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<sup>1</sup>Senator Markey joined the Committee on July 16, 2013, following Senator William Cowan, who served an interim appointment from February 12, 2013, to July 16, 2013. Senator John Kerry served on the Committee until his resignation on February 1, 2013.

<sup>2</sup>Senator Booker joined the Committee on October 31, 2013. Senator Jeff Chiesa served an interim appointment from June 20, 2013, to October 31, 2013. The late Senator Frank Lautenberg served on the Committee until his death on June 3, 2013.

<sup>3</sup>Senator Chiesa was a Minority Member. So, Senator Martin Heinrich (New Mexico) served an interim appointment from June 20, 2013, to October 31, 2013, as a Majority Member.

<sup>4</sup>Senator Walsh joined the Committee on February 12, 2014, following Senator Mark R. Warner (Virginia), who served on the Committee until that date.

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Mr. THUNE,<sup>1</sup> from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation, submitted the following:

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation conducted a legislative and oversight program during the 113th Congress. A total of 234 bills, 7 resolutions, 854 nominations, including promotions, and 2584 executive communications were referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee and its subcommittees held a total of 99 public hearings, including 11 nominations hearings and 6 oversight hearings during the 113th Congress. The Committee also held 11 Executive Sessions and filed 39 committee reports.

Action was completed on a broad range of oversight, legislative, and executive matters. A total of 53 bills and 6 resolutions were reported or discharged by the Committee. Notably, 18 of the reported or discharged bills were enacted and 3 of the discharged resolutions were agreed to in the Senate.

Members and staff made individual trips abroad and participated in conferences, further exercising the legislative oversight responsibilities of the Committee.

JURISDICTION

Pursuant to Rule XXV(1)(f)(1) of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate, all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects are referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

1. Coast Guard.

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<sup>1</sup> Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV served as Chairman of the Committee during the 113th Congress. Chairman Rockefeller began his tenure on January 21, 2009.

2. Coastal zone management.
3. Communications.
4. Highway Safety.
5. Inland waterways, except construction.
6. Interstate commerce.
7. Marine and ocean navigation, safety, and transportation, including navigational aspects of deepwater ports.
8. Marine fisheries.
9. Merchant marine and navigation.
10. Nonmilitary aeronautical and space sciences.
11. Oceans, weather, and atmospheric activities.
12. Panama Canal and interoceanic canals generally, except as provided in subparagraph (c) of Rule XXV(1).
13. Regulation of consumer products and services, including testing related to toxic substances, other than pesticides, and except for credit, financial services, and housing.
14. Regulation of interstate common carriers, including railroads, buses, trucks, vessels, pipelines, and civil aviation.
15. Science, engineering, and technology research and development and policy.
16. Sports.
17. Standards and measurement.
18. Transportation.
19. Transportation and commerce aspects of Outer Continental Shelf lands.

## A. Legislation

### BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Bills:	
Referred to Committee .....	234
Original measures from Committee .....	0
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Total .....	234
Reported/Discharged .....	53
Reported/Discharged and Enacted .....	18 <sup>1</sup>
*Reported/Discharged	
**Reported/Discharged and Enacted	

Number	Title as Introduced
H.R.667**	To redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range. (P.L. 113-75)
H.R.756	To advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes.
H.R.967	To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.

<sup>1</sup>This figure reflects bills enacted as stand-alone measures. It does not reflect bills that may have been enacted as part of other legislation.

Number	Title as Introduced
H.R.1095	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and for other purposes.
H.R.1204**	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–238)
H.R.1344**	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–27)
H.R.1580	To affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance.
H.R.1786	To reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes.
H.R.1848**	To ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–53)
H.R.1900	To provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects.
H.R.1961	To amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.
H.R.2052*	To direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment.
H.R.2413	To prioritize and redirect NOAA resources to a focused program of investment on near-term, affordable, and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to deliver substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, such as tornadoes and hurricanes, and for other purposes.
H.R.2576**	To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–30)
H.R.2719**	To require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–245)
H.R.2754**	To amend the Hobby Protection Act to make unlawful the provision of assistance or support in violation of that Act, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–288)

Number	Title as Introduced
H.R.2844	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.
H.R.3202	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and for other purposes.
H.R.3628	To eliminate certain unnecessary reporting requirements and consolidate or modify others, and for other purposes.
H.R.3675	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission.
H.R.4005	To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and for other purposes.
H.R.4156	To amend title 49, United States Code, to allow advertisements and solicitations for passenger air transportation to state the base airfare of the transportation, and for other purposes.
H.R.4412*	To authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.
H.R.4572	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes.
H.R.4803	To require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes.
H.R.4812**	To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–516)
H.R.4838**	To redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray III 30th Street Station”. (P.L. 113–158)
H.R.5035	To reauthorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other purposes.
H.R.5056	To improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.
H.R.5161	To promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.
H.R.5309	To authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.
H.R.5462**	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers. (P.L. 113–294)
H.R.5769	To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.
S.4	To create jobs and strengthen our economy by rebuilding our Nation’s infrastructure.
S.7	To improve the resilience of the United States to extreme weather events and to prevent the worsening of extreme weather conditions.



Number	Title as Introduced
S.63	To require the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to establish the Made In America Incentive Grant Program, and for other purposes.
S.106	To provide for the establishment, on-going validation, and use of an official set of data on the historical temperature record, and for other purposes.
S.134*	To arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children.
S.208	To require the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas in Los Angeles County, California.
S.221	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes.
S.245	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize a bipartisan majority of Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission to hold nonpublic collaborative discussions, and for other purposes.
S.246	To prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes.
S.267*	To prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures.
S.269*	To establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes.
S.272	To promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes.
S.288	To increase the participation of historically underrepresented demographic groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and industry.
S.376*	To reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.
S.387	To establish the American Infrastructure Investment Fund and other activities to facilitate investments in infrastructure projects that significantly enhance the economic competitiveness of the United States by improving economic output, productivity, or competitive commercial advantage, and for other purposes.
S.418	To require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations regarding the collection and use of personal information obtained by tracking the online activity of an individual, and for other purposes.
S.429*	To enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.
S.481	To require the Federal Communications Commission to direct that wireless providers permit the unlocking of mobile devices.
S.485	To exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.520	To strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood, and for other purposes.
S.540**	To designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the “Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center”. (P.L. 113–83)
S.542	To provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing licenses and for other purposes.
S.544	To require the President to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes.
S.556	To amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the accessibility of entertainment programming provided by air carriers on passenger flights, and for other purposes.
S.646	To create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.
S.687	To prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.
S.697	To reform and improve the oversight of the performance of passenger and baggage security screening at domestic commercial airports by private screening companies, and for other purposes.
S.713	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.
S.721	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require a provider of a commercial mobile service or an IP-enabled voice service to provide call location information concerning the user of such a service to law enforcement agencies in order to respond to a call for emergency services or in an emergency situation that involves risk of death or serious physical harm.
S.747	To grant exclusive fishery management authority over the red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States.
S.763	To authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities.
S.774	To require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the Federal Communications Commission’s universal service reforms.
S.794	To prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations, and for other purposes.
S.818	To provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent furloughs by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.
S.839*	To reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.
S.847	To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
S.874	To prohibit universal service support of commercial mobile service through the Lifeline program.
S.899	To establish a position of Science Laureate of the United States.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.904	To minimize the economic and social costs resulting from losses of life, property, well-being, business activity, and economic growth associated with extreme weather events by ensuring that the United States is more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather events in the short- and long-term, and for other purposes.
S.912	To allow multichannel video programming distributors to provide video programming to subscribers on an a la carte basis, and for other purposes.
S.921*	To amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes.
S.973	To improve the integrity and safety of interstate horse-racing, and for other purposes.
S.981	To direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.
S.1008	To prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from implementing proposed policy changes that would permit passengers to carry small, non-locking knives on aircraft.
S.1014*	To reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes.
S.1022	To amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.
S.1023	To direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report on ways to increase the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign investment.
S.1050	To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure the issuance of regulations applicable to the Coast Guard regarding consideration of a request for a permanent change of station or unit transfer submitted by a member of the Coast Guard who is the victim of a sexual assault.
S.1068*	To reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.
S.1072*	To ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.
S.1079	To require the Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to promote the artificial reefs, and for other purposes.
S.1144	To prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, and for other purposes.
S.1161	To provide for the development of a fishery management plan for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper, and for other purposes.
S.1162	To authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.1193	To require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice to such individuals in the case of a breach of security involving such information, and for other purposes.
S.1254**	To amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–124)
S.1275*	To direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program.
S.1317*	To authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 and for other purposes.
S.1340	To improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes.
S.1344*	To promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes.
S.1353**	To provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–274)
S.1355	To provide regulatory parity among alternative fuel vehicles, and for other purposes.
S.1358	To establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.
S.1359	To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels.
S.1367	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes.
S.1379	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.
S.1380	To direct the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that on-duty time does not include waiting time at a natural gas or oil well site for certain commercial motor vehicle operators, and for other purposes.
S.1403	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to facilitate the screening of severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans at airports, and for other purposes.
S.1406*	To amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.
S.1435	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide certain port authorities, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.1459	To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another.
S.1462	To extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, and for other purposes.
S.1468*	To require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.
S.1483	To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to establish the Federal Oil Spill Research Committee, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include in a response plan certain planned and demonstrated investments in research relating to discharges of oil and to modify the dates by which a response plan must be updated.
S.1495	To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue an order with respect to secondary cockpit barriers, and for other purposes.
S.1537	To ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes.
S.1553	To amend title 23, United States Code, to reauthorize the State infrastructure bank program.
S.1565	To require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.
S.1608	To authorize appropriations for the SelectUSA Initiative, and for other purposes.
S.1609	To amend title 14, United States Code, to authorize the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard to lease tidelands and submerged lands under control of the Coast Guard for periods longer than five years.
S.1615	To develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the United States, to encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries, and for other purposes.
S.1625	To amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes.
S.1636	To redesignate certain facilities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
S.1639	To amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, and for other purposes.
S.1680	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to increase consumer choice and competition in the online video programming distribution marketplace, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.1692	To require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes.
S.1700	To amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to extend, enhance, and revise the provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, to establish certain other protections for personal information of children and minors, and for other purposes.
S.1708	To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the establishment of performance measures for the highway safety improvement program, and for other purposes.
S.1709	To require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes.
S.1710	To require Amtrak to propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport domesticated cats and dogs on certain Amtrak trains, and for other purposes.
S.1716	To facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new long-term job creation through the establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Authority, and for other purposes.
S.1753	To extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches.
S.1757	To provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes.
S.1760	To amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to improve the quality of life for current and former Coast Guard personnel and their families, and for other purposes.
S.1766	To provide for the equitable distribution of Universal Service funds to rural States.
S.1767	To amend title 49, United States Code, to require gas pipeline facilities to accelerate the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of high-risk pipelines used in commerce, and for other purposes.
S.1768	To establish State revolving loan funds to repair or replace natural gas distribution pipelines.
S.1776	To encourage spectrum licensees to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carriers in order to expand wireless coverage.
S.1789	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish signal quality and content requirements for the carriage of public, educational, and governmental channels, to preserve support of such channels, and for other purposes.
S.1793*	To encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes.
S.1804*	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.1811	To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit voice communications through mobile communication devices on commercial passenger flights.
S.1830	To prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to the prices of products and services sold online, and for other purposes.
S.1831	To establish a national Yellow Dot Program to alert law enforcement and emergency services personnel to the medical conditions, prescriptions, and other vital information necessary to treat drivers and passengers in motor vehicles in emergency circumstances.
S.1858	To require the Federal Communications Commission to suspend and revise portions of the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that revised Universal Service Fund distribution to rural carriers, to encourage renewed investment by rural rate-of-return carriers in deployment of broadband infrastructure in rural areas, and for other purposes.
S.1887	To clarify terms of cooperation between the Consumer Product Safety Commission and foreign government agencies in order to improve safety of imported products, and for other purposes.
S.1891	To require a study and report by the Comptroller General regarding the restart provision of the Hours of Service Rules for Commercial Truck Drivers, and for other purposes.
S.1893*	To require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, and for other purposes.
S.1925*	To limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders.
S.1941	To establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes.
S.1955	To protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions.
S.1964	To amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain flights from increased aviation security service fees.
S.1976	To protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security.
S.1981	To provide that the rules of the Federal Communications Commission relating to preserving the open Internet and broadband industry practices shall be restored to effect until the date when the Commission takes final action in the proceedings on such rules that were remanded to the Commission by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.
S.1989	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.
S.2022*	To establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.2025	To require data brokers to establish procedures to ensure the accuracy of collected personal information, and for other purposes.
S.2028*	To amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes.
S.2030*	To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.
S.2032	To require mobile service providers and mobile device manufacturers to give consumers the ability to remotely delete data from mobile devices and render such devices inoperable.
S.2047	To prohibit the marketing of electronic cigarettes to children, and for other purposes.
S.2049	To curb unfair and deceptive practices during assertion of patents, and for other purposes.
S.2065	To create incentives for the development of alternative fuel vehicles.
S.2068	To provide for the development and use of technology for personalized handguns, to require that, within 3 years, all handguns manufactured or sold in, or imported into, the United States incorporate such technology, and for other purposes.
S.2076*	To amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes.
S.2078	To prohibit Federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints, and for other purposes.
S.2085	To address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes.
S.2086**	To address current emergency shortages of propane and other home heating fuels and to provide greater flexibility and information for Governors to address such emergencies in the future. (P.L. 113–125)
S.2094*	To provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.
S.2103	To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.
S.2120	To expand the prohibition on the manufacture, distribution, and importation of children’s products that contain phthalates, and for other purposes.
S.2125	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications.
S.2130	To direct the Secretary of Transportation to temporarily waive certain vehicle weight limits for covered logging vehicles, and for other purposes.
S.2131	To amend the statutory authorities of the Coast Guard to strengthen Coast Guard prevention and response capabilities in the Arctic, and for other purposes.
S.2140*	To improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles.



Number	Title as Introduced
S.2151	To enhance the early warning reporting requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers.
S.2155	To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to create a Federal Spectrum Reallocation Commission, to provide for the use of a portion of the proceeds from the auction of reallocated Federal spectrum for deficit reduction, and for other purposes.
S.2181	To authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.
S.2193	To amend the Horse Protection Act to provide increased protection for horses participating in shows, exhibitions, or sales, and for other purposes.
S.2206	To to streamline the collection and distribution of government information.
S.2219	To require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to update a report on the role of telecommunications, including the Internet, in the commission of hate crimes.
S.2250*	To extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, and for other purposes.
S.2284	To require the Secretary of Transportation to establish new standards for automobile hoods and bumpers to reduce pedestrian injuries, and for other purposes.
S.2290	To increase the maximum penalty for unfair and deceptive practices relating to advertising of the costs of air transportation.
S.2338**	To reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–280)
S.2365	To prohibit the long-term storage of rail cars on certain railroad tracks unless the Surface Transportation Board has approved the rail carrier’s rail car storage plan.
S.2375	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate paid television service in certain counties, and for other purposes.
S.2378	To establish a regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals under the aegis of the Federal Trade Commission, to amend the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to improve provisions relating to collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children, and for other purposes.
S.2380	To amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the national freight policy of the United States, and for other purposes.
S.2398	To amend a provision of title 49, United States Code, relating to motor vehicle safety civil penalties.
S.2416	To apply laws that restrict the political speech of American citizens to media corporations.
S.2444**	To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2015 through 2016, and for other purposes. (P.L. 113–281)
S.2473	To reallocate Federal Government-held spectrum for commercial use, to promote wireless innovation and enhance wireless communications, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.2476	To direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that prohibit certain preferential treatment or prioritization of Internet traffic.
S.2478	To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to partner with industry to strengthen the safety culture and safety practices of short line and regional freight railroads.
S.2482*	To implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, and for other purposes.
S.2484*	To implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes.
S.2485*	To implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007.
S.2500	To restrict the ability of the Federal Government to undermine privacy and encryption technology in commercial products and in NIST computer security and encryption standards.
S.2505	To promote unlicensed spectrum use in the 5 GHz band, to maximize the use of the band for shared purposes in order to bolster innovation and economic development, and for other purposes.
S.2556	To require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.
S.2559	To provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes.
S.2563	To amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway safety and for other purposes.
S.2581*	To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a rule to require child safety packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.
S.2583**	To promote the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. (P.L. 113–197)
S.2594	To redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray 30th Street Station”.
S.2643	To require a report by the Federal Communications Commission on designated market areas.
S.2659	To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their services, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.2671	To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.
S.2705	To establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research and environmental information sharing program to support renewable energy, and for other purposes.
S.2737	To ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes.
S.2750	To encourage investments in airports through public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.
S.2756	To promote competition and help consumers save money by giving them the freedom to choose where they buy prescription pet medications, and for other purposes.
S.2757	To invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes.
S.2759**	To release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport. (P.L. 113–285)
S.2760	To extend National Highway Traffic Safety Administration authorizations, and for other purposes.
S.2774	To require all recreational vessels to have and to post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes.
S.2777*	To establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.
S.2784	To direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out activities to improve rail safety, and for other purposes.
S.2787	To expand and clarify the prohibition on inaccurate caller ID information.
S.2798	To require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to create an electronic database of research and information on the causes of, and corrective actions being taken with regard to, algal blooms in the Great Lakes, their tributaries, and other surface fresh waters, and for other purposes.
S.2799*	To extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and for other purposes.
S.2811	To prohibit the distribution in commerce of children's products and upholstered furniture containing certain flame retardants, and for other purposes.
S.2817	To assign the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis of the Federal Communications Commission the responsibility of bringing institutional focus to the important function of approving new technologies and improving regulatory certainty at the Commission.
S.2819	To amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.2824	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes.
S.2836	To provide for an integrated plan for the space launch activities of the Federal Government.
S.2848	To amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to apportionments under the Airport Improvement Program, and for other purposes.
S.2858	To enhance rail safety and provide for the safe transport of hazardous materials, and for other purposes.
S.2879	To provide for the implementation of a Sustainable Chemistry Program, and for other purposes.
S.2890	To authorize the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program that develops an information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices, and coordinates the collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes.
S.2924	To amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials.
S.2949	To improve motor vehicle safety by encouraging the sharing of certain information.
S.2956	To prevent caller ID spoofing, and for other purposes.
S.2957	To limit the disturbance to American families caused by electioneering phone calls by expanding the National Do Not Call Registry to include Super PACs and other third-party political groups, to prohibit robocalls to Americans who have listed their telephone numbers on the Registry, and to prohibit push-polling.
S.2972	To require all equestrian helmets manufactured or sold in the United States meet a minimum safety standard, and for other purposes.
S.2981	To prohibit Federal agencies from mandating the deployment of vulnerabilities in data security technologies.
S.2983*	To allow for a contract for operation of Melville Hall of United States Merchant Marine Academy after gift by United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc., for renovation of such hall and for other purposes.
S.2991	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Nation's fisheries and the communities that rely on them, and for other purposes.
S.3010	To improve the enforcement of prohibitions on robocalls, including fraudulent robocalls.

## RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Resolutions:	
Referred to Committee .....	7
Original measures from Committee .....	2
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Total .....	9
Reported/Discharged .....	6
Reported/Discharged and agreed to in the Senate .....	3
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**Reported/Discharged and agreed to in the Senate	

Number	Title as Introduced
S.Res.37**	A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.
S.Res.51*	An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
S.Res.157*	A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.
S.Res.244*	An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
S.Res.289**	A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams and should be discouraged.
S.Res.311	A resolution calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to strongly oppose Russia's discriminatory law against the freedom of expression for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons and to obtain written assurance that host countries of the Olympic Games will uphold all international human rights and civil rights obligations for all persons observing or participating in the Games regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and for other purposes.
S.Res.346	A resolution congratulating the athletes from the State of Washington and across the United States who are set to participate in the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia.
S.Res.387**	A resolution celebrating the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, in Fairbanks, Alaska.
S.Res.582	A resolution expressing support for designation of the third Tuesday of November as "National Entrepreneurs Day".

**B. Nominations**

There were 854 presidential nominations, including promotions, referred to the Committee during the 113th Congress.

Referred .....	854
Confirmed .....	831
Renominations (returned to the President upon recess of Congress, subsequently renominated) .....	11
Returned to the President upon adjournment of Congress .....	22
Withdrawn by the President .....	1

\*Number includes renomination, counted as two nominations

\*\*Number includes withdrawal, counted as two nominations

Executive Office of the President	
Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy .....	4*
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Total .....	4
Department of Commerce	
Secretary of Commerce .....	1
Deputy Secretary of Commerce .....	1
Assistant Secretary of Commerce .....	4*
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere .....	1
Under Secretary for Standards and Technology .....	1
Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere .....	2*
General Counsel .....	2*
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Total .....	12
Department of Transportation	
Secretary of Transportation .....	1
Deputy Secretary of Transportation .....	1
Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy .....	1
Assistant Secretary of Transportation .....	1
Administrator of the Maritime Administration .....	2*
Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ....	1
Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administra- tion .....	1
General Counsel: .....	2*
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Total .....	10
Coast Guard	
Admiral .....	1
Vice Admiral .....	5
Rear Admiral, upper half .....	10
Rear Admiral, lower half .....	14
Captain .....	170
Commander .....	315
Lieutenant Commander .....	247
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Total .....	762
Coast Guard Reserve	
Rear Admiral .....	4
Captain .....	28
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Total .....	32
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	
Deputy Administrator .....	1
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Total .....	1
Consumer Product Safety Commission	
Chairman .....	1
Commissioner .....	6*
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Total .....	7
Federal Communications Commission	
Member .....	4**
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Total .....	4**
Federal Maritime Commission	
Commissioner .....	2
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Total .....	2

Federal Trade Commission	
Commissioner .....	2*
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Total .....	2*
National Transportation Safety Board	
Chairman .....	2
Member .....	3
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Total .....	5
Surface Transportation Board	
Member .....	3*
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Total .....	3
Amtrak Board of Directors	
Director .....	1
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Total .....	1
Corporation for Public Broadcasting Board of Directors	
Member .....	9*
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Total .....	9

1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

The Committee was referred nominations for the Executive Office of the President, Department of Commerce, and Department of Transportation. The Executive Office of the President received four nominations for the position of Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, including two renominations. The Department of Commerce received 12 nominations, including 3 renominations. The Department of Transportation received nine nominations, including two renominations.

2. COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD RESERVE

There were a total of 762 nominations, including promotions, referred to the Committee for appointments to Coast Guard positions and 32 for appointments to Coast Guard Reserve positions. These nominations included 247 nominations to Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander and 315 nominations to Commander. Other positions included Admiral, Vice Admiral, Rear Admiral, and Captain.

3. COMMISSIONS, INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, AND BOARDS

Nominations for membership on boards, independence agencies, and commissions were received as follows: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (1); Consumer Product Safety Commission (7); Federal Communications Commission (4); Federal Maritime Commission (2); Federal Trade Commission (2); National Transportation Safety Board (5); Surface Transportation Board (3); Amtrak Board of Directors (1); and Corporation for Public Broadcasting Board of Directors (9).

4. HEARINGS

The Committee held 11 nominations hearings during the 113th Congress.

## HEARINGS:

Date	Title
December 4, 2012*	Nomination of Dr. Mark Doms to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce; Polly Ellen Trottenberg to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation; Mignon L. Clyburn to be a Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission (Reappointment); Dr. Joshua D. Wright to be a Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission
May 22, 2013*	Nomination of Mayor Anthony Foxx to be Secretary of the Department of Transportation (S.Hrg.113-119)
May 23, 2013*	Nomination of Penny Pritzker to be Secretary of Commerce
June 18, 2013*	Nomination of Thomas Wheeler to be Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
July 24, 2013*	Nomination of Dr. Mark E. Schaefer to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere for the Department of Commerce (S.Hrg.113-172)
September 18, 2013*	Nomination of Michael O'Rielly to be a Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Terrell McSweeney to be a Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission
September 19, 2013*	Nomination of Dr. Jo Handelsman to be Assistant Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Dr. Robert Simon to be Associate Director for Environment and Energy, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Dr. Kathryn Sullivan to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (S.Hrg.113-410)
November 21, 2013*	Nomination of Paul Jaenichen Sr. to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Debra Miller to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board; Arun Kumar to be Assistant Secretary for Global Markets and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (S.Hrg.113-401)
April 8, 2014*	Nomination of Vice Admiral Paul F. Zukunft to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard; Elliot F. Kaye to be Chairman and a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; Joseph Mohorovic to be Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission
June 11, 2014*	Nomination of Victor M. Mendez to be Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; Bruce H. Andrews to be Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce; Peter M. Rogoff to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation; Marcus D. Jadotte to be Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert S. Adler to be a Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission (Reappointment)



Date	Title
December 3, 2014*	Nomination of Dr. Mark Rosekind to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Mr. Carlos Monje Jr. to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; Dr. Tho Bella Dinh-Zarr to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board

\*Full Committee hearing.

### C. Full Committee

#### *EXECUTIVE SESSIONS*

The Committee held 11 Executive Sessions during the 113th Congress. Dates and agendas are below.

*February 13, 2013* — Consider and approve the following:

- Rules for the Committee
- Ratify subcommittee assignments
- S.Res. 51, An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

*June 10, 2013* — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Hon. Anthony R. Foxx, to be Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Nomination of Ms. Penny Pritzker, to be Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

*July 30, 2013* — Consider and approve the following:

- S. 134, Violent Content Research Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–126)
- S.Res. 157, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas (Senate Report 113–130)
- S. 267, Pirate Fishing Elimination Act (Senate Report 113–132)
- S. 269, International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act (Senate Report 113–127)
- S. 376, Drought Information Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–114)
- S. 839, Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–156)
- S. 921, Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Car Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–253)

- S. 1068, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Office Corps Amendments Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–133)
- S. 1072, Small Airplane Revitalization Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–108)
- S. 1254, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–121)
- S. 1317, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2013
- S. 1344, Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–117)
- S. 1353, Cybersecurity Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–270)
- Nomination of Dr. Jannette Dates, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Nomination of Mr. Bruce M. Ramer, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Dr. Brent Nelsen, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Nomination of Mr. Thomas Carper, to be a Member of the Amtrak Board of Directors (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Mr. Howard Husock, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Nomination of Ms. Loretta Sutliff, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Nomination of Mr. Thomas E. Wheeler, to be Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Dr. Mark E. Schaefer, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

*September 19, 2013* — Consider and approve the following:

- S.Res. 244, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Nomination of Mr. Gregory Dainard Winfree, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation
- Nomination of Mr. Christopher A. Hart, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Ms. Deborah A. P. Hersman, to be Chairman and Member of the National Transportation Safety Board (Reappointment)

*November 12, 2013* — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Ms. Terrell McSweeney to be a Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission
- Nomination of Dr. Robert Simon, to be Associate Director for Environment and Energy, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President

- Nomination of Dr. Jo Handelsman, to be Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President
- Nomination of Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

*January 13, 2014* — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Mr. Arun Kumar, to be Assistant Secretary for Trade Promotion and Director General of the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce\*
- Nomination of Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, for Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and for Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration\*
- Nomination of Dr. Robert Simon, to be Associate Director for Environment and Energy, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President\*
- Nomination of Ms. Debra Miller, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board\*
- Nomination of Ms. Terrell McSweeney, to be a Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission\*
- Nomination of Mr. Paul Jaenichen, Sr., to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation\*
- Nomination of Dr. Jo Handelsman, to be Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President\*

*April 9, 2014* — Consider and approve the following:

- S. 429, Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education and Promotion Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–319)
- S. 1014, Youth Sports Concussion Act (Senate Report 113–310)
- S. 1406, Prevent All Spring Tactics Act (Senate Report 113–254)
- S. 1275, Revitalizing the Economy of Fisheries in the Pacific Act (Senate Report 113–251)
- S. 1468, Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–247)
- S. 1793, Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–269)
- S. 1925, Driver Privacy Act (Senate Report 113–255)
- S. 2022, Forensic Science and Standards Act of 2014 (Senate Report 113–320)
- S. 2028, Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2014 (Senate Report 113–205)

- S. 2076, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Enhancement Act (Senate Report 113–158)
- S. 2086, Reliable Home Heating Act (Senate Report 113–162)
- S. 2140, A bill to improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles (Senate Report 113–318)
- H.R. 2052, Global Investment in American Jobs Act (Senate Report 113–252)
- Nomination of Mr. David Arroyo, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting\*
- Nomination of Mr. William Doyle, to be a Member of the Federal Maritime Commission (Reappointment)
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

*July 15, 2014* — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Mr. Joseph P. Mohorovic, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission\*
- Nomination of Mr. Elliot F. Kaye, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Nomination of Ms. Judith M. Davenport, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Nomination of Ms. Elizabeth Sembler, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Mr. Victor M. Mendez, to be Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation
- Nomination of Mr. Bruce H. Andrews, to be Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce
- Nomination of Mr. Peter M. Rogoff, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation
- Nomination of Mr. Marcus D. Jadotte, to be Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce
- Nomination of Mr. Robert S. Adler, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Reappointment)
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

*July 23, 2014* — Consider and approve the following:

- S. 1804, Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2013 (Senate Report 113–273)
- S. 1893, Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act (Senate Report 113–274)
- S. 2030, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2014 (Senate Report 113–279)
- S. 2094, Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (Senate Report 113–304)
- S. 2250, Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014 (Senate Report 113–234)

*September 17, 2014* — Consider and approve the following:

- S. 2338, United States Anti-Doping Agency Authorization Act of 2014 (Senate Report 113–281)
- S. 2482, North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (Senate Report 113–314)
- S. 2484, South Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (Senate Report 113–315)
- S. 2485, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments Act (Senate Report 113–316)
- S. 2581, the Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2014 (Senate Report 113–311)
- S. 2583, E-Label Act (Senate Report 113–280)
- S. 2759, A bill to release the City of St. Clair, Missouri, from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the St. Clair Regional Airport (Senate Report 113–282)
- S. 2777, Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Senate Report 113–321)
- S. 2799, Satellite Television Access and Viewer Rights Act (Senate Report 113–322)
- Nomination of Mr. Christopher A. Hart, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board
- Nomination of Mr. Manson K. Brown, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce

*December 9, 2014* — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Dr. Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology
- Nomination of Dr. Tho Bella Dinh-Zarr, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board
- Nomination of Dr. Mark R. Rosekind, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, United States Department of Transportation
- Nomination of Mr. Carlos Monje, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, United States Department of Transportation

\*Renominations (returned to the President upon recess of Congress, subsequently renominated)

#### **D. Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security**

Members during the 113th Congress: Democrats—Senators Cantwell (Chairman), Boxer, Nelson, Pryor, Klobuchar, Begich, Schatz, Booker, and Walsh; Republicans—Senators Ayotte (Rank-

ing Member), Wicker, Blunt, Rubio, Heller, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).<sup>1</sup>

The Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security dedicated its energy during the 113th Congress to modernizing and enhancing the safety of air travel. H.R. 1848, a bill to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes, became law on November 27, 2013 (P.L. 113–53). This law directs the Federal Aviation Administration Administrator to update the certification process for small aircraft (and associated components) and complete a rule-making to formalize the reform by 2015. It is expected to improve safety and lower costs associated with the design and manufacture of small aircraft.

H.R. 1765, a bill to provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, became law on May 1, 2013 (P.L. 113–9). It authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to transfer funds from the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Improvement Program Account to its Operations Account in order to end air traffic controller furloughs and avoid closing 149 air traffic control contract towers to achieve cuts required by sequestration.

The subcommittee also emphasized the importance of rights for both consumers and employees in the airline industry. H.R. 1344, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to provide expedited air passenger screening to severely injured or disabled members of the Armed Forces and severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes, became law on August 9, 2013 (P.L. 113–27). This law requires the Transportation Security Administration to provide expedited screening through airport security checkpoints for severely injured and disabled veterans. S. Res. 324, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the tragic shooting at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013, of Transportation Security Administration employees, passed the Senate on December 18, 2013.

This subcommittee contributed to 7 hearings during the 113th Congress.

#### HEARINGS:

Date	Title
April 16, 2013*	Aviation Safety: FAA’s Progress on Key Safety Initiatives
June 19, 2013	Airline Industry Consolidation (S.Hrg.113—318)
January 15, 2014*	The Future of Unmanned Aviation in the U.S. Economy: Safety and Privacy Considerations
March 13, 2014	The U.S. Aviation Industry and Jobs: Keeping American Manufacturing Competitive

<sup>1</sup> In addition to the members listed for each individual subcommittee, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the full Committee serve as ex officio members of all subcommittees.

Date	Title
April 30, 2014*	Transportation Security Administration Oversight: Confronting America's Transportation Security Challenges
June 25, 2014	NextGen: A Review of Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities for Improving Aviation Safety and Efficiency
July 31, 2014	Domestic Challenges and Global Competition in Aviation Manufacturing

\*Full Committee hearing.

### **E. Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet**

Members during the 113th Congress: Democrats—Senators Pryor (Chairman), Boxer, Nelson, Cantwell, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Begich, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, Booker, and Walsh; Republicans—Senators Wicker (Ranking Member), Blunt, Rubio, Ayotte, Heller, Coats, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

Video issues were a priority for the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet during the 113th Congress. The provisions contained in Chairman Rockefeller's and Ranking Member Thune's bipartisan Satellite Television Access and Viewer Rights Act (STAVRA), S. 2799, were enacted as part of H.R. 5728, the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (P.L. 113–200). The law reauthorizes certain provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 that govern satellite retransmission of television broadcast signals, which were set to expire at the end of 2014. STAVRA also amends the Communications Act of 1934 to make several changes to existing video policy related to the television markets served by satellite pay TV companies; the "good faith" rules for retransmission consent negotiations; the integration ban rule presently applicable to cable set-top boxes; and the administrative rules for how small cable companies file petitions to prove effective competition under the Communications Act of 1934. Passage of S. 2799, as part of H.R. 5728, marked the most significant reforms to video policy since the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The subcommittee also examined the communications marketplace in order to better understand the state of the market and possible impediments to its growth. From that examination came S. 2583, the Enhance Labeling Accessing and Branding of Electronic Licenses Act or E-LABEL Act. S. 2583 was enacted on November 26, 2014 (P.L. 113–197). The E-LABEL Act promotes the non-exclusive use of electronic labeling for certain devices licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Electronic labeling provides manufacturers with a new option to speed the production of certain types of consumer electronic devices, while preserving consumers' access to essential information about those devices.

This subcommittee contributed to 13 hearings, including 1 field hearing, during the 113th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 12, 2013*	Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (S.Hrg.113–132)
April 9, 2013	The State of Rural Communications (S.Hrg.113–211)
May 14, 2013	State of Video
June 4, 2013	State of Wireless Communications (S.Hrg.113–223)
July 17, 2013*	E-Rate 2.0: Connecting Every Child to the Transformative Power of Technology (S.Hrg.113–115)
July 25, 2013	State of Wireline Communications (S.Hrg.113–265)
August 19, 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Connecting Urban and Rural America: The State of Communications on the Ground (S.Hrg.113–188)
October 29, 2013	Broadband Adoption: The Next Mile (S.Hrg.113–307)
December 10, 2013*	Crafting a Successful Incentive Auction: Stakeholders' Perspectives (S.Hrg.113–340)
January 16, 2014	Locating 911 Callers in a Wireless World (S.Hrg.113–489)
April 1, 2014	Reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act
June 5, 2014	Preserving Public Safety and Network Reliability in the IP Transition
July 16, 2014*	At a Tipping Point: Consumer Choice, Consolidation and the Future Video Marketplace

\*Full Committee hearing.

<sup>1</sup>Field hearing held in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas.

## F. Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation

Members during the 113th Congress: Democrats—Senators Schatz (Chairman), Nelson, Pryor, Klobuchar, Begich, Markey, and Walsh; Republicans—Senators Scott (Ranking Member), Blunt, Heller, Coats, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

The Subcommittee on Tourism, Competitiveness, and Innovation worked to promote job creation and strengthen the national economy by recommending legislation to establish a national network of advanced manufacturing hubs and to support international tourism.

H.R. 2996, the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act of 2014, was enacted into law as part of H.R. 83, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015 (P.L. 113–235). H.R. 2996 amended the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to establish a Network for Manufacturing Innovation Program to improve U.S. manufacturing competitiveness; stimulate advanced manufacturing research, innovation, and technology; and promote the creation and preservation of manufacturing jobs. H.R. 2996 was the House companion to S. 1468, which the Committee reported favorably, as amended.



S. 2250, the Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014, was enacted into law as part of H.R. 83, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015. S. 2250 amended the Travel Promotion Act of 2009 to reauthorize Brand USA through fiscal year 2020 to continue promoting increased international travel to the United States. The law also updates reporting and oversight requirements. The Committee favorably reported S. 2250, as amended, on July 23, 2014.

This subcommittee contributed to 5 hearings during the 113th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
May 8, 2013*	The Role of Immigrants in America's Innovation Economy (S.Hrg.113-101)
October 11, 2013*	The Impacts of the Government Shutdown on Our Economic Security
November 13, 2013*	The Role of Manufacturing Hubs in a 21st Century Innovation Economy
May 8, 2014	The State of U.S. Travel and Tourism: Industry Efforts to Attract 100 Million Visitors Annually
June 26, 2014	The State of U.S. Travel and Tourism: Government Efforts to Attract 100 Million Visitors Annually

\*Full Committee hearing.

### G. Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

Members during the 113th Congress: Democrats—Senators McCaskill (Chairman), Boxer, Pryor, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Schatz, and Booker; Republicans—Senators Heller (Ranking Member), Blunt, Ayotte, Coats, Cruz, and Fischer.

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance worked to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive acts and practices and from unsafe products as well as ensure to the integrity of sports.

Two bills referred to the Committee under the subcommittee's jurisdiction became law in the 113th Congress. S. 2338 (P.L. 113-280), the United States Anti-Doping Agency Reauthorization Act, amended the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) through fiscal year 2020. The law also updated USADA's authority by striking existing statutory language on gene-doping and replacing it with general authority to enforce against prohibited performance-enhancing methods. H.R. 2754, the Collectible Coin Protection Act, (P.L. 113-288) amended the Hobby Protection Act to make it unlawful for an individual to assist or support a manufacturer, importer, or seller if the individual knows or should have known that the manufacturer, importer, or seller

has engaged in unlawful imitation political items, coins, or other numismatic items.

The subcommittee also addressed numerous consumer protection and product safety issues by holding oversight hearings, and recommending legislation on rental car safety, youth sports concussion, horse soring, carbon monoxide poisoning, driver privacy, and liquid nicotine poisoning. The subcommittee was especially active with auto safety matters due to the General Motors ignition switch recalls, which were part of the more than 60 million auto recalls in 2014, an all-time record.

This subcommittee contributed to 17 hearings during the 113th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
February 27, 2013*	The Power of Transparency: Giving Consumers the Information They Need to Make Smart Choices in the Health Insurance Marketplace (S.Hrg.113–311)
April 24, 2013*	A Status Update on the Development of Voluntary Do-Not-Track Standards
May 7, 2013	Credit Reports: What Accuracy and Errors Mean for Consumers (S.Hrg.113–060)
May 15, 2013*	The Road Ahead: Advanced Vehicle Technology and its Implications (S.Hrg.113–78)
May 21, 2013	S. 921, The Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Car Act of 2013 (S.Hrg.113–64)
July 10, 2013	Stopping Fraudulent Robocall Scams: Can More Be Done? (S.Hrg.113–117)
July 17, 2013	The Expansion of Internet Gambling: Assessing Consumer Protection Concerns (S.Hrg.113–84)
November 7, 2013	Demand Letters and Consumer Protection: Examining Deceptive Practices by Patent Assertion Entities (S.Hrg.113–204)
February 6, 2014*	Over-Connected and Behind the Wheel: A Summit on Technological Solutions to Distracted Driving
March 26, 2014*	Protecting Personal Consumer Information from Cyber Attacks and Data Breaches
April 2, 2014	Examining the GM Recall and NHTSA's Defect Investigation Process
June 17, 2014	Protecting Consumers from False and Deceptive Advertising of Weight-Loss Products
July 9, 2014*	Promoting the Well-Being and Academic Success of College Athletes
July 17, 2014	Examining Accountability and Corporate Culture in Wake of the GM Recalls
September 16, 2014	Oversight of and Policy Considerations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
November 20, 2014*	Examining Takata Airbag Defects and the Vehicle Recall Process
December 2, 2014*	Addressing Domestic Violence in Professional Sports

\*Full Committee hearing.

## **H. Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard**

Members during the 113th Congress: Democrats—Senators Begich (Chairman), Nelson, Cantwell, Blumenthal, Schatz, Markey, and Booker; Republicans—Senators Rubio (Ranking Member), Wicker, Ayotte, Coats, Scott, and Cruz.

The Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 was enacted on December 18, 2014 (P.L. 113–281). This comprehensive legislation authorizes funding for the Coast Guard’s operating expenses, acquisitions, and other major accounts, as well as an end-of-year strength for active duty personnel, for fiscal year 2015. The Act also makes a number of refinements to the Coast Guard’s organic statutory authorities and the shipping and navigation laws that will improve Coast Guard prevention, preparedness, and response capabilities with respect to marine safety, marine environmental preparedness, and ice operations in the polar regions.

Provisions from several other bills that were either reported by, or referred to, the Committee were included in that Act. Provisions from the Coast Guard Quality of Life Act (S. 1760), including provisions dealing with Coast Guard family support, child care, and Tuition Assistance Program coverage of textbooks were enacted as a part of that Act. Also included in that Act were several provisions from S. 2131, the Coast Guard Arctic Preparedness Act, dealing with, *inter alia*, in-kind payment of official travel and subsistence expenses for marine safety personnel; improvements in oil spill area contingency plans and vessel response plans; intergovernmental notice of marine casualties; protection and fair treatment of abandoned seafarers; interagency fusion of information for improved Arctic maritime domain awareness; and the construction of forward operating facilities in the Arctic.

S. 1254, a bill to reauthorize, revise, and expand the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act, was enacted into law on June 30, 2014 (P.L. 113–124). The Act directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to maintain a national harmful algal bloom and hypoxia program, and to develop a research plan and action strategy to address marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia.

Additionally, H.R. 2431, a bill reauthorizing the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Program, was enacted into law on March 6, 2014 (P.L. 113–86). S. 376, the Drought Information Act of 2013, was the Senate companion bill. The legislation provides continued support for NIDIS and specifies that the program’s purpose shall be to better inform and provide for timelier decision-making to reduce drought related impacts and costs.

This subcommittee contributed to 13 hearings, including 2 field hearings, during the 113th Congress.

## HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 19, 2013	Developments and Opportunities in U.S. Fisheries Management (S.Hrg.113–99)
March 27, 2013 <sup>2</sup>	Assessing U.S. Preparedness and Response in the Arctic: The Opportunities and Challenges of Increased Marine Activity (S.Hrg.113–116)
April 23, 2013	Oversight of the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Requests for Coast Guard and NOAA (S.Hrg.113–105)
June 6, 2013*	Gulf Restoration: A Progress Report Three Years after the Deepwater Horizon Disaster
June 11, 2013	Deep Sea Challenge: Innovative Partnerships in Ocean Observation (S.Hrg.113–268)
July 23, 2013	New England and Mid-Atlantic Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization (S.Hrg.113–261)
August 13, 2013* <sup>3</sup>	Effects of Water Flows on Apalachicola Bay: Short and Long Term Perspectives
September 24, 2013	The Role of Certification in Rewarding Sustainable Fishing (S.Hrg.113–269)
November 14, 2013	Southeast Regional Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization
December 12, 2013	Forecasting Success: Achieving U.S. Weather Readiness for the Long Term
January 30, 2014	West Coast and Western Pacific Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
February 27, 2014	North Pacific Perspectives on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
July 29, 2014	Revisiting the RESTORE Act: Progress and Challenges in Gulf Restoration Post- <i>Deepwater Horizon</i>

\*Full Committee hearing.

<sup>2</sup>Field hearing held in Anchorage, Alaska at the University of Alaska Anchorage/Alaska Pacific University Consortium Library.

<sup>3</sup>Field hearing held in Apalachicola, Florida at the Franklin County Courthouse.

## I. Subcommittee on Science and Space

Members during the 113th Congress: Democrats—Senators Nelson (Chairman), Boxer, Pryor, Klobuchar, Blumenthal, Markey, and Walsh; Republicans—Senators Cruz (Ranking Member), Wicker, Rubio, Heller, Coats, and Johnson (WI). Senators Cowan and Heinrich were replaced by Senators Markey and Walsh for the Democrats. Senator Warner of the Democrats left the Subcommittee and full Committee in February 2014.

Legislation pending in and addressed by the Subcommittee on Science and Space affected a wide range of topics including civil and commercial space activities; basic research; forensic science reform; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education; and cybersecurity.

Several major cybersecurity breaches, affecting both industry and government, occurred or were reported during the 113th Congress. On March 26, 2014, for example, the full Committee held a hearing examining the massive Target data breach that occurred in

November and December of 2013. At this hearing, entitled, “Protecting Personal Consumer Information from Cyber Attacks and Data Breaches,” Chairman Rockefeller released a staff report presenting an “intrusion kill chain” analysis of the Target breach. The report described how the company missed multiple opportunities to detect and stop the attack before hackers successfully exfiltrated the personal and financial information of as many as 110 million American consumers from Target’s computer network. Related to this issue, the subcommittee developed S. 1353, the Cybersecurity Act of 2013, which was reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by the Committee in July 2014. S. 1353 calls for the identification of security standards to protect critical infrastructure from cyber threats through public-private collaboration, increases cybersecurity research, education, and workforce development, and promotes public awareness. The subcommittee also received referrals of H.R. 756, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2013, and H.R. 967, the Advancing America’s Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2013. In December 2014, the Committee amended the reported version of S. 1353, incorporating portions of H.R. 756. The revised bill, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014, was enacted into law on December 11, 2014 (P.L. 113–274).

In handling space issues, the subcommittee oversaw S.Res. 24, a resolution commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia. The resolution passed the Senate in January 2013. The subcommittee also supported H.R. 667, a bill to designate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range. Introduced in the Senate as S. 1636, H.R. 667 became law in January 16, 2014 (P.L. 113–75). The subcommittee also amended and guided enactment of H.R. 3547, the Space Launch Liability Indemnification Extension Act (P.L. 113–76). H.R. 3547, which served as the vehicle for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, extended launch indemnification for commercial space launches through 2016. The amended bill language derived from S. 1753, a bill to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches.

The subcommittee helped develop S. 1317, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Authorization Act of 2013, which was ordered reported in July 2013 but did not receive further consideration on the Senate floor. This bill sought to authorize NASA programs and the necessary appropriations for fiscal years 2014, 2015, and 2016. The subcommittee received H.R. 4412, the NASA Authorization Act of 2014, which was referred to the subcommittee in June 2014. H.R. 4412 authorized NASA programs and appropriations for fiscal year 2014. In November 2014, Senator Nelson introduced an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 4412. The amendment featured a bipartisan update to S. 1317, with an authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 2015. The subcommittee also contributed to S. 2140, a bill to address the permitting and licensing of commercial reusable launch vehicles, and S. 2836, which would require an integrated space launch policy for the United States. The Committee ordered S. 2140 reported favorably in April 2014.

To further the Nation's basic research enterprise, the subcommittee helped develop S. 2757, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2014, which would authorize programs and appropriations for fiscal years 2015 through 2019 for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). COMPETES would also support NASA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration education programs and provide policy guidance to the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Further, COMPETES would strengthen the successful NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership, NSF Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, and National Nanotechnology Initiative. The subcommittee received referrals on several related bills, including S. 288, a bill to increase the participation of women and minorities in STEM; S. 899, to establish a Science Laureate of the United States; H.R. 5035, to authorize NIST programs and funding for fiscal year 2014; H.R. 5056, to reduce regulatory burdens on the research community; and S. 2879, to coordinate Federal research and development and technology transfer in sustainable chemistry. S. 2757 included elements of or otherwise addressed issues relevant to S. 288, H.R. 5035, and H.R. 5056.

As in previous Congresses, the subcommittee also addressed the development of forensic science standards. The Committee ordered S. 2022, the Forensic Science and Standards Act of 2014, be reported favorably in April 2014. S. 2022 sought to promote increased basic research related to forensic science and direct the updating or creation of voluntary consensus-based forensic science standards, among other provisions.

Finally, to further support the NSF in its management of Antarctica, the subcommittee reviewed and made substantive corrections to two bills addressing Antarctic activity. Neither the Antarctic Conservation Act Amendments of 2014 nor the Antarctic Nongovernmental Activity Preparedness Act of 2014 was formally introduced, following a determination by the Parliamentarian that they would be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

This subcommittee contributed to 12 hearings, including 1 field hearing, during the 113th Congress.

#### HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 7, 2013* <sup>4</sup>	The Cybersecurity Partnership Between the Private Sector and Our Government: Protecting our National and Economic Security (S.Hrg.113—295)
March 20, 2013	Assessing the Risks, Impacts, and Solutions for Space Threats
April 23, 2013	Challenges and Opportunities for Human Space Exploration
May 7, 2013	Live Briefing with Astronaut Onboard International Space Station
May 16, 2013	Partnerships to Advance the Business of Space (S.Hrg.113—277)
June 26, 2013*	From the Lab Bench to the Courtroom: Advancing the Science and Standards of Forensics (S.Hrg.113—274)

Date	Title
July 25, 2013*	The Partnership Between NIST and the Private Sector: Improving Cybersecurity (S.Hrg.113–285)
November 6, 2013*	America COMPETES: Science and the U.S. Economy
April 9, 2014	From Here to Mars
April 22, 2014 <sup>5</sup>	Leading the Way: Adapting to South Florida's Changing Coastline
July 16, 2014* <sup>6</sup>	Options for Assuring Domestic Space Access
July 17, 2014*	The Federal Research Portfolio: Capitalizing on Investments in R&D

\*Full Committee hearing.

<sup>4</sup>Joint hearing with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

<sup>5</sup>Field hearing held in Miami Beach, Florida at City Hall, Commission Chambers.

<sup>6</sup>Joint hearing with the Committee on Armed Services' of the Senate, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.

### **J. Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security**

Members during the 113th Congress: Democrats—Senators Blumenthal (Chairman), Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Begich, Schatz, Markey, Booker, and Walsh; Republicans—Senators Blunt (Ranking Member), Wicker, Rubio, Ayotte, Heller, Coats, Scott, Cruz, Fischer, and Johnson (WI).

The Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security contributed to the passage and enactment of several transportation-related bills in the 113th Congress.

H.R. 4076, the Home Heating Emergency Assistance Through Transportation Act of 2014, which grants limited, emergency exemptions from Federal motor carrier regulations to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels, was enacted on March 21, 2014 (P.L. 113–90).

H.R. 3304, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, which authorizes the Maritime Administration for specified activities, including operation and support of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the State maritime academies, the disposal of obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, and maintaining a U.S.-flag merchant fleet, was enacted on December 26, 2013 (P.L. 113–66).

H.R. 3095, a bill to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted through a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes, was enacted on October 15, 2013 (P.L. 113–45).

H.R. 2576, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and for other purposes, was enacted on August 9, 2013 (P.L. 113–30).

H.R. 4838, which designates the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly

known as 30th Street Station, as the “William H. Gray III 30th Street Station,” was enacted on August 8, 2014 (P.L. 113–158).

This subcommittee contributed to 15 hearings, including 2 field hearings, during the 113th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
January 28, 2013* <sup>7</sup>	Pipeline Safety: An On-The-Ground Look at Safeguarding the Public (S.Hrg.113–043)
April 10, 2013*	Expanding the Panama Canal: What Does it Mean for American Freight and Infrastructure? (S.Hrg.113–233)
April 17, 2013*	The Future of Passenger Rail: What’s Next for the Northeast Corridor? (S.Hrg.113–235)
June 19, 2013*	Staying on Track: Next Steps in Improving Passenger and Freight Rail Safety (S.Hrg.113–257)
July 24, 2013*	Cruise Industry Oversight: Recent Incidents Show Need for Stronger Focus on Consumer Protection
September 24, 2013	Rebuilding the Nation’s Infrastructure: Leveraging Innovative Financing to Supplement Federal Investment (S.Hrg.113–242)
October 28, 2013 <sup>8</sup>	Power Outage on Metro-North’s New Haven Line: How to Prevent Future Failures Along Passenger Rail’s Busiest Corridor (S.Hrg.113–209)
March 6, 2014	Enhancing our Rail Safety: Current Challenges for Passenger and Freight Rail (S.Hrg.113–376)
May 7, 2014*	Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Progress, Challenges, and Next Steps
May 15, 2014	Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Local Perspectives on Moving America (S.Hrg.113–399)
June 3, 2014	Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Examining the Safety and Effectiveness of our Transportation Systems (S.Hrg.113–499)
July 23, 2014*	The Cruise Passenger Protection Act (S. 1340): Improving Consumer Protections for Cruise Passengers (S.Hrg.113–488)
July 29, 2014	Opportunities and Challenges for Improving Truck Safety on our Highways
September 10, 2014*	Freight Rail Service: Improving the Performance of America’s Rail System
December 10, 2014	Passenger Rail: Investing in our Nation’s Future

\*Full Committee hearing.

<sup>7</sup>Field hearing held in Charleston, West Virginia at the Robert C. Byrd United States Courthouse.

<sup>8</sup>Field hearing held in Bridgeport, Connecticut at Bridgeport City Hall.

## K. Oversight and Investigations

### *The Power of Transparency: Giving Consumers the Information They Need to Make Smart Choices in Health Insurance Marketplace*

The Committee held a hearing on the benefits of providing consumers with clear and concise information to make an informed decision when purchasing health insurance. To bring more transparency to the health insurance market, the 2010 health care reform law created a new “clear labeling” requirement, which re-



quired insurers to give consumers a “Summary of Benefits and Coverage” (SBC) document. With clearly presented plan features, consumers were given the ability make comparisons between health insurance products. The hearing was held to shed light on the effectiveness of the SBC as a tool for creating transparency and improving consumers’ health plan shopping experience.

*Cruise Ship Crime: Consumers have Incomplete Access to Cruise Crime Data*

To highlight ongoing consumer protection concerns regarding crime reporting on cruise ships, the Committee and the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security produced a majority staff report, in conjunction with a hearing, which showed consumers have incomplete access to cruise crime data. As part of its investigation, the Committee reviewed data provided to the Committee by cruise lines and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Through the hearing and letters, Chairman Rockefeller sought and obtained from all major cruise lines a commitment to safety and security procedures, as well as detailed information regarding their revenues from voyages originating from U.S. ports and fees paid to U.S. Government entities. Chairman Rockefeller also introduced the Cruise Passenger Protection Act of 2013 (S. 1340) to address consumer protection deficiencies that were identified through oversight efforts, as well as legislation to end the cruise lines’ exemption from U.S. income tax and to impose a 5 percent excise tax on revenue generated by U.S. cruises. Certain crime data provisions were incorporated into the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 (P.L. 113–281).

*Energy Drinks: Exploring Concerns About Marketing to Youth*

Working with Senators Durbin, Blumenthal, and Markey to promote public education pertaining to industry accountability regarding the risks posed to youth by energy drinks, Chairman Rockefeller directed an investigation into the marketing practices of energy drink companies to youth. The investigation led to a full Committee hearing which spotlighted concerns of public health experts that children and teens are particularly susceptible to harmful health effects associated with high added caffeine content and other stimulants in these drinks, such as cardiovascular problems, anxiety, insomnia, and digestive problems. At the hearing, top executives of the three leading energy drink brands were successfully pressed to commit on the record to a number of new marketing limitations, such as not marketing products in K-12 school settings. Building on the success of the hearing, Chairman Rockefeller and the above-mentioned Senators followed up with letters to 17 major energy drink brands demanding a series of additional commitments to stop marketing energy drinks to youth.

*Impacts of the 2013 Government Shutdown*

A few weeks after the Government shutdown, the Committee held a hearing and released a report on the varying impacts of the 2013 Government shutdown. The report found that, as a result of the shutdown and subsequent employee furloughs, agencies had

been forced to suspend or cease many vital operations, and provided specific details on programs that came to a halt. The report also pointed out that the shutdown highlighted the leading role of Federal Government services to the safety and economic security of our Nation, and the critical importance of Federal investments in research and development.

*Update on the Financial State of the Class I Freight Rail Industry*

The Committee issued an update to the 2010 Committee majority staff report that examined the financial state of the dominant Class I rail companies. The updated report found that in the past four years, these Class I rail companies achieved improvement in their financial status, reporting quarterly or all-time company records in operating ratios, operating income, and earnings per share.

*Soldiers as Consumers: Predatory and Unfair Business Practices  
Harming the Military Community*

The Committee held a full Committee hearing to help advance tougher protections against predatory lending targeting military members. The hearing built on a forum that Chairman Rockefeller co-led in July 2011 to discuss illegal foreclosure notices that soldiers were receiving. The hearing underscored how predatory loan companies, many geographically located just outside military installations, and many others existing online, prey on young soldiers who are away from home for the first time and have a steady Government paycheck. Chairman Rockefeller urged Federal and State law agencies to stop companies from continuing to exploit soldiers.

*Data Brokers*

Between 2012 and 2014, the Committee investigated the data broker industry, a multi-billion dollar industry that experienced explosive growth by collecting, using, and selling consumers' public and private information. Chairman Rockefeller directed an investigation of "data brokers" or companies that generally collect information from sources other than directly from the consumer, without consumer consent or input, and operate with minimal transparency. The investigation found that data brokers collect a huge volume of detailed information that sometimes includes personal health information such as ailments consumers have, and data as specific as whether they bought a particular shampoo in the last few months. The investigation also revealed evidence that certain data brokers sell products that identify financially vulnerable consumers, such as marketing lists identifying "rural and barely making it" consumers, which may appeal to unscrupulous businesses seeking targets for predatory financially risky products.<sup>2</sup> The investigation led to a full Committee hearing and the release of a majority staff report explaining the findings. Following the hearing, Chairman Rockefeller introduced a version of legislation he had previously introduced, the Data Broker Accountability and Trans-

<sup>2</sup>Testimony at the Committee's December 2013 hearing indicated that such lists may also be used by government agencies seeking to identify individuals eligible for government assistance.

parency Act (S. 2025), to improve the transparency of data broker practices.

#### *Investigation of Foreclosure Rescue Companies*

Responding to consumer complaints about mortgage modification services, Chairman Rockefeller initiated an investigation of foreclosure rescue companies subject to a high volume of consumer complaints. Despite ongoing efforts by enforcement agencies in this area, consumer complaints remained high, citing false and deceptive practices by foreclosure rescue companies, and recent reports indicated that companies were engaging in increasingly complex schemes to elude enforcement actions. The investigation aimed to help the Committee and the public understand the practices of foreclosure rescue companies in targeting and interacting with struggling homeowners.

#### *Medical Loss Ratio*

Continuing Chairman Rockefeller's scrutiny of the health insurance industry's business practices, the Committee examined the impact of the "medical loss ratio" (MLR) rules that were ultimately included in the 2010 Affordable Care Act. The law encourages health insurance companies to spend at least 80 percent of their individual and small group policyholders' premiums, and 85 percent of large group policyholders' premiums, on medical care or on improving the quality of their care or else provide consumers with rebates. The hearing examined the impact the MLR requirements in health care reform have had on ensuring that health insurers are accountable to consumers and provide appropriate value for premium dollars.

#### *Aggressive E-Cigarette Marketing and Potential Consequences for Youth*

After published data showed increased use of e-cigarettes by youth and additional concerns from the public health community that these products pose serious health risks to young people, Chairman Rockefeller joined Senators Durbin and Blumenthal, Representative Waxman, and other members of Congress in a bicameral inquiry seeking information regarding marketing practices of major e-cigarette manufacturers. The resulting bicameral joint investigative report, released in April 2014, recommended that e-cigarette companies make efforts to prevent the sale of e-cigarettes to youth and exercise restraint in using television and radio advertisements. It also urged the Food and Drug Administration to act quickly to issue regulations to restrict the marketing and sale of e-cigarettes. Chairman Rockefeller held a hearing, bringing before the full Committee the top executives of two leading e-cigarette manufacturers to press them for commitments regarding limiting marketing messages to youth. The day after the hearing, the press reported that the main celebrity spokeswoman for an e-cigarette company, who had been spotlighted at the hearing as an example of how the e-cigarette industry is using celebrity images with appeal to youth, would no longer be representing the company. In addition, shortly after the hearing, photos of a teen idol used by an

e-cigarette company on social media disappeared from the company's marketing materials.

*Cramming on Wireless Phone Bills*

After a July 2011 hearing and a majority staff report on landline cramming, or unauthorized third-party charges on phone bills, Chairman Rockefeller in 2012 opened an inquiry to examine the scope of wireless cramming and industry practices to protect consumers against unauthorized charges on their wireless bills. As with landline billing, the wireless industry asserted that cramming on wireless phone bills was a “de minimis” concern. The Committee reviewed hundreds of pages of documents that it requested from major wireless carriers as well as documents the Committee received in response to its subpoena to a major aggregator, an intermediary in the billing process. The Committee released a majority staff report in conjunction with a full Committee hearing to assess lessons learned from industry failures to prevent cramming and to show that wireless cramming is widespread and costs consumers hundreds of millions of dollars while yielding substantial revenues for the industry. After the hearing, the major wireless carriers announced that, as of 2014 they would stop allowing the placement of most premium third-party text messaging charges, which had been the focus of most consumer cramming complaints.

*Investigation into Airline Passenger Fees and Consumer Data Privacy Policies*

Continuing focus on consumer protection issues, the Committee opened an inquiry into airline passenger fees and consumer data privacy policies. The Committee sent letters to the top ten revenue generating U.S. passenger airlines about the disclosure of certain additional fees consumers encounter during the ticket purchasing process, such as checked and carry-on luggage, seat selection, and priority boarding. The inquiry also asked the airlines to provide information about internal policies aimed at protecting consumer information gathered during the ticket purchase process.

The Office of Oversight and Investigations contributed to 6 oversight-related hearings during the 113th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
July 31, 2013*	Energy Drinks: Exploring Concerns About Marketing to Youth (S.Hrg.113-331)
November 20, 2013*	Soldiers as Consumers: Predatory and Unfair Business Practices Harming the Military Community (S.Hrg.113-362)
December 18, 2013*	What Information Do Data Brokers Have on Consumers, and How Do They Use It?
May 21, 2014*	Delivering Better Health Care Value to Consumers: The First Three Years of the Medical Loss Ratio (S.Hrg.113-500)
June 18, 2014*	Aggressive E-Cigarette Marketing and Potential Consequences for Youth

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Date	Title
July 30, 2014*	Cramming on Wireless Phone Bills: A Review of Consumer Protection Practices and Gaps

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\*Full Committee hearing.

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