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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT
AND GOVERNMENT REFORM,
Washington, DC, December 23, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 1(d)(1), I submit the enclosed semiannual activities report of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for the 1st session of the 112th Congress.

DARRELL E. ISSA,
Chairman.

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R E P O R T

ACTIVITIES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM, 112TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION, DECEMBER 2011

SECOND SEMIANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

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 session 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. In addition, the Subcommittee on Technology held three legislative hearings considering ways to improve the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, which included productive discussions of regulatory review with the Director of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and culminating in reporting H.R. 373, the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011.

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 half of the 112th Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held 118 oversight hearings and reported and discharged 24 bills and resolutions to the House for consideration, including the resurrection of the successful D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program and bills dealing with tax accountability for federal employees and contractors.

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.

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. 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. 2061, Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011. Introduced by Rep. Richard Hanna on May 31, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on June 22, 2011, and ordered favorably reported by a voice vote; H. Rept. 112-149 filed on July 18, 2011; and passed in the House on November 2, 2011, by a vote of 425-0.

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. 3237, SOAR Technical Corrections Act. Introduced by Rep. Trey Gowdy on October 18, 2011. History: Marked up by the Committee on November 3, 2011, ordered reported favorably, as amended, by voice vote; H. Rept. 112–315 filed on December 6, 2011; and passed in the House on December 6, 2011, as amended 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.

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.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.

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. His-

tory: Marked up by the Committee on April 13, 2011, and ordered reported favorably, as amended, by a vote of 15 ayes to 14 nays.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

POSTAL NAMING MEASURES

Enacted

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. 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. 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. 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”.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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”.

Passed by Committee

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. 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. 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. 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.”

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS HELD

Jan. 25, 2011, 9:30 a.m.—Full Committee Organization Meeting.

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.

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 MD 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. 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”

1. Issa amendment in the nature of a substitute—agreed to by voice vote, a quorum being present.
2. 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.

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. 13, 2011, 9:30 a.m.—Full Committee Business Meeting. Summary:

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

1. Chaffetz amendment in the nature of a substitute—agreed to by voice vote, as amended.
2. Connolly amendment to the Chaffetz substitute—defeated by voice vote.
3. Speier amendment to the Chaffetz substitute—agreed to by voice vote.
4. Quigley amendment to the Chaffetz substitute—ruled out-of-order (non-germane)
5. 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

1. Chaffetz amendment in the nature of a substitute—agreed to by voice vote, as amended.
2. 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.
3. 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

1. Ross amendment in the nature of a substitute—agreed to by voice vote.
2. Connolly amendment to the Ross substitute—ruled out-of-order (non-germane)
3. 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.

** Note: Had they been present at the vote, Mr. Turner and Mr. Walsh both would have been recorded as voting “aye.” By unanimous consent, this was approved for the record.

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.

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, Gowers/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, BIOCUM; 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.

June 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m.—Full Committee Business Meeting. Summary:

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

1. Issa offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute.
2. 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.
3. Connolly offered an amendment to the substitute. He then withdrew his amendment.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

1. 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

1. 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 Saga-

more 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 Pahoa 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.

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.” Witnesses: 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, PhD, Dean, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, former OIRA Administrator; Mrs. Robbie LeValley, Co-owner, Homestead Meats, Member of the Board of Di-

rectors, 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.

Oct. 13, 2011, 10:30 a.m.—Full Committee Business Meeting. Summary:

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

1. Ross offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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).
13. Platts offered an amendment (#18) to the Meehan amendment (#8). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

14. 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.

15. 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.
16. Davis offered an amendment (#38) to the Ross ANS to strike section 311 (“Postal Service Workers’ Compensation Reform”). The amendment was withdrawn.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. 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.
22. 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, Farenthold, and Kelly.

23. 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.
24. 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, Farenthold, 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, Farenthold, 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. 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. 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”

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Cooper offered an amendment (#014) which changed the replacement rate ratio from 1–3 to 1–2. The amendment was withdrawn.
4. 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.

5. Lynch offered an amendment (#039) in the nature of a substitute (ANS). The amendment was defeated by voice vote.
6. 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”

1. 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.
2. Tierney offered an amendment (#001) to Sec. 201, “Protection of Intelligence Community Whistleblowers.” The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

3. 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.

4. 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"

1. 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

1. 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. John Kerry (D–MA).

Issa asked unanimous consent to allow Members’ whose votes were not recorded on the Yarmouth amendment to H.R. 3029, the Braley amendment to H.R. 3289, and the motion to report H.R. 3289 to let the record reflect how they would have voted.

Mr. Burton would have voted Nay on the Yarmouth Amendment to H.R. 3029.

Mr. Amash would have voted Nay on the Yarmouth Amendment to H.R. 3029.

Mr. Towns would have voted Aye on the Braley Amendment to H.R. 3289.

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.

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”

1. Quigley offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).
2. 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 (Townes), the “Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2011”

1. Issa offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).
2. McHenry offered an amendment to the Issa ANS regarding prohibition of the use of any non-official electronic mail account, program or system.
3. 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”

1. 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.
2. Cummings offered an amendment to strike a subsection regarding disclosure of peer reviewers.
3. 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 lan-

guage “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”

1. Lankford offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).
2. Connolly offered an amendment to the Lankford ANS regarding accounting for benefits in UMRA analyses. The Connolly amendment was defeated by voice vote.
3. 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.

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 Borchardt, 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.

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. Arthor 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 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 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.

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.

1. Ross offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute.
2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Chaffetz offered an amendment (#174) to the ANS to cut the number of days the post office delivers mail. The amendment was withdrawn.
5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Lynch offered an amendment (#29) to the ANS to add a Title—OVERPAYMENT OF FERS 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

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 Per-

sonnel 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.; Mr. Mark Conway, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Monster Worldwide, Inc.

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: 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 Representatives; 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.

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.

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. De-

partment 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. Depart-

ment 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.

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 Rajkovacz, 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 Grenierth, 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 Agen-

cy; 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.

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 Gelinias, 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, eemBa.

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.

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 hearing 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 hearing 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.

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.

1. Lankford offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute.
2. 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.

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, Depart-

ment 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.

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

NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

In May, 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, 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, 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 hear-

ing on the progress of the Defense and State Department transition to a civilian-led mission in Iraq.

In November, 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.

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. 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.

FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL

In May, 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, 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 WATCHDOGS

In mid February 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?”

FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

In March, 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.”

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 2014. In September, 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 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.

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, 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, 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, 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.”

DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

In May, 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 how the response was affecting their daily lives and ability to earn a living.

In September, 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.

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 fiats 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, 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 Gamble 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.”

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

In May, 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, 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.

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 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 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, 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.”

FINANCIAL SECTOR REGULATION

In January, 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, 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, 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, the Subcommittee 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 Subcommittee’s ideas on how to allow for public companies to purchase liquidity support from broker-dealers.

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.

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.

V. SUMMARY OF ANY ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN THEREON

ATF’s Operation Fast and Furious—The Committee has conducted an investigation over the last several months into the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)’s Project Gunrunner, specifically Operation Fast and Furious. Operation Fast and Furious allowed guns to be purchased along the Mexican border and transported into Mexico with ATF’s knowledge so that the guns could be tracked in an attempt to bring down major players in drug cartels. The Operation allowed hundreds of guns to enter Mexico, and many have been found at the scenes of cartel shootings, including the fatal shooting of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry. As part of its investigation, the Committee has tried to obtain information from ATF and from the Department of Justice (DOJ). Because of a lack of cooperation with the investigation, the Committee subpoenaed ATF in mid-March and the Justice Department in October for documents and information relating to the failed Operation. The Committee has held a series of ongoing hearings on Operation Fast and Furious and continues trying to get ATF and the DOJ to cooperate and provide information.

NRC mismanagement—The Committee is investigating allegations that Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Gregory Jaczko’s leadership and management style is undermining the Commission’s important safety mission. The Committee’s reviews of the NRC’s response to the crisis at Japan’s Fukushima plant and its handling of the license application for Yucca Mountain gave opportunity for NRC staff to share their concerns about the Commission’s leadership. The Committee interviewed approximately 20

current and former NRC staff and obtained thousands of documents, including a letter to the White House signed by four Commissioners alleging that the Chairman's behavior was no longer tolerable. The Committee held a hearing and released a report on the matter during the week of December 12, 2011.

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.

Manipulation of science by the Department of the Interior—The Committee is investigating allegations that scientists at the Department of the Interior manipulated scientific data for the purpose of removing a family-owned oyster farm from a national park in Marin County, California. The oyster farm employs a number of local residents. Its operation has been determined not to have a negative environmental impact—especially as relating to the local seal population—by independent scientists. The Committee has received thousands of documents from whistleblowers and other sources that inform the investigation. To date, the Department has been slow to respond to the Chairman's requests for documents and witness interviews.

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.

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)

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)

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)

