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### COMMITTEE BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FY 2010

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2010 to be submitted to the Committee on the Budget.

### HEALTHCARE REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Expanding Coverage, Improving Quality and Controlling Costs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met to consider pending business.

## Joint Meetings

### TARP

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) accountability and oversight, focusing on achieving transparency, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Neiman, New York State Banking Department, Member, and Damon A. Silvers, Deputy Chairman, both of the Congressional Oversight Panel; and Nicole Tichon, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, both of Washington, DC.

### U.S. SENATE VACANCIES

*Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution:* Subcommittee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, both proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, after receiving testimony from Senator Begich; Representatives Dreier and Schock; Thomas H. Neale, Specialist in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kevin J. Kennedy, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Madison; Vikram David Amar, University of California School of Law, Davis; Bob Edgar, Common Cause, and Matthew Spalding, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, DC; Pamela S. Karlan, Stanford Law School Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford, CA; and David Segal, Fair Vote Center for Voting and Democracy, Providence, RI.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine sustainable transportation solutions, focusing on investing in transit to meet 21st century challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 budget and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine promotion lists in the Coast Guard, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine climate science, focusing on empowering our response to climate change, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased Federal siting authority and regional transmission planning, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine workforce issues in health care reform, focusing on assessing the present and preparing for the future; Business meeting to consider the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for tribal priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, and the nomination of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to mark up certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, on Domestic Nutrition Programs, 1 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on what Works for Successful Prisoner Reentry, 9:30 a.m., H–309 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army and Marine Corps Force Protection, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Securing the Nation's Rail and Transit Systems, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Council on Environmental Quality, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Review of VA Challenges, 10 a.m., and on Family and Troop Housing, 1:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Africa: Great Lakes, Sudan and the Horn, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Transportation Challenges of Rural America, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on the Department of Defense at High Risk: Recommendations of the Comptroller General for Improving Department Management, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military resale and morale, welfare and recreation overview, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Department of Education Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of the Committee on the Judiciary, joint hearing on Lost Educational Opportunities in Alternative Settings, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee Communications, Technology and the Internet, hearing on Universal Service: Reforming the High-Cost Fund, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Consumer Protection Policies for Climate Legislation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, full Committee, to continue consideration of the following: S. 383, Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program Act of 2009; and a Committee Print entitled "Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010," 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Mark-to-Market Accounting: Practices and Implications, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing on H.R. 1327, Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on U.S. Foreign Economic Policy in the Global Crisis, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Border Violence: An Examination of DHS Strategies and Resources, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Money, Guns, and Drugs: Are U.S. Inputs Fueling Violence on the U.S.-Mexican Border? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee, on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on ATSDR: Problems in the Past, Potential for the Future, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Ensuring Stimulus Contracts for Small and Veteran-owned Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on Protecting Lower-Income Families While Fighting Global Warming, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, Briefing Intelligence Activities, 9:30 a.m., 304 HVC.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.