

FULL BLAST: CONTRASTING MOMENTUM IN THE SPACE MINING ECONOMY TO THE TERRESTRIAL MINING REGULATORY MORASS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Full Blast: Contrasting Momentum in the Space Mining Economy to the Terrestrial Mining Regulatory Morass”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL INDIAN TRUST ASSET MANAGEMENT: PROGRESS MADE BUT IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Federal Indian Trust Asset Management: Progress Made But Improvement Needed”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMERGING GLOBAL THREATS: PUTTING AMERICA’S NATIONAL SECURITY FIRST

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Emerging Global Threats: Putting America’s National Security First”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan. The Committee’s Authorization and Oversight Plan was agreed to, as amended.

THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE’S 2025 HIGH RISK LIST

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Government Accountability Office’s 2025 High Risk List”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

PROMOTING AND IMPROVING SAFETY AND EFFICIENT PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Promoting and Improving Safety and Efficient Pipeline Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 472, the “Restore VA Accountability Act of 2025”; H.R. 1041, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”; legislation to amend

title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system; H.R. 740, the “Veterans’ ACCESS Act of 2025”; and legislation on the Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act of 2025. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bost and Representative Ramirez; Beth Murphy, Acting Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

HEARING ON AMERICAN TRADE ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Hearing on American Trade Enforcement Priorities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Blinded Veterans Association, Veterans Education Success, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., and Reserve Organization of America, after receiving testimony from Daniel Contreras, Jim Marszalek, Joy Ilem, Edward R. Reese, Jr., Barry Jesinoski, John Kleindienst, Lamarr Couser, and Christopher Easley, all of Disabled American Veterans; Horace Johnson, AMVETS; Jack McManus, Vietnam Veterans of America; Robert Olivarez, Jr., Military Order of the Purple Heart; Paul L. Mimms, Blinded Veterans Association; William Hubbard, Veterans Education Success; Nancy Menagh, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and Matthew L. Schwartzman, Reserve Organization of America.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine perspectives from the field, focusing on farmer and rancher views on the agricultural economy, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, to hold hearings to examine

bipartisan legislative frameworks for digital assets, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine interdicting illicit drug trafficking, focusing on a view from the front lines, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act implementation and case studies, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dean Sauer, of Missouri, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Harmeet Dhillon, of California, and Aaron Reitz, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine managing risk for the long-term in the 7(a) loan program, focusing on hearing from lenders, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion and multi VSOs: Minority Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., National Association of County Veterans Services Officers, Military Officers Association of America, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families, and Wounded Warrior Project, 10 a.m., 390-CHOB.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine combating the opioid epidemic, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 2", 9:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Federal Investments in Elementary Education", 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Hearing Day 2", 1:30 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Strengthening America's Defense Industrial Base, Workforce, and Production Lines to Deter War", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled "The Role of Special Operations in Great Power Competition", 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Unleashing America's Workforce and

Strengthening Our Economy", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "An Examination of How Reining in PBMs Will Drive Competition and Lower Costs for Patients", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Biden Administration's Energy and Environment Spending Push", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled "The Future of American Capital: Strengthening Public and Private Markets by Increasing Investor Access and Facilitating Capital Formation", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on the Committee's Oversight Plan; H.R. 1000, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for education and training programs and resources of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; H. Res. 113, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities related to the security of Department information and data and the recruitment and retention of its workforce; and H. Res. 114, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities related to domestic preparedness and collective response to terrorism and the Department's cybersecurity activities, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 875, the "Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act"; H.R. 176, the "No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act"; H.R. 1071, the "No Censors on our Shores Act"; and the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Implementation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Leading the Charge: Opportunities to Strengthen America's Energy Reliability", 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency, hearing entitled "America Last: How Foreign Aid Undermined U.S. Interests Around the World", 11 a.m., 210 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled "Step by Step: The Artemis Program and NASA's Path To Human Exploration of the Moon, Mars, and Beyond", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Fostering American Innovation: Insights into SBIR and STTR Programs", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on the Committee's Authorization and Oversight Plan; H.R. 1182, the "Compressed Gas Cylinder Safety and Oversight Improvements Act of 2025"; H. Con. Res. 9, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H.R. 501, the "Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2025"; H.R. 744, the "Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act"; and H.R. 1382, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to San Francisco Bay restoration, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1491, the "Disaster Related Extension of Deadlines Act"; H.R. 517, the "Filing Relief for Natural Disasters Act"; H.J. Res. 25, disapproving the rule sub-

mitted by the Internal Revenue Service related to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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