

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

## Appropriations

To continue hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist the Gulf Coast region in its recovery from hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

SD-106

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina, focusing on recommendations for reform.

SD-342

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2078, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming.

SR-485

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, John Charles Richter, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, Amul R. Thapar, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, all of the Department of Justice, proposed legislation providing for comprehensive immigration reform, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing

an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

SD-226

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine a prognosis of the nation's health care tax policy.

SD-215

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard T. Miller, of Texas, to be U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an U.S. Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

SD-419

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace, S. 1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children, and the nominations of Michell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education, Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, George Perdue, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Craig T. Ramey, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and certain nominations in the Public Health Service.

SD-430

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## International Trade and Finance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SD-538

2 p.m.

## Budget

Business meeting to markup concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007.

SD-608

## Appropriations

## District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine potential effects of a flat Federal income tax in the District of Columbia.

SD-124

2:30 p.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense quadrennial defense review; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222.

SH-216

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Crime Victims Fund rescission.

SD-342

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine impacts of piracy and counterfeiting of American goods and intellectual property in China.

SD-562

## Foreign Relations

## Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of the American Servicemembers' Protection Act on Latin America.

SD-419

## Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters.

SH-219

## MARCH 9

8:30 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Agriculture.

SD-192

9 a.m.

## Budget

Business meeting to continue markup of concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007.

S-207, Capitol

9:30 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

## Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-628

## Appropriations

To hold hearings to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist in ongoing military, diplomatic, and intelligence operations in the Global War on Terror; Stabilization and counter-insurgency activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other humanitarian assistance.

SD-106

## Armed Services

To resume hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SH-216

- Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226
- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine self-regulatory organizations in the securities markets. SD-538
- Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Alexander A. Karsner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, all of the Department of Energy, and David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. SD-366
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Small Business Administration, and related measures. SD-428A
- Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Blinded Veterans of America, The Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Jewish War Veterans. SD-G50
- Aging  
To hold hearings to examine how to prepare Americans for long-term care financing. SD-138
- 10:30 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture's management and oversight of the Packers and Stockyards Act. SD-328A
- 1:30 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee  
Business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Energy and Water Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Army Corps of Engineers. SD-124
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine agencies' progress relating to reporting improper payments, focusing on the success or failure of agencies to report and/or reduce improper payments in fiscal year 2005 performance and accountability reports, and to discuss whether or not the various ways in which agencies measure improper payments is accurately depicting the magnitude of the problem. SD-342
- Intelligence  
Closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- 3:15 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations. SD-562
- MARCH 10
- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the Department of Defense regarding homeland defense and support to civil authorities in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program. SR-222
- Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2006. 2212 RHOB
- MARCH 13
- 3 p.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold a closed briefing on an update from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. SR-222
- MARCH 14
- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program. SH-216
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Investigations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Federal contractors with unpaid tax debt, focusing on the extent to which contractors are tax delinquent and what can be done about it. SD-342
- 10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine wireless issues spectrum reform. SD-106
- 2:15 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc.109-04), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc.109-05), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc.109-07), and Protocol Amending the Con-
- vention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (Treaty Doc.109-08). S-116, Capitol
- 2:30 p.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F-136 Alternate Engine Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program. SH-216
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine Wall Street perspective on telecom. SD-106
- Armed Services  
Personnel Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine health benefits and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-325
- MARCH 15
- 9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children. SR-485
- Armed Services  
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine ground forces readiness in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222
- 10:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Legislative Branch Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, and the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
- 2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation. SD-562
- MARCH 16
- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219. SH-216
- Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's strategy to restore and protect the Great Lakes. SD-628
- 10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine impacts on aviation regarding volcanic hazards. SD-562

<p>Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine the homeless programs administered by the VA. SR-418</p> <p>3 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-562</p>	<p>sociation of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. SD-106</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine competition and convergence. SD-562</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138</p>
<p>MARCH 28</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton. SR-485</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Aviation Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration budget and the long term viability of the Aviation Trust Fund. SD-562</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture. SD-562</p>	<p>APRIL 4</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Aviation Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration funding options. SD-562</p> <p>APRIL 5</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session. SR-222</p>	<p>MAY 3</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Office of Compliance. SD-138</p> <p>MAY 17</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology. Room to be announced</p>
<p>MARCH 29</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-485</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the importance of basic research to United States' competitiveness. SD-562</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine missile defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222</p>	<p>Indian Affairs To hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country. SR-485</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Sergeant at Arms and U.S. Capitol Police Board. SD-138</p> <p>3 p.m. Armed Services Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222</p>	<p>MAY 24</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138</p> <p>JUNE 14</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies. Room to be announced</p>
<p>MARCH 30</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee To hold an oversight hearing to examine National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System. SD-562</p> <p>Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the National As-</p>	<p>APRIL 26</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education. Room to be announced</p>	<p>POSTPONEMENTS</p> <p>MARCH 9</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine aviation security and the Transportation Security Administration. SD-562</p>