

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, May 13, 2011.

Hon. RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN,
*Chairman, Energy and Water Development Ap-
propriations Subcommittee, House Appro-
priations Committee, Washington, DC.*

Hon. PETER VISCLOSKY,
*Ranking Member, Energy and Water Develop-
ment Appropriations Subcommittee, House
Appropriations Committee, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN FRELINGHUYSEN AND RANK-
ING MEMBER VISCLOSKY: As you begin work
on the Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Water
Appropriations bill, we write to express our
strong support for robust and sustained fund-
ing for the Department of Energy (DOE) Of-
fice of Science, and the critical research,
unique scientific facilities, and expert per-
sonnel that it supports.

We recognize the fragile state of the na-
tion's economy, and support efforts to reduce
the deficit and create jobs. But to do so, we
must set priorities and make smart, strate-
gic decisions about federal funding. We be-
lieve that scientific research is the founda-
tion for the innovative solutions that will
enable us to overcome many of our greatest
challenges—from economic stagnation and
dependence on foreign energy to curing dis-
eases and addressing threats to our national
security. That is why we believe funding for
the DOE Office of Science must be a priority
in fiscal year 2012.

As the nation's primary sponsor of re-
search in the physical sciences, the DOE Of-
fice of Science has built—and maintains—a
unique collection of large-scale, cutting-
edge, one-of-a-kind user facilities relied upon
by approximately 25,000 researchers annu-
ally. Nearly half of these users are univer-
sity faculty and students. Others come from
U.S. industry and many are conducting re-
search for other key federal science agencies,
such as the National Institutes of Health
(NIH) and the National Science Foundation
(NSF). Without these critical facilities,
thousands of users would be forced to move
their job-creating research activities over-
seas, or terminate their research altogether.

The DOE Office of Science also supports a
first-rate workforce of research scientists,
engineers, and support personnel who work
as teams on long-term solutions to some of
the nation's greatest challenges and who are
ready to tackle pressing problems at a mo-
ment's notice. Moreover, it plays a unique
and critical role in the education of the next
generation of American scientific talent, in-
cluding thousands of graduate students and
postdoctoral researchers at hundreds of U.S.
institutions who depend upon DOE Office of
Science support and facilities for their re-
search and training.

This collection of research, facilities and
scientific talent has enabled the DOE Office
of Science to contribute greatly to our qual-
ity of life, our health, and our security. The
DOE Office of Science has been integral to
the development of several innovative tech-
nologies, including MRI machines and PET
scans, new composite materials for military
hardware and motor vehicles, medical and
industrial isotopes, drop-in biofuel tech-
nologies, DNA sequencing technologies,
more aerodynamic and fuel efficient long-
haul trucks, electric vehicle battery tech-
nology, an artificial retina, newer and safer
nuclear reactor designs, 3-D models of patho-
gens for vaccine development, tools to manu-
facture nanomaterials, and better sensors
and detectors for biological, chemical, and
radioactive materials.

By prioritizing funding for DOE scientific
research—thereby supporting both the
human and physical capital—Congress will
preserve our capacity to innovate, reduce
our dependence on foreign sources of energy,
enhance our competitive edge in the global
economy, improve our quality of life, ensure
our national security, and create good Amer-
ican jobs well into the future. For these rea-
sons, we urge you to make strong and sus-
tained funding for the DOE Office of Science
one of your highest priorities in fiscal year
2012.

Sincerely,
Judy Biggert, Rush Holt, Randy
Hultgren, Anna Eshoo, Daniel Lipinski,

John C. Carney, Jr., Barney Frank
(MA), Michael Capuano, Russ Carna-
han, John Garamendi, Grace Napolit-
ano, Alcee Hastings, Barbara Lee, Ron
Kind, Donna Christensen, Lloyd Dog-
gett, Tim Bishop, George Miller,
Tammy Baldwin, Steve Israel, Bob Fil-
ner, David Wu, Jerry McNerney, Chris
Van Hollen, John Dingell, Stephen
Lynch, Hansen Clarke, Zoe Lofgren,
Jason Altmire, Sander Levin, Laura
Richardson, Marcia Fudge, Henry Wax-
man, Robert Dold, Doc Hastings, Theod-
ore Deutch, David Price, Jared Polis,
Louise McIntosh Slaughter, Roscoe
Bartlett, Silvestre Reyes, Danny Davis,
Paul Tonko, John Yarmuth, Mike
Quigley, John J. Duncan, Jr. (TN),
Judy Chu.

HONORING THE CITY OF TACOMA

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend
the City of Tacoma for ensuring that sustain-
able policies and business practices are con-
sidered in utility operations and all depart-
mental decisions. I was gratified to see that
the City of Tacoma has partnered with the In-
stitute for Environmental Research and Edu-
cation and local businesses to become a
“Life-Cycle City”—making a formal commit-
ment to evaluate the life cycle environmental
impacts of goods and services. Those environ-
mental costs added up over time are signifi-
cant to our constituents and I commend Taco-
ma's efforts to ensure that we are making the
best possible investments with taxpayer dol-
lars while being responsible stewards of our
environment.

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, July 12, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
JULY 13

9 a.m.

Finance

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of debt and equity.

HVC-210

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why cramers win and consumers lose.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 538, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act, S. 899, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria, S. 861, to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine habitats, and coastal wetland of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse, S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy, S. 1313, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, a proposed resolution in the Corps Study, and a proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration.

SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on preventing terrorist travel.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the "Violence Against Women Act", focusing on

building on seventeen years of accomplishments.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

SD-226

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration's request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

JULY 14

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine growing jobs in rural America.

SD-G50

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to Congress.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the safety and economics of light water small modular reactors.

SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine learning from what works for employment for persons with disabilities.

SD-430

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of

2007, S. 27, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alison J. Nathan, and Katherine B. Forrest, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Susan Owens Hickey, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bissoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute.

SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation.

SR-253

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on closing the gaps.

SR-418

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, Barbara Jeanne Ells, of Colorado, and Deborah Downing Goodman, of Oklahoma, all to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine native women.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Sudan, focusing on a roadmap forward.

SD-419

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 15

10 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation
in Europe

To hold hearings to examine internet freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on current trends in internet governance.

210, Cannon Building