

of information to the public, and let me say, during a time when the role of government in our lives and in our enterprises seems to grow every day—both at home and abroad—ensuring the vitality of a free and independent press is more important than ever.

I salute the bravery of reporters and press outlets around the world. I urge you to stand firm and take heart. The U.S. House of Representatives stands firmly behind your right to increased freedoms; soon we hope to see this right enshrined in our public law, and stand in solidarity with those on the front lines of the worldwide fight for freedom of the press.

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, May 5, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 6

- 9 a.m.
Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the range of innovative, non-geologic applications for the beneficial reuse of carbon dioxide from coal and other fossil fuel facilities.
 SD-192
- 9:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine regulating and resolving institutions considered to be too big to fail.
 SD-538
- Foreign Relations**
 To hold hearings to examine engaging Iran, focusing on obstacles and opportunities.
 SD-419
- Veterans' Affairs**
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roger W. Baker, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, William A. Gunn, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Jose D. Riojas, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Operations, Security, and Preparedness, and John U. Sepulveda, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 SR-418

- 10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider pending legislation on siting of interstate electric transmission facilities, energy finance, and nuclear energy.
 SD-366
- Judiciary**
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security.
 SD-226
- 2 p.m.
Aging
 To hold hearings to examine solutions to stop Medicare and Medicaid fraud from hurting seniors and taxpayers.
 SH-216
- 2:15 p.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
 To receive a closed briefing to examine space issues.
 SVC-217
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications and Technology Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the future of journalism.
 SR-253
- Foreign Relations**
European Affairs Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine NATO post-60, focusing on institutional challenges moving forward.
 SD-419

MAY 7

- Time to be announced
Environment and Public Works
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance, and Michelle DePass, of New York, to be Assistant Administrator for International Affairs, all of the Environmental Protection Agency.
 Room to be announced
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the report of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States.
 SH-216
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the 2009 H1N1 virus.
 SD-124
- Appropriations**
Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine funding of the Department of Justice.
 SD-192
- Energy and Natural Resources**
 To hold hearings to examine a joint staff draft related to cybersecurity and critical electricity infrastructure.
 SD-366
- Finance**
 To hold hearings to examine auctioning under cap and trade, focusing on design, participation, and distribution of revenues.
 SD-215
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary, and M.

Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, both of the Department of Labor.
 SD-430

Judiciary

- Business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections, and the nominations of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission, and John Morton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.
 SD-226
- 10:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Krysta Harden, of Virginia, and Pearlie S. Reed, of Arkansas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of the Department of Agriculture.
 SD-106
- 2 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Margaret A. Hamburg, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.
 SD-430
- 2:15 p.m.
Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.
 SD-628
- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Energy Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine net metering, interconnection standards, and other policies that promote the deployment of distributed generation to improve grid reliability, increase clean energy deployment, enable consumer choice, and diversify our nation's energy supply.
 SD-366
- Appropriations**
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance.
 SD-138
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine recruitment in the federal government.
 SD-342
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs**
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine strengthening the Securities and Exchange

Commission's enforcement responsibilities.

MAY 13

MAY 21

SD-538

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export
Promotion Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine tourism in
troubled times.

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
Business meeting to markup pending leg-
islation. SR-418

MAY 8

9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the employ-
ment situation for April 2009.

SR-253

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 7

10 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomina-
tion of Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be
Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.
SD-215

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Economic Policy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine manufac-
turing and the credit crisis.

SD-538

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the con-
sequences of a gap in human space
flight. SR-253