



Committee Reviews Various Approaches to Cybersecurity

On May 28th, the Committee received the [Administration's 60-day Cybersecurity Policy Review](#) and scheduled a series of hearing throughout June to examine ways to improve cybersecurity.

"A more secure cyberspace means a more secure nation. The path forward must focus not only on near-term solutions to current cyber attacks, but also on leap-ahead technologies and innovative research that will fundamentally change the future state of play," stated **Chairman Bart Gordon**.

On [June 10](#), the Research and Science Education (R&SE) Subcommittee examined the state of federal cybersecurity R&D. On [June 16](#), the R&SE and Technology and Innovation (T&I) Subcommittees reviewed the response of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to the findings and recommendations in the Administration's review. Lastly, on June 25, the T&I Subcommittee assessed the cybersecurity efforts at DHS and NIST.

[Read more on the Committee's work in cybersecurity >>](#)

Committee Approves Legislation to Assist High-Tech Businesses



Subcommittee Chairman Wu, co-sponsor of H.R. 2965, at the markup.

On [June 24](#), the Committee passed legislation, [H.R. 2965](#), the *Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009*, by a voice vote. H.R. 2965 updates the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs which support high-tech businesses in an effort to promote economic growth for the nation.

"At more than \$2.3 billion per year, the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs comprise the largest source of federal support for technological innovation in the private sector," said bill cosponsor and **Technology and Innovation Subcommittee Chairman David Wu**. "Given the current economic climate, we need robust SBIR and STTR programs to create the next generation of companies that will provide high-paying jobs and grow our economy."

[Read more about the Committee's work on SBIR/STTR >>](#)

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Sincerely,

Bart Gordon,
Chairman,
U.S. House Committee

Additional June Events:

[June 4](#) — *A New Direction for Federal Oil Spill Research and Development*
[June 9](#) — *Environmental Research at the Department of Energy*

[June 11](#)— *Fixing the EPA's Broken Integrated Risk Information System*

[June 17](#)— *Continuing Independent Assessment of the national Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System*

[June 17](#)— *Advancing Technology for Nuclear Fuel Recycling: What Should Our Research, Development & Demonstration Strategy Be?*

[June 18](#) — *External Perspectives on the FY 2010 NASA Budget Request and Related Issues*

[June 24](#) — *Markup on H.R. 2965, H.R. 2729, and H.R. 1622*

[June 25](#) — *The Science of Security: Lessons Learned in Developing, Testing and Operating Advanced Radiation Monitors*

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Subcommittee Examines Hazard Mitigation Program

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On June 11, the T&S Subcommittee reviewed the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). The NEHRP program has been praised for its strategic and coordinated approach to preparation, prediction, and response to earthquakes.



Chairman Gordon greeting witnesses before the hearing on the NEHRP program.

Subcommittee Members reviewed the NEHRP program in an effort to find areas to improve in preparation to write legislation for the program's reauthorization. Currently, the 2004 NEHRP authorization (P.L. 108-360) will expire at the end of FY 2009.

[Read more about the Committee's work on hazard mitigation >>](#)

House Passes Science and Technology Legislation

On June 8, the House approved H.R. 1736, the *International Science and Cooperation Act of 2009*, H.R. 1709, the *STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009*, and H. Res. 492, supporting the goals and ideas of High-Performance Building Week.

Read more about the Committee's work on H.R. 1736, H.R. 1709, or H. Res. 492 >>

Science and Technology Provisions in the Landmark Clean Energy Jobs Legislation

On June 26, the House passed H.R. 2454, the *American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009*. This bill includes legislative language, H.R. 2407, sponsored by Chairman Bart Gordon and approved by the Committee.

H.R. 2407, the *National Climate Service Act of 2009*, passed the Energy and Environment Subcommittee on May 13th and the Full Committee on June 3rd. This bill establishes a Climate Service Office within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and outlines an interagency process to establish a National Climate Service, which would coordinate information, fill in any gaps in information, and serve as a single point of dissemination.

[Read more about the Committee's work on H.R. 2407>>](#)



(from L to R): Reps. Marcia Fudge, Ben Ray Luján, Paul Tonko, and Parker Griffith listening to the description of H.R. 2407 at the markup.

Looking Ahead

In July, the Committee will hold hearings about the FIRE grant program, energy and water technology R&D, wind and solar R&D, enhancing the relevance of space, aviation weather services, and female students in STEM fields.

Please check the Committee's website for more information and the exact days and times of these events.

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