

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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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, September 9, 2008, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market.

SR-253

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2009.

SD-192

Environment and Public Works

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.

SD-406

Finance

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.

SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine audits at the Defense Contract Audit Agency.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine new strategies for combating violent crime, focusing on drawing lessons from recent experience.

SD-562

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty 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).

SD-419

1:30 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russia, Georgia, and the return of power politics.

HROB-2325

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

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.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

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.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Environment and Public Works

Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the quality and environmental impacts of bottled water.

SD-406

SEPTEMBER 11

9 a.m.

Foreign Relations

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).

SD-419

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

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.

SD-628

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine dividend tax abuse, focusing on ways that offshore entities avoid taxes on United States stock dividends.

SD-106

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

345, Cannon Building

10 a.m.

Judiciary

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 General, 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.

SD-562

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine business start-up hurdles in underserved communities access to venture capital and entrepreneurship training.

SR-428A

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine 1-800-MEDICARE Information (1-800-633-4227).

SR-325

12 noon

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 16

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine reasons that broadband internet access matters.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the current state of vehicles powered by the electric grid and the prospects for wider deployment in the near future.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the state of democracy and human rights in Belarus and how the Belarusian authorities are complying with their OSCE election commitments in advance of the September 28 parliamentary elections.

B318, Rayburn Building

SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SH-216

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine protected marine areas, focusing on federal and state efforts to conserve, manage, and restore marine resources.

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 18

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine bus safety.

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine cooperation and collaboration by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense on information technology efforts.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade.

SR-253

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine S. 3308, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies.

SR-301

SEPTEMBER 11

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine transparency in accounting, focusing changes, focusing proposed changes to accounting for off-balance sheet entities.

SD-538