, Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Mr. Todd Zywicki, Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University; David S. Evans, Ph.D., Chairman, Global Economics Group; Mr. Adam Levitin, Associate Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; and Mr. Andrew Pincus, Partner, Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw, LLP.

June 22, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and the Bailout of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, "The Changing Role of the FDIC."

Witnesses: The Honorable Sheila Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Sept. 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and the Bailout of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, "Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators."

Witnesses: Ms. Meredith Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Security Exchange Commission; Ms. Dana Mauriello, Founder and President, Profounder; Mr. Jeff Lynn, Chief Executive Officer, Seedrs Limited; Mr. Sherwood Neiss, Cofounder, FLAVORx; Mr. Micheal Migliozi, Managing Partner, Forza Migliozi, LLC; Mr. Mercer Bullard, Associate Professor of Law, The University of Mississippi.

Sept. 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Joint Hearing of the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Committee on Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations entitled, "Potential Conflicts of Interest at the SEC: The Becker Case."

Witnesses: The Honorable Mary Shapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mr. H. David Kotz, Inspector General, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Mr. David M. Becker, Former General Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Nov. 2, 2011, 10:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and the Bailout of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, "America's Innovation Challenge: What Obstacles do Entrepreneurs Face?"

Witnesses: Mr. Eric Koester, Co-founder and CEO, Zaarly, Inc.; Ms. Lonna Williams, CEO, Ridge Diagnostics; Tsvi Goldenberg, Ph. D., CEO, eemRa.

Nov. 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and the Bailout of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, "How Roadblocks in Public Markets Prevent Job Creation on Main Street."

Witnesses: Mr. Eric Noll, Executive Vice President and Co-Head of U.S. Listings and Cash Execution, NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.; Mr. Joseph Mecane, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for U.S. Markets, NYSE Euronext.

Dec. 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, “What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt I.”

Witnesses: Desmond Lachman, Ph.D., Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Anthony Sanders, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Real Estate Finance, George Mason University; Mr. Douglas J. Elliott, Fellow, Economic Studies, Initiative on Business and Public Policy, Brookings Institute; Mr. Joshua Rosner, Managing Director, Graham Fisher & Company, Inc.; and Mr. Bert Ely, Principal, Ely & Company, Inc.

Dec. 16, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, “What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt II.”

Witnesses: Mr. William C. Dudley, President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Mr. Steven B. Kamin, Director, Division of International Finance, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Mr. Mark Sobel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Monetary and Financial Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Jan. 24, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, “How Will the CFPB Function Under Richard Cordray?”

Witness: Mr. Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

April 17, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs hearing entitled, “The SEC’s Aversion to Cost-Benefit Analysis.”

Witnesses: The Honorable Mary Schapiro, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Henry Manne, Ph.D., Dean Emeritus, George Mason University School of Law; Ms. Jacqueline McCabe, Executive Director for Research, Committee on Capital Markets Regulation; Mr. Mercer E. Bullard, Jessie D. Puckett, Jr., Lecturer and Associate Professor of Law, The University of Mississippi School of Law; Mr. J.W. Verret, Assistant Professor Law, George Mason University School of Law; and Mr. H. David Kotz, Managing Director, Gryphon Strategies, (Former Inspector General, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission).

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform:

Feb. 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and

Procurement Reform hearing, “Unfunded Mandates and Regulatory Overreach.”

Witnesses: Mayor Patrice Douglas, City of Edmond, OK; Ms. Susan Dudley, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center; Ms. Denise M. Fantone, Director, Strategic Issues, U.S. GAO; Mr. Anthony H. Griffin, County Executive, Fairfax County, VA.

Mar. 11, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing, “Transparency Through Technology: Evaluating Federal Open-Government Initiatives.”

Witnesses: Ms. Ellen Miller, Executive Director, Sunlight Foundation; Danny Harris, Ph.D., Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Education; Mr. Christopher L. Smith, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. Jerry Brito, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University; and Hon. Danny Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB.

Mar. 30, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement hearing, “Unfunded Mandates and Regulatory Overreach Part II.”

Witnesses: Hon. Joni Cutler, South Dakota State Senator; Mr. Raymond J. Keating, Chief Economist, Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council; and Mr. John C. Arensmeyer, Founder and CEO, Small Business Majority.

Apr. 7, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Regulatory Barriers to American Indian Job Creation.”

Witnesses: Ms. Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Ms. Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, U.S. GAO; Ms. Patricia Douville, Council Member, Rosebud Sioux Tribe; and Hon. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

May 25, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform entitled, “Unfunded Mandates, Regulatory Burdens and the Role of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.”

Witness: Hon. Cass Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information Regulatory Affairs, OMB.

June 3, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform entitled, “H.R. 735 and Project Labor Agreements: Restoring competition and Neutrality to Government Construction Projects.”

Witnesses: The Honorable John Sullivan, U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. Dan Gordon, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Ms. Susan Brita, Deputy Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration; Mr. Maurice Baskin, Counsel, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.; Mr. David Tuerk, Professor and Chairman, Suffolk University and Beacon Hill Institute; Mr. Kirby Wu, President, Wu & Associates; Mr. Mike Kennedy, Counsel, The Associated General Contractors of America.

June 23, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform entitled, “Improving Oversight and Accountability in Federal Grant Programs.”

Witnesses: Ms. Jeanette Franzel, Managing Director, Financial Management Assurance Team, Government Accountability Office; Ms. Natalie Keegan, Analyst in American Federalism & Emergency Management Policy, Congressional Research Service; Ms. Cynthia Schnedar, Acting Inspector General, Department of Justice; The Honorable Danny Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; The Honorable Tom Coburn, United States Senate.

July 14, 2011. 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Transparency and Federal Management IT Systems.”

Witnesses: Mr. Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, The Office of Management and Budget; The Honorable Roger Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Mr. Lawrence Gross, Deputy Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior; Mr. Owen Barwell, Acting Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Energy; Mr. Joel Willemsen, Managing Director of Information Technology Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Oct. 6, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Protecting Taxpayer Dollars: Are Federal Agencies Making Full Use of Suspension and Debarment Sanctions?”

Witnesses: Mr. William T. Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Mr. Steven Shaw, Deputy General Counsel for Contractor Responsibility, Officer of the Air Force General Counsel; Mr. Richard A. Pelletier, Suspension

and Debarment Official, Environmental Protection Agency; Nick Nayak, Ph.D., Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ms. Nancy Gunderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Grants and Acquisition Policy and Accountability, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Nov. 2, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Are Government Contractors Exploiting Worker's Overseas? Examining Enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.”

Witnesses: Ms. Liana Wyler, Senior Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Mr. David Isenberg, Independent Analyst and Writer; Mr. Nick Schwellenbach, Director of Investigations, Project on Government Oversight; Mr. Sam W. McCahon, Founder, McCahon Law; Ms. Evelyn R. Klemstine, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Kenneth P. Moorefield, Deputy Inspector General for Special Plans & Operations, U.S. Department of Defense; Ms. Linda Dixon, Combating Trafficking in Persons Program Manager, U.S. Department of Defense; Mr. Michael P. Howard, Chief Operating Officer, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES).

Nov. 16, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “On the Frontlines of Acquisition Workforce’s Battle Against Taxpayer Waste.”

Witnesses: Mr. Daniel Gordon, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President; Mr. John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Mr. Roger Jordan, Vice President, Government Relations, Professional Services Council; Ms. Donna Jenkins, Director, Federal Acquisition Institute, General Services Administration; Ms. Katrina McFarland, Director, Defense Acquisition University.

Feb. 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Jobs for Wounded Warriors: Increasing Access to Contracts for Service Disabled Veterans”

Witnesses: The Honorable Bill Johnson, United States House of Representatives (OH-6); The Honorable Max Cleland, Former United States Senator from Georgia, Advocate for the Interests of Disabled Veterans; Ms. Belinda Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Veterans Administration Office of the Inspectors General; Mr. James J. O’Neill, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Veterans Administration Office of Inspectors General; Mr. Rick Hillman, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, General Accountability Office; Mr. Rick Weidman, Executive Director, Vietnam Veterans Association; Mr. Andre Gudger, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology & Logistics

Department of Defense; Mr. Thomas Leney; Executive Director; Small and Veteran Owned Business Programs; Department of Veterans Affairs; and Mr. William Puopolo, President, Verissimo Global Inc.

Feb. 17, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “How Much is Too Much? Examining Duplicative IT Investments at DOD and DOE.”

Witnesses: Mr. David A. Powner, Director, Government Accountability Office; Ms. Teresa (Teri) Takai, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Mr. Michael W. Locatis, III, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; and Mr. Richard Spires, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

March 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “FOIA in the 21st Century: Using Technology to Improve Transparency in Government.”

Witnesses: Ms. Melanie Ann Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice; Ms. Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives & Records Administration; Mr. Andrew Battin, Director, Office of Information Collection, Environmental Protection Agency; and Mr. Sean Moulton, Director of Federal Information Policy, OMB Watch.

March 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Labor Abuses, Human Trafficking, and Government Contracts: Is the Government Doing Enough to Protect Vulnerable Workers?”

Witnesses: The Honorable Richard Blumenthal, United States Senator from Connecticut; The Honorable Rob Portman, United States Senator from Ohio; The Honorable Luis CdeBaca, Ambassador at Large, U.S. Department of State; Ms. Cathy J. Read, Director, Office of Acquisitions Management, U.S. Department of State; Ms. Evelyn R. Klemstine, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Richard T. Ginman, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, U.S. Department of Defense; Ms. Sharon Cooper, Director, Defense Human Resources Activity, U.S. Department of Defense; and The Honorable Kenneth P. Moorefield, Deputy Inspector General for Special Plans & Operations, U. S. Department of Defense.

May 31, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform hearing entitled, “Rhetoric vs. Reality, Part II: Assessing The Impact of New Federal Red Tape on Hydraulic Fracturing and American Energy Independence.”

Witnesses: Ms. Lori Wrotenbery, Director, Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Oklahoma Corporation Commission; Mr. Michael McKee, County Commissioner, Uintah County, Utah; Robert Howarth, Ph.D., Director, Agriculture, Energy and Environment Program, Cornell University; Mr. Michael Krancer, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection; Ms. Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Mr. Mike Pool, Deputy Director, U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

III. Summary of Committee Oversight Plan

Pursuant to Rule X, Clause 2(d) of the Rules of the House, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for the 112th Congress adopted the following plan to guide the work of its subcommittees and the full committee. Because of the Committee's role as the principal oversight body of the federal government and its mandate to investigate "any matter at any time," this plan did not preclude oversight and investigation of other matters of importance to the American people.

The Committee's adopted plan indicates oversight in several sectors, including:

- **Government Spending and Economic Stimulus-** including the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and other economic stimulus programs.
- **Financial Sector Regulation-** including the implementation of Dodd-Frank, reviewing the FCIC, the creation of the CFBP, the Troubled Asset Relief Program and the recommendations of the Special Inspector General, including the failure of the Home Affordable Mortgage Program, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency's oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- **Consumer Protection-** including abuses by the mortgage industry which, coupled with high unemployment and a stagnant economy, have contributed to the foreclosure crisis.
- **Government Watchdogs-** including the effectiveness of federal government inspectors general and their freedom from political interference, and ensuring the independence and integrity of the Government Accountability Office, and the federal government's actions on the recommendations in their biannual *High Risk Series* and their new annual list of duplicative, overlapping, and fractured federal programs.
- **Federal Financial Management-** including the record \$125 billion in improper payments made in 2010, growth in non-tax debt owed to the Federal Government, the persistent inability of many federal agencies to achieve a clean audit, and a comprehensive detailed review of financial management systems in place in the Federal Government.
- **Federal Real Property Disposal-** including the proposal to use a Base Realignment and Closure style initiative to reduce the federal deficit by disposing of excess property.
- **Government Contracting-** including the transition from primarily Department of Defense personnel to Department of State support in Iraq, and the inclusion of mandated Project Labor Agreements in federal construction contracts.
- **Open Government and Transparency-** including federal spending data accuracy, grant reform, the implementation of the Government Performance and Review Act and Performance.gov, compliance with the Presidential Records Act and the Federal Records Act and the need to update those acts to keep up with technology, political travel and the Hatch Act, allegations of political interference with the Freedom of Information Act, and a government-wide review of FOIA backlogs and agency efforts to eliminate them.
- **Technology Policy-** including the Committee's ongoing oversight of the Federal Information Security Management Act, and the emergence of a federal cybersecurity policy.

- **Federal Regulation and the Regulatory Process-** including updating and strengthening the Unfunded Mandates Review Act of 1995, reviewing the role of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in rulemaking, and initiating a government-wide and economy-wide review of regulatory impediments to job creation, and soliciting input from the private sector.
- **Domestic Energy Production-** including actions taken by the Federal Government that have impeded the development of domestic energy resources, including actions taken to discourage the use of new and newly deployed technologies, allegations of mismanagement and abuse at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the reorganization of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement, and the Administration's moratorium on issuing oil drilling permits in the Gulf.
- **EPA Regulatory Actions and Litigation-** including the adequacy of the economic analysis of proposed rules, enforcement and permitting decisions made by the Agency, and the endangerment finding for greenhouse gases.
- **Healthcare and Drug Policy-** including systemic problems with medical device approval, prevalence of fraud and abuse in Medicaid and Medicare, impediments faced by the biotech industry, food safety, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the issuance of waivers to companies and states struggling to comply with provisions of the Affordable Care Act and other implementation issues.
- **District of Columbia-** including the District's use of federal education funds and the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, D.C. fiscal management, and general oversight of the D.C. government.
- **Information Policy-** including the Census, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Presidential Library System, and the future of the Presidential Records Act.
- **Federal Workforce Policies-** including pay and benefits, the use of "official time" to conduct union activities, and the appropriate size of the workforce.
- **United States Postal Service-** focusing on policies that will address the actual long-term fiscal sustainability of USPS and avoid a taxpayer bailout.
- **National Security and Foreign Operations-** including the Department of Defense to State transition in Iraq, waste and mismanagement at USAID, and the growing delays in the transition process from DOD to Veterans Affairs health care systems for wounded warriors.
- **Homeland Security-** including ongoing problems with financial management, operations and decision-making at the Department of Homeland Security, and policies regarding privacy and security at airports and the effectiveness of the Transportation Security Administration.

IV. Summary of Actions Taken and Recommendations Made with Respect to the Oversight Plan

Stimulus Spending

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing on the two-year anniversary of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the stimulus bill) to examine the effects of the stimulus on the economy after two years. During “The Stimulus: Two Years Later” hearing, economists and policy experts from a wide range of universities and public policy institutes testified about the results of the stimulus. Economist Russell Roberts at George Mason University summed up the views of the majority of the panel when he declared in his testimony that “the results have been deeply disappointing.”

A follow-up hearing held by the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, held on September 13th was entitled “Take Two: The President’s Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs.” This hearing revisited the failure of the first stimulus to meet its goals and discussed how the President’s most recent proposal, “The American Jobs Act,” might suffer a similar fate. Experts from academia, think tanks, and financial institutions testified. On the President’s proposal for more stimulus, Professor John Taylor of Stanford University stated, “I think that makes it worse. Even the people who use these models to say it’s going to boost the economy, always emphasize its short-term. So it’s not a fixing growth.” In conjunction with this hearing, the Full Committee released a report entitled, “Doubling down on failure: before asking for a new stimulus package, will the Obama administration admit failure?” which compared the actual results of the 2009 stimulus with the predicted outcomes to demonstrate that it failed even by its self-imposed metrics for success. On Wednesday March 20th, the full Committee held a hearing titled “Oversight of the Department of Energy’s Stimulus Spending” The hearing addressed the Committee’s ongoing investigation of the Department of Energy’s weatherization and ‘green energy’ loan programs, with a particular focus on the administrative and management-related challenges the DOE has faced in implementing these programs. Secretary Chu testified, admitting in response to questions from Subcommittee Chairman Jim Jordan that DOE loaned out money to agencies with a 50% probability of failure. Chu denied that political connections to the White House had anything to do with the loans.

Financial Sector Regulation

In January 2011, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Bailouts and the Foreclosure Crisis: Report of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program” and heard testimony from Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). In his testimony he concluded that “the Home Affordable Modification Program (“HAMP”) — has been beset by problems from the outset and, despite frequent retooling, continues to fall dramatically short of any meaningful standard of success.” In late March, the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled “Has Dodd-Frank Ended Too Big to Fail?” Mr. Barofsky testified that the costs of TARP included “the increased moral hazard and potentially disastrous consequences associated with the continued existence of financial institutions that are ‘too big to fail.’”

Additionally in March, the TARP Subcommittee held a Joint Hearing with the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management on the state of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), entitled “Financial Management, Work Force, and Operations at the SEC: Who's Watching Wall Street's Watchdog?” where the Subcommittees heard from SEC Chairwoman Mary Schapiro, as well as other current and former SEC officials. In May, the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs held a hearing, entitled “Who's Watching the Watchmen? Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” The Subcommittee heard testimony from Elizabeth Warren, Assistant to the President, and Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury, along with several experts from universities and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, about the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

In June 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled, “The Changing Role of the FDIC.” At the hearing, Chairman Bair explained the FDIC’s new authority via the Dodd-Frank Act, regulations regarding risk retention, new categorizations of “systemically important financial institutions,” and suggested items for Congress to examine in years to come.

In September and October 2011, the Subcommittee held two hearings on crowdfunding as a new and necessary means to improve small business capital formation.

Additionally, in September, there was a Joint Hearing by the House Oversight TARP Subcommittee and the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations entitled, “Potential Conflicts of Interest at the SEC: The Becker Case.” The witnesses included SEC Chairman Mary Schapiro, SEC Inspector General H. David Kotz, and former SEC General Counsel David Becker. At the hearing, Inspector General Kotz and Chairman Schapiro recognized and admitted to poor-decision making and structural problems within the Commission’s ethics office – which signed off on David Becker’s involvement with the liquidation of Bernard Madoff Investment Securities LLC, despite a conflict of interest – and announced reforms it would institute in the near future.

In November 2011, the Subcommittee on held the hearing “How Roadblocks in Public Markets Prevent Job Creation on Main Street,” that focused on potential solutions to shortages of liquidity for smaller and lesser known publicly traded companies. The NYSE and the NASDAQ testified in support of the Subcommittees ideas on how to allow for public companies to purchase liquidity support from broker-dealers.

In 2012, Committee staff continued its oversight of the use of cost-benefit analysis at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”). On January 5th, Chairman Issa sent a letter to Chairman Schapiro detailing the numerous flaws and concerns arising out of the Commission’s failure to properly apply cost-benefit analysis to proposed regulations. On April 17th, in a hearing before the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, SEC Chairman Mary Schapiro announced the Commission would be adopting many of practices urged by Chairmen Issa and McHenry in a series of letters in January and February. Commissioner Gallagher personally credited this development to the Committee. Since the April 17th hearing, Committee staff drafted follow-up letters to Chairman Schapiro and the SEC Office of the Inspector General. These letters lay out a comprehensive plan to ensure implementation of the Committee’s recommendations.

On April 5th, 2012, President Obama signed the JOBS Act into law. Three key components of the JOBS Act originated in a letter from Chairman Issa dated March 22, 2011. In that letter, the Chairman sought to motivate the Commission to remove regulations that banned general solicitation, capped the number of shareholders in non-public companies and effectively banned an investing approach known as crowdfunding, which provides ordinary investors the ability to invest a limited share of their income in non-public small startups. As a result of a series of letters and hearings, both in the Full Committee and Chairman McHenry's TARP subcommittee, the House Financial Services and Senate Banking Committees took up the ideas and carried them forward as legislation, which eventually passed as part of the JOBS Act this April. These regulatory changes will enable increased capital formation by non-public companies, which will enable additional investment while subject to less costly regulation.

Consumer Protection

On March 8, 2011, the full Committee held its first field hearing in Baltimore, MD, entitled "The Foreclosure Crisis." The Committee took testimony from Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mark Kaufman of the Maryland Commission on Financial Regulation, Jane Wilson from the St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center, and Iraq war veteran Kevin Matthews, who was illegally locked out of his home when his bank prematurely moved forward on a foreclosure.

On March 19, 2012, the full Committee held a field hearing in Brooklyn, NY, entitled "Failure to Recover: The State of Housing Markets, Mortgage Servicing Practices and Foreclosures." The Committee heard testimony from Morris Morgan of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Suzanne Killian of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Housing Finance Agency General Counsel Alfred Pollard and representatives from Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and CitiMortgage. NY Supreme Court Justice Arthur Schack, Meghan Faux of South Brooklyn Legal Services and Edward Pinto of the American Enterprise Institute also testified about impacts of the foreclosure crisis on our housing markets.

Government Watchdogs

In February 2011, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Waste and Abuse: The Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge" during which the Committee heard from the Comptroller of the United States and several private sector witnesses about the 2011 Government Accountability Office's High Risk List (an ongoing series of GAO reports that detail the highest risk and most problematic programs in the federal government). In early March the Full Committee held another hearing entitled "The Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge II: How U.S. Taxpayers are Paying Double for Failing Government Programs" that examined a new report by the GAO focusing on duplicative federal government programs.

In June, the Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management Subcommittee held a hearing entitled "IRS E-file and Identity Theft," which examined the growing problem of tax fraud perpetuated by identity theft. Commissioner Douglas Shulman testified and personally apologized to victims of identity theft and tax fraud. The Subcommittee held a follow-up hearing in November to address IRS's inability to identify or prevent tax fraud.

The Subcommittee also addressed waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, which were responsible for almost \$70 billion in improper payments in FY 2010. In July, the Subcommittee addressed waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicare at a hearing entitled, “Improper Medicare Payments: \$48 Billion in Waste?,” and in December the Subcommittee had a Joint Hearing with the Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives entitled “A Medicaid Fraud Victim Speaks Out: What’s Not Working and Why?”

On February 15, 2012, the Full Committee held a hearing examining proposals to reform the federal government so it is more efficient, effective, and responsive to the American public. Virginia Senator Mark Warner and Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson both testified alongside other government reform experts.

On February 28, 2012, the Full Committee continued looking at government reform from Comptroller General Gene Dodaro on the update to the GAO duplicative program report. Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn, whose legislation created the report, testified as well. Subcommittee Chairman James Lankford, who has advanced legislation to help identify duplicative programs for reduction, asked the Comptroller General to summarize the cause of government duplication. Mr. Dodaro testified that “basically many of these programs start out as well intentions, perceptions of need, that there’s always not a well-documented case for that in the first place, and there’s an accumulation over time. I mean, the hundred programs in Surface Transportation developed over decades. And there’s really not a regular process other than Congressional oversight to look at whether or not these programs are working effectively. I think in some cases, part of our recommendations are to really tie funding to outcomes, and not just – there’s a perception that providing money fixes problems.”

The Full Committee held a hearing in May 2012, “Where Are All the Watchdogs? Addressing Inspector General Vacancies.” The hearing examined how the community of Federal Inspectors General is short-handed due to the absence of permanent leadership in several agencies. In his opening remarks, Chairman Issa noted that There are currently ten vacant IG posts. Of those, eight are at agencies where the IG is presidentially appointed. Four IG posts have been vacant for more than 1,000 days. Five IG vacancies are at cabinet-level departments. The State Department has been without a permanent IG for more than four years.

Federal Financial Management

On March 9, 2011, the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled, “A Look at the FY2010 Consolidated Financial Statements of the U.S. Government” during which the Comptroller General of the United States testified that “three major impediments continued to prevent GAO from rendering an opinion on the Federal Government’s accrual-based consolidated financial statements” including “financial management problems at the Department of Defense” and “the Federal Government’s ineffective process for preparing the consolidated financial statements.” The Subcommittee held several other hearings on federal financial management, including “Making Sense of the Numbers: Improving the Federal Financial Reporting Model,” “A Look at the FY2010 Consolidated

Financial Statements of the U.S. Government,” “Improper Payments: Finding Solutions,” and “Financial Management at the Department of Homeland Security.”

On March 1, 2012, the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “The Status of Government Financial Management: A Look at the FY2011 Consolidated Financial Statements” during which the Comptroller General of the United States, Daniel Werfel of the Office of Management and Budget and Richard Gregg of the U.S. Department of the Treasury testified about the problems that exist in addressing continued financial management issues. The Subcommittee held another hearing on federal financial management on February 7, 2012, entitled “Solutions Needed: Improper Payments Total \$115 Billion in Federal Misspending.” Senator Thomas Carper (R-DE) was present at the hearing to discuss a bill meant to help reduce improper payments and other witnesses testified about the problems that lead to improper payments and what we can do to prevent them. On March 19, 2012, Reps. Todd Platts, Edolphus Towns and Gerry Connolly sent a letter to the Committee on Appropriations requesting that they consider the increased FY 2013 budget request of GAO, arguing the agency is “a critical tool in identifying waste and misspending” in federal government programs.

The Committee has continued its focus on strong federal financial management, and is monitoring the Department of Defense in its goal to produce auditable financial statements by 2017. On September 23, 2011, the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “The Department of Defense: Challenges in Financial Management” to address shortcomings in DoD’s current systems and problems the Department will face in trying to become auditable. The Subcommittee also addressed financial management concerns at the Department of Homeland Security in its October 27, 2011, hearing, “Internal Control Weaknesses at the Department of Homeland Security.” Peggy Sherry, Acting Chief Financial Officer of DHS, testified about significant weaknesses found in DHS’s controls over its financial management IT systems. In September, Rep. Todd Platts sent a letter to the White House expressing concern over DHS’s lack of a Senate-confirmed Chief Financial Officer. In November, the White House acknowledged Mr. Platts’s letter and nominated Ms. Sherry as CFO at DHS.

On March 22, 2012, the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a joint hearing with the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security entitled “New Audit Finds Problems in Army Military Pay.” The hearing investigated a GAO audit finding that the Army faces challenges in achieving audit readiness due to “continuing deficiencies” with payroll processes and controls. The Subcommittee took testimony from Asif Khan of GAO, Aaron Gillison of DOD, and Jim Watkins and Jeanne Brooks of the Department of the Army. LTC Kirk Zecchini also testified about his personal experience with military pay problems during his 28 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Federal Real Property Disposal

In May 2011, Chairman Issa sent a letter to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) asking for an estimate of President Obama's "Civilian Property Realignment Act." In June, the Committee received a response from CBO which stated in part that the "Legislation would probably not result in a significant increase in proceeds from the sale of federal properties." Furthermore, CBO estimates that the legislation would increase both direct and discretionary federal spending. In July 2011, the Committee held a hearing entitled "Disposal of Federal Real Property: Legislative Proposals." At the hearing, Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director at CBO's Budget Analysis Division, testified on CBO's analysis of the President's proposed property disposal legislation. She testified that, "CBO's review of the President's proposal concluded that it was not likely to significantly increase receipts from sales of federal property in part because there is only a limited amount of excess property with significant market value and there are numerous legal, practical, and political obstacles to the sale of such property."

Government Contracting

The Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations conducted a hearing entitled "U.S. Military Leaving Iraq: Is the State Department Ready?" Several officials from the Departments of State and Defense testified, as well as commissioners from the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of the Commissioners, Grant Green, testified that "this hearing poses the question, 'U.S. Military Leaving Iraq: Is the State Department Ready?' The short answer is 'no,' and the short reason for that answer is that establishing and sustaining an expanded U.S. diplomatic presence in Iraq will require State to take on thousands of additional contractor employees that it has neither funds to pay nor resources to manage."

On September 15, 2011, the Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations conducted a hearing entitled "Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough to Combat Corruption?" The hearing examined the Defense Department's investigation and handling of contractor payments to possible criminal patronage networks and the Taliban. Officials from the Defense Department and the Army acknowledged that oversight of the Host Nation Trucking contracts was inadequate and could have led to payments to insurgents.

On October 4, 2011, the full Committee conducted a hearing entitled "Where is the Peace Dividend? Examining the Final Report to Congress of the Commission on Wartime Contracting." The hearing featured the Commissioners of the Commission on Wartime Contracting and examined waste, fraud, and abuse in contingency contracting practices and expenditures in Iraq and Afghanistan as set forth in the August 31, 2011 Final Report of the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. At the hearing, Chairman Lankford asked "Did you run into situations where it was a sole source, and you would see a need for suspension or debarment, but instead of actually debarring them, they would say, 'They're essential. We can't function without them. So we know they're a bad actor, but we don't have any other folks that can help us.'" Commissioner Shays responded "Countless times."

On October 6th, 2011, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform conducted a hearing entitled “Protecting Taxpayer Dollars: Are Federal Agencies Making Full Use of Suspension and Debarment Sanctions?” The hearing focused on a recent Government Accountability Office report, “Suspension and Debarment: Some Agency Programs Need Greater Attention, and Government wide Oversight Could be improved.” Witnesses from GAO and various government agencies testified regarding wide disparities in Executive branch agencies’ use of suspension and debarment. At the hearing, Chairman Lankford asked “Common sense would seem to suggest these agencies are not looking for and thus not uncovering fraud on the part of their contractors. In some cases, though, these agencies may simply accept poor performance or staff may not complete the file of paperwork or help others avoid the same bad contractors in the future.”

On November 2, 2011, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations, and Procurement Reform conducted a hearing entitled “Are Government Contractors Exploiting Workers Overseas? Examining Enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.” The hearing explored federal agency implementation of the provisions of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and allegations of abusive labor practices by prime and subcontractors performing services in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as at other United States embassies and consulates. Witnesses included representatives from CRS and GAO, as well as the Inspectors General from the State Department and Department of Defense. Sam McMahon, a lawyer who specializes in trafficking cases, testified “The problem is transparency and reporting. There are not enough agents on the ground to report this conduct. It has to be the responsibility of the prime contractor. But now the prime contractor has no incentive and all the disincentive in the world to report the conduct. It makes the prime contractor look bad if they do report it, and they get no incentive for engaging in reporting.”

On November 16, 2011, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations, and Procurement Reform conducted a hearing entitled “On the Frontlines in the Acquisition Workforce’s Battle Against Taxpayer Waste.” The hearing examined the critical role of federal government acquisition professionals who are charged with ensuring that government procurements are competitive and effectively overseen so as to avoid waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement. The hearing highlighted the obligations and challenges of the acquisition workforce in the face of the evolving complexities of the current acquisition system. Witnesses included the Administrator for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, as well as witnesses from defense Acquisition University and Federal Acquisition Institute. Dan Gordon, OFPP Administrator, testified that “My priority number one has been strengthening the federal acquisition workforce. That means look for opportunities for training. It means do outreach. We need to- the second priority is fiscal responsibility. We need to buy less. We need to buy smarter. One of the benefits of buying smarter is that it reduces the burden on the federal acquisition workforce. Strategic sourcing, by having vehicles in place government-wide means that individual contracting officers don’t need to run competitions for contracts. That reduces their workload and is helpful. Rebalancing our relationship with contractors, whether it’s improving the communication, part of Mythbusters, or seeing to it that we’re doing better contract oversight.”

On November 17, the full Committee conducted a Business Meeting. One measure considered was H.R. 3433, the Grant Reform and New Transparency (GRANT) Act of 2011. The bill was approved by a voice vote. The legislation, introduced by Oversight Subcommittee on Technology and Information Policy Chairman James Lankford, R-Okla., directs agencies to establish uniform standards for how they notice, award, and disclose the tens of billions of taxpayer dollars spent each year through 1,670 discretionary grant programs.

On February 7, 2012, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Jobs for Wounded Warriors: Increasing Access to Contracts for Service Disabled Veterans,” which examined the systemic and pervasive failure of the federal government to provide Congressionally-mandated economic opportunities to wounded warriors. Subsequently, a draft bill was prepared to address contracting inequalities for veteran-owned small businesses when competing for government contracts within the small business programs authorized by Section 8a of the Small Business Act. The bill is currently awaiting additional sponsors and has been referred to the House Veterans Committee. At the hearing, Congressman Meehan asked “Why is the Department of Veterans Affairs doing a fairly decent job of at least meeting their goal – 3% – and some of the other critical agencies, HHS and others, sort of so woefully behind? What do they do well that the other agencies don’t do to meet their 3% requirement?”

On February 17, 2012, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “How Much is Too Much? Examining Duplicative IT Investments at DOD and DOE.” The hearing addressed whether government agencies have adequate processes and procedures in place to avoid wasting taxpayer money by buying redundant or overlapping IT systems that perform functions such as acquisition management, case management or document management. Based upon the findings and conclusions of that hearing, draft legislation has been prepared to address greater efficiencies in the Government’s use and acquisition of IT goods and services.

On March 27, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “Labor Abuses, Human Trafficking, and Government Contracts: Is the Government Doing Enough to Protect Vulnerable Workers?” This hearing was a follow up to the Subcommittee’s November 2, 2011 hearing highlighting potential widespread abuses of workers providing labor to U.S. government contractors. The hearing examined proposals designed to end the practice of trafficking submitted by the Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary for Personnel & Readiness, and the Office of Inspectors General from the Department of State and Department of Defense. It addressed proposed legislation to enhance oversight to end abusive labor practices in overseas contracting. At the hearing, Senator Rob Portman testified that, “This cuts across all party lines, philosophical lines because it’s really about something much more fundamental. And that’s who we are as a people. It’s about respecting and protecting human dignity. This legislation, as my colleague has talked about, is designed to ensure that the contracting dollars that come from our taxpayers after all are spent in a manner that’s consistent with our deeply held values as a nation. And it’s a lot of money – over \$20 billion a year in Afghanistan and Iraq alone.”

Open Government and Transparency

In late March, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled, “Why Isn’t the Department of Homeland Security Meeting the President’s Standard on FOIA?” and issued a staff report entitled “A New Era of Openness? How and Why Political Staff at DHS Interfered with the FOIA Process” to determine why DHS was not following President Obama’s promise of more openness and transparency. Chairman Issa began the hearing by outlining DHS’s FOIA problems, saying “now two full years into the Obama administration, Congressional investigators have uncovered evidence that career FOIA professionals at DHS have been compromised in their statutory compliance by the intrusion of DHS political staff into the department’s FOIA procedures.”

The Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing in March to examine how technology could be used to create transparency entitled “Transparency Through Technology: Evaluating Federal Open-Government Initiatives.” In June, based on the Committee’s oversight work, Chairman Issa introduced the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA), which will make Federal spending data uniformly downloadable and machine-readable. The same month, the Committee reported the DATA Act to the House, and Sen. Mark Warner introduced companion legislation in the Senate.

In July, the Subcommittee held a hearing to examine the failure of Federal agencies’ management systems to produce useful, accurate information on grants, contracts, and other spending. Then-Federal CIO Vivek Kundra testified that open-government policies can save taxpayers’ money by illuminating waste, but only if the government ensures the accuracy and usefulness of its data. The Committee collected information on agency financial management data systems, and released its findings publicly online after the hearing. Meanwhile, the Committee continued its aggressive oversight of agencies’ failures to produce auditable financial statements, including hearings by the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management on financial control weaknesses at the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

In March 2012, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations, and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled, “FOIA in the 21st Century: Using Technology to Improve Transparency in Government.” The purpose of the hearing was to examine ways to better utilize technology to meet federal FOIA obligations and solicit stakeholder opinions about the best ways to do so. Witnesses at the hearing included Miriam Nisbet, Director of the National Archives and Records Administration’s Office of Government Information Services; Andrew Battin, Director of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Information Collection; Melanie Ann Pustay, Director of the Department of Justice’s Office of Information Policy; and Sean Moulton, Director of OMB Watch’s Federal Information Policy Division. Hearing testimony revealed, among other things, that the Obama Administration’s FOIA compliance was substantially below the compliance rate of the two prior administrations. The Committee released a staff report scorecard in conjunction with the hearing.

In April 2012, Chairman Issa sent a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder requesting clarification of the Department of Justice’s recent publication of a notice referencing its Office of Information Policy as a “FOIA Ombudsman.” Chairman Issa questioned the characterization

and noted that DOJ's use of the term conflicted with the statutorily established role of the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services, which was effectively set up to serve as a federal FOIA ombudsman. Chairman Issa also requested further information from DOJ to determine the agency's basis for classifying OIP as the authority for resolving federal FOIA disputes, and noted that "DOJ's proposal to offer dispute resolution between agencies and FOIA requesters oversteps its statutory authority."

Information Policy

The full Committee held a joint hearing in February 2012 with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure entitled "America's Presidential Libraries: Their Mission and Their Future" at which the Archivist of the United States and several directors of individual presidential libraries testified about the services that presidential libraries provide to Americans. The full Committee also held a hearing on "Presidential Records in the New Millennium: Updating the Presidential Records Act and Other Federal Recordkeeping Statutes to Improve Electronic Records Preservation." The Archivist of the United States and the Chief Information Officer of the White House Office of Administration testified about possible improvements to the Presidential Records Act that could arise from current technological advances.

Technology Policy

In May 2011, the National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations Subcommittee held a hearing, "Cybersecurity: Assessing the Immediate Threat to the United States" to examine cybersecurity. Several private sector witnesses testified, as well as Sean McGurk from the National Cyber Security Division of the Department of Homeland Security, who informed the Subcommittee that "The United States confronts a combination of known and unknown vulnerabilities, strong and rapidly expanding adversary capabilities, and a lack of comprehensive threat and vulnerability awareness."

In July 2011, the Oversight and Government Reform Committee held a hearing, "Cybersecurity: Assessing the Nation's Ability to Address the Growing Cyber Threat" to further examine cybersecurity. Witnesses from across the Federal Government, to include the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Commerce, discussed the cyber threat as well as the need to develop stronger strategic partnerships with the private sector. Witnesses responded to questions related to the aggressive nature of cyber attacks and the growing need to address weaknesses in the nation's information technology supply chain. The hearing also included a thorough discussion of the Administration's current cybersecurity legislative proposal.

On April 26 2012, on a unanimous voice vote, the Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2012 (HR 4257) was approved by the House of Representatives. During the House Oversight and Government Reform Full Committee Markup on April 18, 2012, the bill was also approved on a unanimous bipartisan voice vote. HR 4257 enhances the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002 by improving the framework for securing information technology systems. It also establishes a mechanism for stronger oversight of

information technology systems by focusing on automated and continuous monitoring of cybersecurity threats and regular “threat assessments.”

Federal Regulation and the Regulatory Process

From the beginning of the 112th Congress, excessive federal regulation and the regulatory process hindering job creation has been a priority of the Committee, and the Committee held a series of hearings on the subject. In February, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation” during which the Committee heard from a variety of business leaders and policy experts. The Committee also released a 97 page staff report entitled “Assessing Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation” to document specific examples of government regulations that businesses say hinder job creation.

In April 2011, the Committee held a field hearing in San Jose, California on “Policies Affecting High Tech Growth and Federal Adoption of Industry Best Practices.” The Committee heard from several leaders in the tech industry about how government regulations affect their businesses, including Google and Microsoft. The Full Committee held two more field meetings on federal regulation in April entitled, “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation: Assessing The Cumulative Impact of EPA Regulation on Farmers” and “Federal Policies Affecting Innovation and Job Growth In the Biotech and Pharmaceutical Industries.”

The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending also held a series of hearings on the topic: “Assessing the Cumulative Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturers,” “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation: The Cost of Doing Business in the Construction Industry,” “Assessing the Impact of EPA Greenhouse Gas Regulations on Small Business,” “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation in the Northeast Part I,” and “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation in the Northeast Part II.” Additionally, the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform held several hearings on the subject: “Unfunded Mandates and Regulatory Overreach,” “Unfunded Mandates and Regulatory Overreach Part II,” and “Regulatory Barriers to American Indian Job Creation.”

In June 2011, the Full Committee held a field hearing in Charleston County, South Carolina entitled, “Unionization Through Regulation: The NLRB’s Holding Pattern on Free Enterprise” to examine the National Labor Relations Board’s (NLRB) decision to sue The Boeing Company for alleged unfair labor practices connected to the company’s decision to build “Dreamliner” 787s in South Carolina. The hearing exposed how the NLRB’s action against Boeing would impact the thousands of Boeing employees at a non-union worksite in South Carolina.

In September 2011, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How a Broken Process Leads to Flawed Regulation.” The hearing focused on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs’ oversight of federal regulatory agencies, the regulatory process, and the impact of regulations on the economy. The Committee released a 34 page report in conjunction with the hearing, which detailed the multiple ways federal agencies seek to advance a political agenda, while avoiding the transparency and the checks and balances of the congressionally designed system. The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending also held a

series of hearings to better understand the employment impacts of various regulations: “The Gainful Employment Regulation: Limiting Job Growth and Student Choice,” “Lights Out: How EPA Regulations Threaten Affordable Power and Job Creation,” and “The Price of Uncertainty: How Much Could DOT’s Proposed Billion Dollar Hours of Service Rule Cost Consumers This Holiday Season.”

On January 2, 2012, the Subcommittee held a hearing entitled, “Volt Vehicle Fire: What Did NHTSA Know and When Did They Know It?” At this hearing, the Subcommittee examined safety issues surrounding the lithium-ion battery system of the Chevrolet Volt and similar safety concerns of other advanced vehicle technologies. The question before the Committee was whether the Federal Government’s partial ownership of General Motors created an inappropriate conflict-of-interest for the regulator responsible for evaluating the safety concerns surrounding GM’s marquee vehicle, the Chevy Volt. Mr. Daniel F. Akerson, Chairman and CEO of General Motors and David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration testified at the hearing.

Domestic Energy Production

In May 2011, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Pain at the Pump: Policies that Suppress Domestic Production of Oil and Gas” where EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson testified. The Committee also released a staff report the same day entitled “Impact of Statements by President, Energy Secretary about Raising Energy Costs on Americans Seen in Administration Policies.” Chairman Darrell Issa introduced the hearing by stating that “the United States has the largest reserves in the world—resources that can provide good-paying American jobs and fuel our economic expansion. Standing between that energy and U.S. consumers is an obstacle course of government red tape, regulation, delays and obfuscations.” In May, the Full Committee held a field hearing in Bakersfield, California entitled, “Pathways to Energy Independence: Hydraulic Fracturing and Other New Technologies.” Also in May, the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing on “How Federal Reserve Policies Add to Hard Times at the Pump” to determine how actions of the Federal Reserve increase the price of gas for consumers.

In June 2011 the Full Committee released a 36 page report, “The BP Oil Spill Recovery Effort: The Legacy of Choices Made by the Obama Administration,” which documented how the decisions made by the Obama Administration delayed relief to the citizens of the Gulf Coast, while simultaneously hindering development of our natural resources. In conjunction with this report, the Full Committee held a hearing, “Making the Gulf Coast Whole Again: Assessing the Recovery Efforts of BP and the Obama Administration After the Oil Spill,” where the Committee heard directly from Gulf Coast residents about the response was affecting their daily lives and ability to earn a living.

In September 2011, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled, “How Obama’s Green Energy Agenda is Killing Jobs,” which explored the implications of government programs designed to transition the United States from traditional energy sources to “green,” or renewable, energy for purpose of job creation and economic growth. At this hearing, the Chairman released a 36 page report which explained why the Administration’s policy to favor “Green Job” creation over

traditional job creation is fundamentally flawed and actually detrimental to the economic recovery. The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending also held a series of hearings to examine the impact of Administration policies on domestic energy production. In July, the Subcommittee heard from a diverse panel of Americans negatively affected by EPA's policy with respect to the permitting process of coal mining in Appalachia at its hearing entitled, "EPA's Appalachian Energy Permittorium: Job Killer or Job Creator?" Witnesses at the hearing included West Virginia Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito, as well as mining executives from Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and a union representative from Local 5958 and Co-Chair of the Mountain Top Mining Coalition.

In February 2012, the Full Committee traveled to Corpus Christie, Texas for a field hearing entitled, "Exploring All the Energy Options and Solutions: South Texas as a Leader in Creating Jobs and Strengthening the Economy." This hearing analyzed the contributions that Texas, particularly South Texas, is making to power the American economy. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Texas produces more energy than any other in the Union. It ranks number one in crude oil production and Texas refineries account for one-fourth of the total amount of U.S. petroleum refining capacity. Texas also leads the country in natural gas production, producing approximately 30 percent of the nation's supply. Ms. Elizabeth Ames Jones, Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas testified, along with several energy executives.

In March 2012, the Full Committee began to examine the manner in which DOE has spent stimulus funds and held a hearing entitled, Oversight of the Department of Energy's Stimulus Spending at which Secretary Chu testified. In conjunction with this hearing, the Committee issued two reports: "The Department of Energy's Weatherization Program: Taxpayer Money Spent, Taxpayer Money Lost"; and "The Department of Energy's Disastrous Management of Loan Guarantee Programs." The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a follow up hearing on May 16, 2012, entitled, "The Obama Administration's Green Energy Gamble: What Have All The Taxpayer Subsidies Achieved?" Executives from Abound Solar, First Solar, Nevada Geothermal, among others testified before the Subcommittee.

On May 31, 2012, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled, "Rhetoric vs. Reality: Does President Obama Really Support an "All-of-the-Above" Energy Strategy?" This hearing questioned President Obama's claim of support for all forms of domestic energy production. Witnesses revealed that his Administration continues to be engaged in regulatory efforts aimed to slow down production of fossil fuels. The same day, the Subcommittee on Technology held a companion hearing entitled, "Rhetoric vs. Reality, Part II: Assessing the Impact of New Federal Red Tape on Hydraulic Fracturing and American Energy Independence." The Subcommittee hearing took a close look at the impact of two federal actions to regulate the practice of hydraulic fracturing, which could damage efforts to become energy independent. Witnesses included state regulators from Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Utah, as well as representatives from the EPA and DOI.

EPA Regulatory Actions and Litigation

The Full Committee held a field hearing in Salinas, California, on “Regulatory Impediments to Job Creation: Assessing The Cumulative Impact of EPA Regulation on Farmers” where the Committee heard from a variety of farmers and small business leaders about how EPA rules hinder job creation. Richard Smith, the owner of Paraiso Vineyards, told the Committee “legislators presumably intend to codify good ideas. Unfortunately, most legislation is followed by regulatory fiat by unelected boards and/or staff; these subsequent ‘rules’ often complicate and/or compromise the original good intentions.” The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled, “Assessing the Impact of EPA Greenhouse Gas Regulations on Small Businesses.” During the hearing, Keith Holman, Deputy Executive Director of the National Lime Association, highlighted the negative effects of EPA regulations on small business owners when he stated that “while the GHG rules took effect only three months ago, we already see a chilling effect on lime companies’ plans to modernize or expand their plants because of the great uncertainty surrounding GHG permitting. This in turn makes it less likely that lime companies will create new jobs.”

In November 2011, the Full Committee held a hearing entitled: “Lights Out II: Should EPA Take A Step Back to Fully Consider Utility MACT’s Impact on Job Creation.” This hearing featured testimony from Virginia Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli, II and the Deputy Administrator of U.S. EPA, Robert Perciasepe. According to General Cuccinelli, “The MACT rule, while raising electricity prices generally, directly increases prices for electricity produced by coal. As I noted before, Appalachian Power supplies a significant portion of the electricity in southwest Virginia, and a majority of its power supply is generated from coal. So the poorest citizens of my state will face the largest electric price increases because of the MACT rule.” At this hearing, Mr. Perciasepe conceded that EPA’s jobs analysis failed to look at the impact that higher energy prices would have on employment.

The Committee has also launched an investigation into the Administration’s fuel economy standards for light and heavy duty vehicles jointly issued by EPA, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Committee is concerned that these standards were negotiated in secret, outside the scope of law, and could generate significant negative impacts for consumers. In furtherance of this investigation, the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending also held a hearing on October 2011 entitled “Running on Empty: How the Obama Administration’s Green Energy Gable Will Impact Small Business and Consumers.” At this hearing, Jeremy Anwyl, C.E.O. of Edmunds.com testified that auto executives felt they had a “‘gun to their head,’ and by that I think they are referring to the threat of a California opt-out, California waiver.”

Healthcare and Drug Policy

The Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled, “Obamacare: Why the Need for Waivers” in mid March 2011 to examine the process by which the Administration awards waivers to exempt certain companies from the new healthcare law. Chairman Trey Gowdy began the hearing by asking in his opening statement “in light of over 1000 companies requesting waivers from the burdens of this law, what did the President mean when he said, ‘if you like your health insurance, you can keep it’ and where are

the failings of this law that necessitate a waivers process?” The Subcommittee then heard from several experts. In April, the Subcommittee held a hearing on government-run healthcare programs entitled “Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement in Government Healthcare” during which the Subcommittee heard from a variety of public and private sector experts at the federal and state level about government healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

In June 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled “FDA Medical Device Approval: Is There a Better Way?” The Committee heard from Dr. Jeffrey Shuren, a top political appointee at FDA, as well as a panel of experts on delays in the FDA approval process for medical devices. In July 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Fulfilling a Legal Duty: Triggering a Medicare Plan from the Administration” in response to the Obama Administration’s failure to comply with their legal requirement to introduce legislation to reduce Medicare’s reliance on general revenue. At the hearing, Chuck Blahous, one of the two public trustees of the Medicare program testified that Congress should use the Medicare cuts in the Affordable Care Act to extend the solvency of Medicare rather than increasing government spending on new health care entitlement programs. The Subcommittee held two hearings this year focused on Obamacare’s impact on employers and jobs. The first hearing was titled “Impact of Obamacare on Job Creators and Their Decision to Offer Health Insurance” and consisted of a panel of employers testifying about the law’s employer mandate to offer health insurance as well as several of the law’s new regulations and taxes. At the hearing, Andrew Puzder, CEO of CKE Restaurants testified, “[T]he ironically named Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act presents all American businesses with huge regulatory and economic hurdles that inhibit economic growth.... Apart from the actual burden of this legislation, it has contributed to the sense – which is quite common among our franchisees – that their own government has no idea how businesses operate and no sensitivity whatsoever to the challenges they and their consumers are confronting in these difficult times.”

The second hearing titled “Obamacare’s Employer Penalty and Its Impact on Temporary Workers” focused on the adverse impact that President Obama’s health care law will have on staffing firms and temporary workers. During the question period, Mr. Gowdy spoke to witness John Uprichard, President and CEO of Find Great People International: “The thing that I was struck by when you and I met and talked is there wasn’t a partisan comment that came out of your mouth... I, to this day, do not know your politics, and frankly it’s none of my business. The entire extent of our conversation was your concern for whether or not you were going to have to lay off your workers because of this.”

In September 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Examining Abuses of Medicaid Eligibility Rules” with witness testimony about how non-indigent people can qualify for Medicaid to pay for their long-term care services. Janice Eulau, an assistant administrator for Medicaid Services in Suffolk County, New York testified, “We’re seeing, you know, people often come in and they have total resources of over \$300,000, \$400,000 total. That’s beyond their home, beyond pre-paid burial expenses, beyond those things that they’re allowed to have... Probably most of the people that do some kind of Medicaid planning could at least pay for three to six months of care on their own, and many could pay for two years or more.”

In September 2011, Chairman Issa and Chairman Gowdy became Members of the Repeal Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Program (CLASS) Working Group with 12

other members of the House and Senate. The working group produced a report titled “CLASS’ UNTOLD STORY: Taxpayers, Employers, and States on the Hook for Flawed Entitlement Program.” The Committee drafted two letters that were sent from the CLASS Working Group to Secretary Sebelius with questions about the sustainability of the CLASS Program as well as the Administration’s plans to implement the program. The efforts of the Repeal CLASS Working Group were likely influential in the Administration’s decision to stop implementation of the CLASS Program due to serious concerns about the program’s sustainability.

The Committee released a report in October 2011 with estimates that we requested from the Joint Committee on Taxation on the distributional impact of Obamacare’s health insurance tax subsidies. The report titled “Uncovering the True Impact of the Obamacare Tax Credits: Increases the Deficit, Expands Welfare through the Tax Code, and Implements a New Marriage Tax Penalty.” In conjunction with the release of the report, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Examining Obamacare’s Hidden Marriage Penalty and Its Impact on the Deficit”. One of the other issues explored at the hearing was the incentive that employers will have to drop or reconfigure workplace health insurance in order to take advantage of the law’s subsidies and pass costs to taxpayers.

In November 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance,” which focused on government laws and price controls that could be at the root of the crisis. Ted Okon, executive director of Community Oncology Alliance, testified that “[f]aced with the prospect of diminishing returns from low-priced, discounted, and rebated drugs, the incentive to stay in the market is reduced. This has led to fewer manufacturers producing these products.”

The Subcommittee on Health Care continued its oversight of waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the Medicaid program with a December 2011 hearing titled “A Medicaid Fraud Victim Speaks Out: What’s Going Wrong and Why?” and a April 2012 hearing titled “Is Government Adequately Protecting Taxpayers from Medicaid Fraud?” Both of the hearings were joint subcommittee hearings; the December 2011 hearing was conducted with the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, and the April 2012 hearing was conducted with the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending.

At the December 2011 hearing, the Subcommittees heard the testimony of Richard West, a severely disabled Vietnam veteran who was a victim of Medicaid fraud. Mr. West’s Medicaid-financed benefits were supposed to be provided by Maxim Healthcare, but Maxim billed the Medicaid program for a significant amount of care that Mr. West never received. Mr. West contacted both the state of New Jersey and CMS to inform them of the problem, but he was ignored. At the hearing, Mr. West testified, “They don’t come out and say ‘We don’t believe you.’ They just don’t return your calls, don’t answer your letters, don’t respond to your emails. You are a burden to them, creating paperwork for them. It’s easy for them to do nothing.” Ultimately, Mr. West filed a successful lawsuit under the False Claims Act joined by the federal government, which ended up recovering more than \$150 million. Members on both sides of the aisle were outraged with both Maxim’s fraudulent billing practices and with the government’s lack of effective oversight. Congressman Gowdy stated, “This is why people have lost trust in

the institutions of government and why our fellow citizens have so little trust that we are spending their money as carefully as we would spend our own.”

The joint Subcommittee hearing co-chaired by Congressmen Gowdy and Jordan featured testimony from three witnesses with intimate knowledge of specific practices in three states that led to massive amounts of taxpayer funds spent fraudulently through the Medicaid program. Dr. Gabriel Feldman, who filed a successful lawsuit against New York City, testified about the presence of a Medicaid industrial complex in New York City that enabled fraud in New York City’s Medicaid-financed home health care program. Dr. Christie Ellis, a Texas orthodontist, testified about the scheme in Texas that resulted in Texas’s Medicaid program spending more on braces than the rest of the Medicaid programs throughout the country spent on braces. Mr. David Feinwachs, a former key employee of the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified about a sophisticated scheme in Minnesota that resulted in the state overpaying the state’s insurance companies that provided coverage to Medicaid enrollees in order to leverage the federal Medicaid reimbursement and cross-subsidize state-only health insurance programs.

Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann (R-MN) gave opening statements at the hearing based upon their work uncovering the problems in Minnesota’s program. Congresswoman Bachmann stated, “With limited information on data quality, CMS cannot ensure that States’ managed care rates are appropriate, which places billions of federal and state dollars at risk for misspending.’ Billions of dollars at risk. This is unacceptable... It appears that a lack of proper auditing has fostered a breeding ground for Medicaid fraud.” The final panel at the hearing consisted of CMS Medicaid director Cindy Mann answering Members’ questions about CMS’ failure to prevent or even detect the problems in New York, Texas, and Minnesota. The Commissioner of Minnesota’s Department of Human Services Lucinda Jesson was also a witness at the final hearing and she faced questions about both the nature of UCare’s \$30 million repayment to the state and the inappropriately high rates the state was paying insurance companies through the Medicaid program.

In February 2012, the full Committee held a hearing titled “Lines Crossed: Separation of Church and State. Has the Obama Administration Trampled on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience?” on the HHS mandate that all employer-provided health insurance must cover contraception, abortifacients, and sterilization procedures. The Committee heard from two panels of witnesses that objected to the HHS rule and the narrow religious exemption that would have required numerous faith-based organizations to violate some of the central teachings of their faith. Bishop William Lori testified, “It is a question of government reaching into the internal governance of religious bodies and making a requirement contrary to church teaching.” Rabbi Meir Soloveichik testified, “This is absolutely an issue of religious freedom and only of religious freedom. There are members of this Committee or of Congress or of the Executive Branch who are concerned about access to contraception. They can seek through legislation or otherwise to ensure greater access to that. . . . What they cannot do – and that’s why we’re here today – is to achieve this end by trampling on the religious freedoms and liberty of conscience of Americans.” Dr. Allison Garrett, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Oklahoma Christian, testified, “This debate is not about whether women have the right to obtain these drugs. Rather, this debate is about whether those who believe that contraceptives or

abortifacients violate their religious convictions must pay for them. There is a vast difference between the right to make a purchase for oneself and requiring someone else to pay for it.” The Committee also released two reports in the first half of 2012. In March 2012, the Committee released a report entitled “Impact of President Obama’s Health Care Law on Jobs.” The report, which highlighted Congressional testimony of numerous business owners, described how Obamacare’s many taxes and mandates will harm job creation. In April 2012, the Committee released a report entitled “Uncovering Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in the Medicaid Program.” The report, which accompanied the joint Subcommittee hearing, described three major instances of Medicaid waste, fraud, and abuse and the ongoing failure at CMS to adequately protect taxpayer dollars spent through the program.

The District of Columbia

The D.C. Subcommittee held a hearing in March 2011 on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program (DCOSP). The DCOSP’s authorization ended in 2009, and the doors were closed to new entrants. In fact, 216 students who had been offered scholarships had those offers revoked. Subcommittee Chairman Gowdy took testimony from parents and students affected by the end of the successful DCOSP. In May 2011, the subcommittee held a hearing on the fiscal sustainability of the D.C. budget. Testimony was heard from Mayor Gray, Council Chairman Kwame Brown, former control board chairwoman Alice Rivlin, and D.C. Chief Financial Officer Natwar Gandhi.

The D.C. Subcommittee held a hearing in June 2011 on the security of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Our rail and subway systems have always been a terrorist target, especially in our nation’s capital. The hearing examined policies in place to ensure all necessary measures are being taken to protect the American people who use the DC Metro system. To ensure this, the hearing focused on coordination efforts between the several jurisdictions that oversee the system and surrounding infrastructure to make certain there are no security gaps between the federal, state, local and related entities. Testimony was heard from WMATA General Manager and CEO Richard Sarles, Metro Transit Police Chief Michael Taborn, Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier, and Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin.

In January 2012, the D.C. Subcommittee held a hearing on the Administration’s decision to allow indefinite camping by individuals protesting with the “Occupy DC” movement in McPherson Square, an area under the control of National Park Service, and the consequences of that decision. Chairman Gowdy took testimony from the Director of the National Park Service Jonathan Jarvis, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department Cathy Lanier, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice of the District of Columbia Paul Quander, Jr., Director of the District of Columbia Department of Health Mohammad Akhter, M.D., and Mr. Timothy Zick, a Cabell Research Professor of Law at William and Mary School of Law.

Federal Workforce

The Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy held three hearings exploring issues affecting the federal workforce. At the March 9, 2011 hearing entitled,

“Are Federal Workers Overpaid?” Chairman Dennis Ross made it clear that “the Members of this Subcommittee recognize that our talented federal workforce performs critically essential missions throughout the government, on behalf of our nation. We appreciate their service.” Ross also noted that despite the fact that the President had declared a two-year pay freeze, roughly \$1 billion worth of pay increases would be handed out each year due to the practice of “step” or “time-in-grade” increases awarded purely on tenure. At that hearing, the Subcommittee heard testimony from John Berry, director of the Office of Personnel Management. Berry argued that those step increases were necessary for employee retention, and promised to work with subcommittee Chairman Ross and full committee Chairman Issa to evaluate that policy. After the hearing, Ross and Issa requested that GAO conduct a comprehensive pay and benefit survey to answer key questions in dispute about the comparability of federal employee and private sector pay.

An April 13th hearing examined the Federal Employee Compensation Act, the “workers’ compensation” system used by federal agencies and the U.S. Postal Service, which has been criticized for keeping some workers on its system who are long since eligible for retirement. The Subcommittee found broad consensus amongst agency IGs for reform of the system. In May, the Subcommittee examined several proposals to reduce the size of the federal workforce through attrition, bringing Rep. Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming, and Rep. Tom Marino of Pennsylvania before the committee to testify. After examining these and other proposals at the hearing, Chairman Issa, Chairman Ross, and National Security Subcommittee Chairman Jason Chaffetz, introduced H.R. 2114, a bill to reduce the size of the federal workforce by 10% by the year 2015 through attrition.

The Subcommittee continued its oversight of issues affecting the federal workforce. At the June 1, 2011 hearing entitled, “Official Time: Good Value for the Taxpayer?” Chairman Ross underscored the need for the federal government to release information on official time usage in a timely manner. In 2009, the federal government spent nearly three million hours of official time on union activities in 2009, at a cost of \$129 million. Ross also expressed concern that little evidence exists that official time is improving government productivity.

On July 27, 2011, Chairman Ross held a hearing to examine the administration of the Thrift Savings Plan, including its investment options, participation rates, and expenses. Greg Long, Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, discussed additional legislative changes requested by the Board to ensure the plan continues to meet participant needs.

During the November 15, 2011 hearing entitled, “Back to the Basics: Is OPM Meeting Its Mission?” the Subcommittee examined the Office of Personnel Management’s efforts to modernize the federal government’s hiring and retirement claims systems. The Subcommittee found OPM had no business plan to move from the current antiquated, paper-based process and reduce the backlog of 60,000 claims. The Subcommittee also examined OPM’s failed launch of an in-house jobs board, for which OPM Director Berry OPM admitted the agency underestimated both the systems and software challenges.

On January 25, 2012, the Subcommittee continued its review of federal employee compensation with a hearing entitled, “Retirement Readiness: Strengthening the Federal Pension System.” During the hearing, the Subcommittee focused in options in reforming the federal pension system to bring it more in line with the private sector workforce and ensure pension benefits are available to current and future annuitants. The Subcommittee examined the pension formula for Members of Congress, which results in a more generous retirement benefit.

On May 16, 2012, the Subcommittee held a hearing entitled, “Hatch Act: Options for Reform.” The hearing followed the Committee’s June 2011 hearing, at which a bipartisan panel expressed support for making substantive changes in the Hatch Act statute. The Subcommittee examined legislation introduced to repeal the Hatch Act’s arbitrary restrictions on state and local government workers who seek to run for elected office, and heard testimony from witnesses on the need for legislation that preserves the intent of the Hatch Act and reflects the realities of today’s federal workplace. Subcommittee members also discussed the intent behind the statutory exemption that allows federal labor organizations and certain federal employee organizations to solicit, accept, or receive political contributions within their membership.

United States Postal Service

The Full Committee and the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy conducted oversight of the United States Postal Service, regarding fiscal sustainability and the prevention of a dollar for dollar taxpayer-funded bailout. The Subcommittee held a hearing in March with newly appointed Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe, Postal Regulatory Commission Chair Ruth Goldway, and postal industry experts to discuss what the Subcommittee called the “Looming Crisis at USPS.” The Subcommittee identified the key concern with the fiscal health of USPS- workforce costs represented 80% of expenses. Donahoe returned to testify to the Full Committee on April 5, 2011, at a hearing examining the sustainability of those costs in light of the recently signed contract with the largest postal union, the American Postal Workers Union. The Subcommittee also held a hearing featuring testimony from the businesses that make up the rest of the postal industry. The Committee is working on legislation that will allow USPS to return to fiscal sustainability and avoid a taxpayer funded bailout.

On June 15, 2011 the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy conducted the Committee’s fourth oversight hearing of this Congress focusing on whether the Postal Service could afford to maintain its current level of infrastructure. The following week, Chairman Issa and Subcommittee Chairman Ross introduced H.R. 2309, the Postal Reform Act, a bill designed to immediate restructure and reform USPS and prevent the need for a taxpayer funded bailout of the Postal Service. On September 21, 2011 the Subcommittee held a business meeting where an amended version of H.R. 2309 was favorably reported to the full committee by a recorded vote of 8 to 5. At an October 13, 2011 business meeting, the full committee considered H.R. 2309. During the markup, a proposal to retroactively recalculate USPS pension liabilities to create an artificial financial windfall for the Postal Service was defeated by a vote of 17-20. After a total of 15 amendments were adopted, H.R. 2309 was ordered reported to the House of Representatives by a recorded vote of 22-18.

In March 2012, the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy conducted an informational hearing on a United States Postal Service proposal to take over the administration of health care benefits from the Office of Personnel Management. At the hearing, Postmaster General Donahoe spoke in favor of the plan, arguing in his testimony that a USPS-administered health plan would save \$7 billion per year. However, a second witness, Walton Francis, a federal health care expert, strongly questioned whether the planned savings were achievable.

Census

On March 6, 2012, the Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census, and the National Archives held a hearing entitled: “The Pros and Cons of Making the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey Voluntary.” The successor to the Census Long Form, the American Community Survey (ACS) is sent to 3 million randomly selected addresses every year and under provisions of title 13 and title 18, U.S.C., those selected are legally obligated to complete the survey. The personal nature of several of the questions, however, has raised privacy concerns, which the hearing examined. Testifying at the hearing, Representative Ted Poe argued that “there is no compelling state interest that should allow this intrusion into private lives,” and reiterated his support for H.R. 931, a bill he has introduced to make the ACS voluntary. Other witnesses at the hearing, including Robert Groves, then the Director of the Census Bureau, argued that the information compiled by the ACS is vital to the proper allocation of federal spending and very useful to private sector businesses. It was also discussed that making the ACS voluntary would increase the costs of administering the survey, due to a lower response rate.

National Security and Foreign Operations

In May 2011, the Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations continued a series of hearings on issues in wounded warrior care that examined the transition of members of the military who are wounded in action from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Subcommittee heard testimony from officials at the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs as well as the GAO which had uncovered problems in the transition of members of the military between the two departments. In May, the Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled, “USAID: Following the Money” to examine how efficiently USAID uses federal funds. Rajiv Shah, Administrator of USAID, and Donald Gambatesa, Inspector General for USAID testified before the Subcommittee.

In June 2011, the Subcommittee conducted a hearing to examine Venezuela’s sanctionable activity and what steps the Administration is taking to curtail that behavior. Also in June, the Subcommittee heard testimony from senior government witnesses about the state of our nation’s cybersecurity. In July, the Subcommittee held its second hearing examining the TSA’s efforts to secure airports and passengers. Members heard testimony from private and public sector witnesses about challenges and possible solutions.

In September 2011, the Subcommittee continued its oversight of corruption along the military's supply chain in Afghanistan, including whether the Pentagon has taken sufficient steps to eliminate possible extortion. In October, the Subcommittee held its second hearing on the progress of the Defense and State Department transition to a civilian-led mission in Iraq.

In November 2011, the Subcommittee conducted a hearing to examine whether the Obama Administration's diplomatic strategy has made any impact on Iran's progress toward obtaining a nuclear weapon. It also sought to determine whether the State Department will be prepared to defend itself against Iranian engagement in Iraq after the December 31, 2011, troop withdrawal deadline. In December, the Subcommittee heard testimony from the IG community about the challenges and solutions for more effective oversight in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In February 2012, the Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations continued its oversight of Afghanistan operations by conducting a hearing entitled, "Are Changes in Security Policy Jeopardizing USAID Reconstruction Projects and Personnel in Afghanistan?" The Subcommittee addressed the potential impact of Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai's Presidential Decree 62 upon the safety and security of U.S. Agency for International Development projects and personnel in Afghanistan. In particular, the hearing examined the issues raised by a March 9, 2012 Management Alert sent to US Agency for International Development Afghanistan Mission Director Dr. S. Ken Yamashita by Acting Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction Steven Trent. Members heard testimony from the office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, as well as a representative from USAID.

In March 2012, the Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations continued its oversight of the Department of Veterans Affairs by conducting a hearing entitled, "Preventing Stolen Valor: Challenges and Solutions." The Subcommittee addressed issues arising from the fabrication of military service records and awards by those who fraudulently seek to obtain personal and professional benefit. In particular, the hearing examined the federal government's ability to maintain adequate databases to track and promptly access service records, as well as the extent to which those records are made available to those seeking verification. Members heard testimony from the Defense Department, the National Archives and Records Administration, the veteran community, and a private sector military records archivist.

Homeland Security

The Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations held a hearing in March on the use of full body scanners by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in airports. The Subcommittee received testimony from several experts in the private sector, as well as two TSA administrators. The Subcommittee also heard testimony from Sharon Cissna, a member of the Alaska State House of Representatives, and a repeated victim of invasive TSA searches. In April, the Subcommittee held a hearing entitled, "Tsunami Warning, Preparedness and Interagency Cooperation: Lessons Learned" to understand the Federal Government's level of preparation for a tsunami in the United States. Additionally in April, the Subcommittee held a hearing on border security entitled, "The Border: Are Environmental Laws and Regulations Impeding Security and Harming the Environment?" A variety of current and former government officials testified, including former Border Patrol Agent George Zachary

Taylor, who declared that “there is a tremendous difference of opinion between what the Law Enforcement Officers working along the Arizona-Mexico Border believe is the current state of National Security and Public Safety there and what the Department of Homeland Security Officials represent as the current state of National Security and Public Safety along that very same border.”

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In March 2012, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure conducted a joint hearing entitled “TSA Oversight Part III: Effective Security or Security Theater?” The Committees examined the successes and challenges associated with Advanced Imaging Technology, the Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques *program*, the Transportation Worker Identification Credential, and other security initiatives administered by the Transportation Security Administration. Members heard testimony from senior Transportation Security Administration officials, the Coast Guard, and the Government Accountability Office.

In May 2012, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure conducted a joint hearing entitled, “TSA Oversight Part IV: Is TSA Effectively Procuring, Deploying, and Storing Aviation Security Equipment and Technology?” The Committees examined issues associated with the procurement, deployment, and storage of airport security related equipment. Members heard testimony from the Transportation Security Administration, the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General, and the Government Accountability Office.

V. **Summary of Any Additional Oversight Activities Undertaken, and Any Recommendations Made or Actions Taken Thereon**

DOJ's Operation Fast and Furious – The Committee has been investigating DOJ's fundamentally flawed gun trafficking investigation since February 2011. Fast and Furious relied on the tactic of “gunwalking” – ATF agents abandoned surveillance on known straw purchasers who were known to be obtaining weapons on behalf of Mexican drug cartels. Fast and Furious allowed roughly 2,000 firearms to walk. Only a fraction of the Fast and Furious guns have been recovered, mostly at crime scenes in Mexico. This reckless operation finally came to end after the death of U.S. Border Agent Brian Terry. The Committee has issued two subpoenas, one to former ATF Acting Director Kenneth Melson and another to Attorney General Eric Holder. Although the Committee has received approximately 7,000 documents, the Justice Department continues to refuse to comply fully with the subpoena. The Committee has held four hearings and conducted numerous transcribed interviews with both ATF and DOJ officials. The Committee has also raised the possibility of contempt proceedings with the Justice Department.

Politicization of the Office of Special Counsel – The Committee is investigating OSC's Hatch Act investigation and report regarding political activity in the Bush White House Office of Political Affairs. As part of an ongoing oversight effort, the Committee continues to monitor OSC and the White House regarding their respective abilities to scrutinize Hatch Act compliance and resolve conflicts in a timely manner that protects taxpayers' interests. The Committee held a hearing on Hatch Act reform and conducted a series of transcribed interviews related to OSC's flawed Hatch Act investigation and report.

Politicization of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission – The Committee is investigating politicization of the NRC during the chairmanship of Gregory Jaczko. The Committee is also examining allegations that Jaczko has been abusive to staff and hostile to his colleagues on the Commission. The Committee wrote a number of letters to Jaczko, issued a 62-page report and held a hearing on the matter at which all 5 commissioners testified. Jaczko announced his resignation pending the nomination of his replacement on May 21, 2012. The Committee will continue to encourage the White House to take prompt action to prevent further damage to the agency.

Oversight of the Community of Inspectors General – The Committee is responsible for oversight of the community of federal inspectors general. Toward that end, the Committee held a hearing on the proliferation of vacant IG posts during the Obama administration. The Committee provided oversight and support to the Securities and Exchange Commission as the agency dealt with a crisis at its Office of the Inspector General. The Committee also collected and logged open and unimplemented IG recommendations for the fourth consecutive year.

DARPA Contracting Conflicts – The Committee has conducted an investigation for approximately nine months into possible impropriety related to Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency contracting. The contracts in question were awarded over the last two years to a company co-owned by DARPA Director Regina Dugan. The Committee has reviewed thousands of documents produced by the Defense Department and conducted transcribed interviews of current and former DARPA officials.

Countrywide's VIP Loan Program – The Committee is investigating the VIP loan program operated by Countrywide Financial Corporation. Countrywide used the program to give discounted loans and other preferential treatment to Members of Congress, congressional staff, federal employees, and employees of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Pursuant to a subpoena, the Committee received more than 100,000 documents from Bank of America, which acquired Countrywide. The Committee has also conducted five transcribed interviews with current and former Bank employees.

Misuse of the SSI label by TSA – The Committee is investigating allegations that political appointees at TSA use the Sensitive Security Information (SSI) designation to withhold embarrassing or damaging information. Alternatively, TSA public affairs staff are alleged to have released actual SSI to the press for public relations purposes. The Committee has obtained documents from whistleblowers and the Department of Homeland Security and conducted transcribed interviews of current and former TSA employees.

False and Misleading Border Crossing Data – The Committee is investigating allegations from Customs and Border Patrol agents that the Department of Homeland Security knowingly publishes false and misleading border crossing data. According to CBP insiders, the agency misrepresents the number of “got aways” – individuals who illegally cross the southwest border and are never caught or otherwise accounted for. In response to a letter from Chairman Issa and Subcommittee Chairman Chaffetz, the Committee has obtained documents and a series of briefings.

Agency Conference Spending— On April 2, 2012, the General Services Administration's Office of the Inspector General issued a report finding significant waste and potential criminal activity occurred in conjunction with the planning and execution of the Public Building Service's Western Regions Conference (WRC). The WRC was held in October 2010 at the luxurious M Resort and Spa just off the Las Vegas strip. The conference cost taxpayers approximately \$840,000. On April 16, 2012, at a full Committee hearing, Members examined the details surround the WRC and the lessons learned. In an effort to determine whether excessive conference spending is a government-wide problem, Chairman Issa wrote to all Cabinet-level Departments and additional agencies requesting conference information.

Fraud in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)— In February 2012, Scripps Howard News Service published an investigation finding that numerous SNAP vendors who were previously disqualified from the program were able to re-qualify due to lapses in the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) system for approving vendors. In early March 2012, the Committee held a hearing and heard from several witnesses. Although USDA's Under Secretary with responsibility for the SNAP program assured Committee Members that fraud is declining, the Pennsylvania Inspector General (PA IG) stated that caseload trends in her office show the exact opposite. The PA IG bluntly told the Committee that fraud in SNAP is on the rise. The Chairman sent a follow-up letter to the USDA Under Secretary asking for clarification and offering to continue the dialogue on methods to improve SNAP fraud prevention.

VI. Delineation of Any Hearings Held Pursuant to Clauses 2(n), (o), or (p)

CLAUSE 2(n)

- March 2, 2011- Pushing the Envelope: The Looming Crisis at USPS (Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy)
- April 5, 2011- Are Postal Workforce Costs Sustainable? (Full Committee)
- May 12, 2011- The District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability (Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives)
- May 26, 2011- Rightsizing the Federal Workforce (Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy)
- June 1, 2011 – Official Time: Good Value for the Taxpayer? (Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy)
- June 1, 2011 – Duplication, Overlap and Inefficiencies in Federal Social Welfare Programs (Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending)
- June 14, 2011 – Achieving Transparency and Accountability in Federal Spending (Full Committee)
- June 23, 2011 – Improving Oversight and Accountability in Federal Grant Programs (Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform)
- July 14, 2011 – Transparency and Federal Management IT Systems (Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform)
- September 13, 2011 – Take Two: The President's Proposal to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs (Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending)
- November 2, 2011 – The Green Energy Debacle: Where Has All the Taxpayer Money Gone? (Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending)
- November 16, 2011 – Pay for Performance: Should Fannie and Freddie Executives Be Receiving Millions in Bonuses? (Full Committee)
- March 27, 2012 – Can a USPS-Run Health Plan Help Solve its Financial Crisis? (Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy)
- April 16, 2012 – Addressing GSA's Culture of Wasteful Spending (Full Committee)
- May 10, 2012 – Where Are All the Watchdogs? Addressing Inspector General Vacancies (Full Committee)

CLAUSE 2(o)

- January 26, 2011- Bailouts and the Foreclosure Crisis: Report of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (Full Committee)

- February 16, 2011- Making Sense of the Numbers: Improving the Federal Financial Reporting Model (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
- March 9, 2011- A Look at the FY2010 Consolidated Financial Statements of the U.S. Government (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
- July 28, 2011 – Improper Medicare Payments: \$48 Billion in Waste? (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
- September 23, 2011 – The Department of Defense: Challenges in Financial Management (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
- March 1, 2012 – The Status of Government Financial Management: A Look at the FY2011 Consolidated Financial Statements (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
- March 22, 2012 – New Audit Finds Problems in Army Military Pay (Joint Hearing of the Subcommittee on Government Operations, Efficiency and Financial Management and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security)

CLAUSE 2(p)

- March 10, 2011- Financial Management, Work Force, and Operations at the SEC: Who's Watching Wall Street's Watchdog? (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
- March 16, 2011- TSA Oversight Part I: Whole Body Imaging (Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations)
- March 30, 2011- Has Dodd-Frank Ended Too Big to Fail? (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
- March 31, 2011- Why Isn't the Department of Homeland Security Meeting the President's Standard on FOIA? (Full Committee)
- April 5, 2011- Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement in Government Health Care (Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives)
- May 10, 2011- Financial Management at the Department of Homeland Security (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
- May 24, 2011- Who's Watching the Watchmen? Oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
- May 25, 2011- Cybersecurity: Assessing the Immediate Threat to the United States (Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations)
- June 2, 2011 – Making the Gulf Coast Whole Again: Assessing the Recovery Efforts of BP and the Obama Administration After the Oil Spill (Full Committee)
- June 2, 2011 – IRS E-File and Identity Theft (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
- June 2, 2011 – FDA Medical Device Approval: Is There a Better Way? (Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives)

- June 15, 2011 – Postal Infrastructure: How Much Can We Afford? (Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy)
- June 22, 2011 – Lasting Implications of the General Motors Bailout (Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending)
- June 22, 2011 – The Changing Role of the FDIC (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
- June 24, 2011 – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Is There a Security Gap? (Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives)
- July 7, 2011 – Cybersecurity: Assessing the Nation’s Ability to Address the Growing Cyber Threat (Full Committee)
- July 12, 2011 – Fulfilling a Legal Duty: Triggering a Medicare Plan from the Administration (Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives)
- July 13, 2011 – TSA Oversight Part 2: Airport Perimeter Security (Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations)
- July 14, 2011 – Consumer Financial Protection Efforts: Answers Needed (Full Committee)
- July 27, 2011 – Disposal of Federal Real Property: Legislative Proposals (Full Committee)
- September 15, 2011 – Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough to combat Corruption? (Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations)
- September 15, 2011 – Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
- September 21, 2011 – Examining Abuses of Medicaid Eligibility Rules (Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives)
- September 22, 2011 – Potential Conflicts of Interest at the SEC: The Becker Case (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
- October 4, 2011 – Where is the Peace Dividend? Examining the Final Report to Congress of the Commission on Wartime Contracting (Full Committee)
- October 12, 2011 – Status Report on the Transition to a Civilian-Led Mission in Iraq (Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations)
- November 2, 2011 – America’s Innovation Challenge: What Obstacles Do Entrepreneurs Face? (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
- November 2, 2011 – Are Government Contractors Exploiting Workers Overseas? Examining Enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform)
- November 4, 2011 – Identity Theft and Tax Fraud: Growing Problems for the Internal Revenue Service (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)

- November 14, 2011 – Delphi Pension Fallout: Federal Government Picked Winners and Losers, So Who Won and Who Lost? (Full Committee)
 - November 15, 2011 – Back to Basics: Is OPM Meeting Its Mission? (Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy)
 - November 15, 2011 – How Roadblocks in Public Markets Prevent Job Creation on Main Street (Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs)
 - November 30, 2011 – Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance (Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives)
 - Jan. 25, 2012 – Retirement Readiness: Strengthening the Federal Pension System (Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy)
 - February 7, 2012 – Jobs for Wounded Warriors: Increasing Access to Contracts for Service Disabled Veterans (Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform)
 - February 28, 2012 – Government 2.0: GAO Unveils New Duplicative Program Report (Full Committee)
 - March 26, 2012 – TSA Oversight Part III: Effective Security or Security Theater? (Joint Hearing of the Full Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)
 - April 19, 2012 – Problems at the Internal Revenue Service: Closing the Tax Gap and Preventing Identity Theft (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
 - April 25, 2012 – Is Government Adequately Protecting Taxpayers from Medicaid Fraud? (Joint hearing of the Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending)
 - May 9, 2012 – TSA Oversight Part IV: Is TSA Effectively Procuring, Deploying, and Storing Aviation Security Equipment and Technology? (Joint Hearing of the Full Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)
 - June 7, 2012 – Assessing Medicare and Medicaid Program Integrity (Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management)
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