Interim Hearings – Weeks of March 31 and April 7, 2014

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April 3rd

House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development

Charge: Venture capital investment

- "Funding Roars Back in Texas," *Dallas Morning News*, March 2, 2014
- State Economic Development Legislation Database (See topic Tax Credits & Incentives-Venture Capital & Angel Investment), National Conference of State Legislatures
- *PricewaterhouseCoopers / National Venture Capital Association MoneyTree™ Report based on data from Thomson Reuters – Q4 and full year 2013*, PricewaterhouseCoopers, January 2014
- Venture Capital Trends by State, Industry (Infographic), Entrepreneur, October 9, 2013
- "New Kid on Investment Block Seeds Dozen Startups, Looks to Raise up to $50 Million" (Includes Texas venture capital investments graphs), *Dallas Morning News*, October 2013
- "America's Leading Metros for Venture Capital" (Maps), *The Atlantic Cities*, June 17, 2013
- "Texas Venture Capital Market 'Weak,' But Still Shows Promise," *Xconomy*, May 22, 2013
- *Information and Observations on State Venture Capital Programs* , Report for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Interested Parties in the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), Cromwell Schmisseur LLC, February 2013

April 7th

House Committee on Public Health

Charge #1: Nonmedical prescription drug abuse

- "From pain pills to heroin: more North Texas women getting hooked," KERA, December 9, 2013

- *2103 National Drug Threat Assessment Summary*, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, November 2013
- *Prescription Drug Abuse: Strategies to Stop the Epidemic - Texas Report*, Trust for America's Health, October 7, 2013
- "More than 30 arrested in El Paso prescription drug fraud case," *El Paso Times*, September 18, 2013
- *Substance Abuse Trends in Texas: June 2013*, University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, July 4, 2013
- *Partnership Attitude Tracking Study: Teens and Parents*, Drugfree.org, April 23, 2013
- *Prescription Drug Overdose: State Laws*, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, updated July 11, 2012

Charge #5: State immunization registry; pertussis cases

- ImmTrac Texas Immunization Registry, Texas Department of State Health Services, last updated March 27, 2014
- Infectious Disease Control: Pertussis, Texas Department of State Health Services, last updated March 17, 2014
- "Whooping cough cases soared in Dallas County last year," *Dallas Morning News*, February 19, 2014
- "Is Texas a hotspot for outbreaks of vaccine-preventable disease?", *Forbes*, September 9, 2013
- "Outbreaks make a case for vaccinations," *Texas Tribune/The New York Times*, September 7, 2013

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

Charge: Border security and illegal immigration

- *Immigration: America's Demographic Edge*, Bipartisan Policy Center, January 2014
- *Gone to Texas: Immigration and the Transformation of the Texas Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, November 2013
- *The State of the Border Report: A Comprehensive Analysis of the U.S.-Mexico Border*, The Wilson Center, May 2013
- *Southwest Border Security: Data Are Limited and Concerns Vary About Spillover Crime Along the Southwest Border (GAO-13-175)*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, February 2013

Charge: Crime statistics reporting in Texas, including border crime

- *Crime in Texas (The Texas Crime Report for 1999-2012)*, Texas Department of Public Safety

Charge: Second Amendment and open carry

- "Open Carry for All: *Heller* and Our Nineteenth-Century Second Amendment," Jonathan Meltzer, *Yale Law Journal*, March 2014

April 10th

House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development

Charge: Public-private partnerships

- "Testimony: Public-Private Partnerships for Highway Projects," Joseph Kile, Congressional Budget Office, March 5, 2014
- "Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation: A Toolkit for Legislators," National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2014 update
- "Public-Private Partnerships Are Popular, But Are They Practical?" Ryan Holeywell, *Governing*, November 2013
- "Why Isn't the U.S. Better at Public-Private Partnerships?" Ryan Holeywell, *Governing*, February 2013
- *Public-Private Partnerships to Revamp U.S. Infrastructure*, Brookings Institution, February 2011

House Committee on Elections

Charge: Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

- HAVA Funding, Texas Secretary of State
- *The Help America Vote Act and Election Administration: Overview and Issues*, Congressional Research Service, March 12, 2014
- "Hurdles remain for disabled to vote in Texas, advocates say," *Dallas Morning News*, October 27, 2012
- *Administration of Payments Received Under the Help America Vote Act by the Texas Secretary of State*, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, August 2011

Charge: Interstate Voter Crosscheck Program

- "Here's how to clean up messy voter rolls," *Washington Post*, November 3, 2013

- *Democratic Party of Virginia v. Virginia State Board of Elections*, Complaint (October 1, 2013), Amicus brief of Judicial Watch (October 16, 2013) and Memorandum opinion (October 21, 2013)
- "Oklahoma part of growing voter fraud program," NewsOK, August 24, 2013
- *Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program*, National Association of State Election Directors, January 26, 2013
- Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program Interactive Map, Arizona State University, current through 2012

Charge: MOVE Act

- "Time lag could shape runoff races," *Texas Tribune*, March 12, 2014
- *The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act: Overview and Issues*, Congressional Research Service, January 13, 2014
- *The American Voting Experience: Report and Recommendations*, Presidential Commission on Election Administration, January 2014
- *Voting by Overseas Citizens and Deployed Military Personnel*, Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, June 2013