

GSA's Economic Recovery Role: Job Creation, Repair, and Energy Efficiency in Federal Buildings and Accountability. Testimony was heard from Paul Prouty, Acting Administrator, GSA; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved its Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and continued in evening session.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: organizational business meeting to consider pending committee organizational matters for the 111th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine consumer protection in the financial regulatory system, focusing on strengthening credit card protections, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine Senate procedures for consideration of the budget resolution/reconciliation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress; to be followed by a hearing to consider the nominations of Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, both of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program, authorized under Title 17 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and how the delivery of services to support the deployment of clean energy technologies might be improved, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution

authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States relations with Sudan, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine structuring national security and homeland security at the White House, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine matters relating to Indian affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the world threat, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the Derivatives Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2009, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Army Contracting, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on addressing U.S. Strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan: Balancing Interests and Resources, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Strategies for Countering Violent Extremist Ideologies, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Building a Foundation for Families: Fighting Hunger, Investing in Children, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Examining Workers' Rights and Violence Against Labor Union Leaders in Colombia, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices, Under the Workforce Investment Act, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on The Climate Challenge: National Security Threats and Economic Opportunities, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Smart Power: Remaking U.S. Foreign Policy in North Korea, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Gaza After the War: What Can Be Built on the Wreckage?, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Libel Tourism, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 493, Coal Ash Reclamation, Environment, and Safety Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Training and Equipping Afghan Security Forces: Unaccounted Weapons and Strategic Challenges, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on an Overview of Transportation R&D: Priorities for Reauthorization, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: H.R. 608, "Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2009;" H.R. 813, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 837, To designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in

New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building;" H.R. 842, To designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse;" H.R. 869, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 887, To designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach United States Courthouse;" H. Con. Res. 37, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 38, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 1105 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 304 HVC.