

Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Formulating an Action Plan. Testimony was heard from Robert Magnien, Director, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Suzanne E. Schwartz, Acting Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; and public witnesses.

SMALL/MINORITY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Doing Business with the Government: The Record and Goals for Small, Minority and Disadvantaged Businesses. Testimony was heard from Tamela Riggs, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Vendor Alliance and Acquisition, Public Building Service, GSA; Jacob Hansen, Director, Acquisition Division, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Rudy Watley, Supplier Diversity Program Manager, Office of Equal Employment and Minority Affairs, The Smithsonian Institution; Roger Mosier, Vice President of Facilities, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terrie Rouse, Chief Executive Officer, Visitor Services, Capital Visitor Center; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NOTIFICATION UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Notification Update. The Committee was briefed by LTG Mark A. Welsh III, USAF, Associate Director, Military Support and Military Affairs, CIA.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine federal tax treatment of health care benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 20 through
September 26, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations 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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 24, to hold hearings to examine the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, focusing on one year later, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

September 24, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: September 22, business meeting to consider an original bill providing for health care reform, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 23, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 22, to hold hearings to examine the Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2009, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Contract Audit Agency, focusing on reform, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 24, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the government, focusing on performance, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 24, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of United States diplomatic readiness, focusing on the staffing and foreign language challenges facing the foreign service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 22, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform,