

Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the “Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building”. Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–309)

H.R. 6150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “John P. Gallagher Post Office Building”. Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–310)

H.R. 6340, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains, New York, as the “Charles L. Briant, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–311)

S. 3294, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission. Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–312)

S. 3295, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes. Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–313)

H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children’s products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Signed on August 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–314)

H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes. Signed on August 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–315)

H.R. 6432, to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes. Signed on August 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–316)

H.R. 6580, to ensure the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitation on contributions to funeral trusts, and for other purposes. Signed on August 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–317)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Georgia and implications for United States policy; to be followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine strengthening the ability of public transportation to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine improving health care quality, focusing on an integral step toward health care reform, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 3:15 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on protecting the right to vote and preparations for the 2008 general election, 2:15 p.m., SD–562.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 9 through September 13,
2008

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately, 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 10, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to mark up Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2009, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Georgia and implications for United States policy; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 9, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the ability of public transportation to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 10, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 11, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 12 noon, SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 9, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-406.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine improving the Federal Bridge Program, focusing on an assessment of S. 3338, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, and H.R. 3999, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, 10 a.m., SD-406.

September 10, Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, to hold hearings to examine the quality and environmental impacts of bottled water, 3 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 9, to hold hearings to examine improving health care quality, focusing on an integral step toward health care reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

September 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3038, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, S. 1070, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and S. 1577, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 10, to hold hearings to examine protocols to the North Atlantic Trea-

ty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Croatia adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 110-20), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sung Y. Kim, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, and Carol Ann Rodley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

September 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian H. Hook, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and Matthew A. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine audits at the Defense Contract Audit Agency, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 10, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine managing the challenges of the federal government transition, focusing on assessing the readiness and planning for the transition and identifying critical needs for the new Administration to address, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 11, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine dividend tax abuse, focusing on ways that offshore entities avoid taxes on United States stock dividends, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

September 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, and Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 11, to hold hearings to examine S. 3128, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project, S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and S. 3381, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting

through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-562.

September 9, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on protecting the right to vote and preparations for the 2008 general election, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine new strategies for combating violent crime, focusing on drawing lessons from recent experience, 10 a.m., SD-562.

September 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2746, to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, S. 3136, to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition, S. 1276, to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, S. 3325, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, S. 3296, to extend the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice, S. 2052, to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, H.R. 5235, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission, S. 3166, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose criminal penalties on individuals who assist aliens who have engaged in genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killings to enter the United States, and the nominations of Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney Gen-

eral, J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: September 11, to hold hearings to examine business start-up hurdles in underserved communities access to venture capital and entrepreneurship training, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 11, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Special Committee on Aging: September 11, to hold hearings to examine 1-800-MEDICARE Information (1-800-633-4227), 10:30 a.m., SR-325.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 11, hearing to review dramatic movements in agriculture and energy commodity markets, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 10, full Committee hearing on Security and Stability in Afghanistan and Iraq: Developments in U.S. Strategy and Operations and the Way Ahead, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on transforming the U.S. military's foreign language, cultural awareness, and regional expertise capabilities, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, September 9, hearing on a Weakened Economy: How to Respond?, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 9, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Challenges Facing Bureau of Indian Education Schools in Improving Student Achievement, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Examining the Role of Museums and Libraries in Strengthening Communities, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "NIH Reform Act of 2006: Progress, Challenges and Next Steps," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Commerce Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Economic and Security Concerns in Tourism and Commerce, including the following bills: H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; and H.R. 1776, Call Center Consumer's Right to Know Act, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Protecting the Electric Grid from Cyber-Security Threats," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 10, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Sovereign Wealth Funds: New Challenges from a Changing Landscape," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 9, hearing on U.S.-Russia Relations in the Aftermath of the Georgia Crisis, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 9, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Ensuring America’s Security: Cleaning Up the Nation’s Watchlists,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 10, full Committee, hearing entitled “Mismanagement, Missteps and Missed Benchmarks: Why the Virtual Fence Has Not Become A Reality,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 9, hearing on Competition in the Package Delivery Industry, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 10, to mark up the following: Reauthorizing Antitrust Task Force, H.R. 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008; H.R. 4780, To enact title 51, United States Code, “National and Commercial Space Programs,” as positive law; H.R. 6020, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect the well-being of soldiers and their families, and for other purposes; H.R. 5882, To recapture employment-based immigrant visas lost to bureaucratic delays and to prevent losses of family-and employment-based immigrant visas in the future; H.R. 5924, Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act; H.R. 5950, Detainee Basic Medical Care Act of 2008; and to consider a resolution and report recommending to the House of Representatives that Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey be cited for contempt of Congress, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Commerce and Administrative Law, hearing on the continuing investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy and Related Matters, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on the Fair Copyright in Research Works Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4300, Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing and oversight hearing on H.R. 6479, San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex Establishment Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 11, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3114, National Women’s Rights History Project Act; H.R. 4162, San Bernardino Biomass Use Facilitation Act; H.R. 6156, Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act; H.R. 6233, To reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service; H.R. 6290, Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2008; H.R. 6291, Oregon Treasures Act of 2008; H.R. 6470, River Basin National Battlefield Act; H.R. 6553, To clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System lands subject to ski area permits; and H.R. 6628, Connell Lake

Watershed Protection and Recreation Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 9, hearing on the Impact of Proposed Legislation on the District of Columbia’s Gun Laws, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 10, full Committee, to consider the following: the National Capital Security and Safety Act; H. Con. Res. 223, Honoring professional surveyors and recognize their contributions to society; H. Con. Res. 351, Honoring the 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting in Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey in 1783; H. Con. Res. 376, Congratulating the 2007–2008 National Basketball Association World Champions, the Boston Celtics, on an outstanding and historic season; H. Con. Res. 378, Expressing support for the designation of September 6, 2008, as Louisa Swain Day; H. Con. Res. 386, Recognizing and celebrating the 232nd Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; H. Res. 1000, To commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the Continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world; H.R. 1356, Celebrating the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, and for other purposes; a resolution to congratulate Michael Phelps, 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic champion swimmer, on winning eight gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and becoming one of the most decorated athletes in Olympic history; H.R. 6199, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York as the “Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building;” H. R. 6489, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 4th Street in Lake Oswego, Oregon, as the “Judie Hammerstad Post Office Building;” H.R. 6681, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Vine Street in New Lenox, Illinois, as the “Jacob M. Lowell Post Office Building;” and H.R. 6772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the “CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building;” 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, an Oversight hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military—Part 2, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 4272, To amend chapter 15 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for an additional, limited exception to the provision prohibiting a State or local officer or employee from being a candidate for elective office, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 9, to consider H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, September 9, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on Biobanking: How the Lack of a Coherent Policy Allowed

the Veterans Administration to Destroy an Irreplaceable Collection of Legionella Samples, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Foundation for Developing New Energy Technologies: Basic Energy Research in the DOE Office of Science, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 11, full Committee, hearing on the Next Generation Air Transportation System: Status and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 11, hearing on Examining Expiring Tax Incentives and the Needs of Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 9, hearing on H.R. 6707, Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on Coast Guard, including Recruitment, Promotion, and Retention of Minority Personnel, hearing on Diversity in the Coast Guard, including Recruitment, Promotion, and Retention of Minority Personnel, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on FEMA's National Housing Strategy: Housing Citizens in a Post-Disaster Period, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Role of the Federal Government in Small Business Disaster Recovery, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3051, Heroes at Home Act of 2007; H.R. 6153, Veterans' Medical Personnel Recruitment and Retention Act of 2008; and H.R. 6629, Veterans Health Equity Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

September 11, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing of GI Bill Implementation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on reforming Medicare's physician payment system, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 11, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Challenges facing American Workers, 12 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 9, executive, hearing on Intelligence Operations and Al-Qaeda, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 10, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on DOD: Personnel Security and Research Center, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing, on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., and executive, hearing on Russia, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, September 10, hearing entitled "Investing in the Future: R & D needs to meet America's Energy and Climate Challenges," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 10, to hold hearings to examine Russia, Georgia, and the return of power politics, 1:30 p.m., HROB-2325.

Joint Hearing: September 11, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.