



Congressional Week Ahead

August 2 – August 6, 2010

The Senate looks to join the House in recess and is scheduled to consider a combined FMAP and teacher jobs funding bill on Monday, followed by further debate on the small business bill and an energy package compiled by Majority Leader Reid. Toward the end of the week the Senate will confirm the nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court before recessing for August.

New START – The Senate Foreign Relations Committee meets on Wednesday to discuss New START, a vote reporting the treaty out of committee is possible by the end of the week. Republican members of Foreign Relations have expressed concerns that other committees have not yet received the full written materials requested and may delay the vote.

This week's hearings of note:

- Senate Armed Services on the Quadrennial Defense Review
- Senate Budget on the U.S. economic status
- Senate EPW on oil dispersant use in the Gulf
- Senate Banking Subcommittee on Economic Policy on the U.S. manufacturing agenda

Senate Floor

The Senate returns on Monday and will hold a cloture vote on a \$26.1 billion domestic spending bill. The bill includes funds dropped from the war supplemental and provides \$10 billion to prevent teacher layoffs, and \$16.1 billion in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage reimbursements. Although the bill is fully offset, Republican support has not yet materialized and it is unclear if the cloture vote will be successful.

The Senate will then resume consideration of the small business bill that has been debated for the past several weeks if an agreement on amendments can be reached; or the energy package as assembled by Majority Leader Reid. Reid may file for cloture on Monday, setting up a Wednesday vote. Reid is not expected to allow amendments to the energy bill, which will likely result in no Republican support for the cloture vote, delaying consideration until the Senate returns in September.

On Wednesday the Senate will begin consideration of the Kagan nomination. A confirmation vote could take place on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. With the support of five Republican Senators thus far – Graham, Snowe, Collins, Lugar, and Gregg – Kagan is expected to easily win confirmation. Sen. Ben Nelson has announced that although he will vote yes on cloture, he will vote against Kagan's confirmation. Following the Kagan vote the Senate will recess until Monday, September 13.

Senate Committees

Tuesday, August 3

Quadrennial Defense Review

+Senate Armed Services Committee - Hearing

09:30 am

08/03/2010

Full committee hearing on the report of the Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel

Witness(es): Former Defense Secretary William Perry and former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley, co-chairman of the Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel, testify

Location: G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Homeland Security Management

+Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/03/2010

Postponed Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee hearing on Homeland Security Department management matters.

Witness(es): TBA

Location: 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

U.S. Economic Status Report

+Senate Budget Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/03/2010

Full committee hearing on "A Status Report on the U.S. Economy."

Witness(es): Richard Berner, managing director and co-head of global economics and chief U.S. economist for Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.; Simon Johnson, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and a professor of entrepreneurship at MIT's Sloan School of Management; and Joel Naroff, president and founder of Naroff Economic Advisors, testify

Location: 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Autism Environmental Health Factors

+Senate Environment and Public Works Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/03/2010

Children's Health Subcommittee hearing on "State of Research on Potential Environmental Health Factors with Autism and Related Neurodevelopment Disorders"

Witness(es): Paul Anastas, assistant administrator in the EPA's Office of Research and Development; Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Environmental and Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program; Isaac Pessah, professor in the University of California at Davis' Department of Molecular Biosciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine and director of the UC Davis Children's Center for Environmental Health and Disease Prevention in the Department of Molecular Biosciences; Bruce Lanphear, senior scientist at the Child & Family Research Institute, professor at Vancouver's

Simon Fraser University, and adjunct professor at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; and parent Mary Moen testify.

Location: 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building

HUD Sustainable Housing and Communities Office

+Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee - Markup

10:00 am

08/03/2010

New Full committee markup of S.1619, the "Livable Communities Act of 2009," to establish the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, to establish the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, to establish a comprehensive planning grant program, to establish a sustainability challenge grant program.

Location: 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Threat of Agency Capture

+Senate Judiciary Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/03/2010

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee hearing on "Protecting the Public Interest: Understanding the Threat of Agency Capture"

Witness(es): Nicholas Bagley, assistant professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School; Sidney Shapiro, associate dean for research and development and university distinguished chair in law at the Wake Forest University School of Law; and Tevi Troy, visiting senior fellow at The Hudson Institute, testify

Location: 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Business Nominations

+Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Markup

02:15 pm

08/03/2010

Revised Full committee markup to vote on the nominations of Peter McKinley to be ambassador to the Republic of Colombia; Rose Likins to be ambassador to the Republic of Peru; Christopher Murray to be ambassador to the Republic of the Congo; Mark Storella to be ambassador to the Republic of Zambia; James Entwistle to be ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Eric Benjaminson to be ambassador to Gabon and to serve concurrently as ambassador to Sao Tome & Principe; Phillip Carter III to be ambassador to Cote-d'Ivoire; J. Thomas Dougherty to be ambassador to Burkina Faso; Michael Owen to be ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone; Laurence Wohlers to be ambassador to the Central African Republic; Partick Moon to be ambassador to the Republic of Iceland; Daniel Smith to be ambassador to Greece; Scot Marciel to be ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia; Judith Fergin to be ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; Helen Reed-Rowe to be ambassador to the Republic of Palau; Paul Jones to be ambassador to Malaysia; Nisha Desai Biswal to be an assistant administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; James Franklin Jeffrey to be ambassador to the Republic of Iraq; Maura Connelly to be ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon; Gerald Feierstein to be ambassador to the Republic of Yemen; Francis Joseph Ricciardone Jr. to be ambassador to the Republic of Turkey; Mark Feierstein to be an assistant administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development; Mimi Alemayehou to be executive vice president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and Richard Lobo to be director of the Broadcasting Board of Governors's International Broadcasting Bureau.

Location: S-116, U.S. Capitol

Government Efficiency Through Technology

+Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

08/03/2010

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee hearing on "Transforming Government Through Innovative Tools and Technology."

Witness(es): Danny Werfel, controller of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Financial Management; Earl Devaney, chairman of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; Alexander Karp, CEO of Palantir Technologies; Rob McEwen, chairman and CEO of the US Gold Corporation; and Riley Crane of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Laboratory Human Dynamics Group, testify
Location: 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Intelligence Matters

+Senate (Select) Intelligence Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

08/03/2010

Closed Full committee closed hearing on intelligence matters.

Location: 219 Hart Senate Office Building

Pending Nominations

+Senate Armed Services Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

08/03/2010

New Full committee hearing on the nominations of Jonathan Woodson to be assistant secretary for health affairs in the Defense Department; Teresa Takai to be assistant secretary for networks and information integration in the Defense Department; Neile Miller to be principal deputy administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration; and Anne Harrington to be deputy administrator for defense nuclear nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Witness(es): The nominees testify

Location: G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Wednesday, August 4

International Violence Against Women/Nuclear Arms Treaty

+Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Markup

09:00 am

08/04/2010

New Full committee markup of S.2982, the "International Violence Against Women Act of 2010"; and T.Doc.111-05, Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol.

Location: S-116, U.S. Capitol

Promoting Agricultural Exports

+Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee - Hearing

09:30 am

08/04/2010

Full committee hearing on promoting agricultural exports.

Witness(es): TBA

Location: 328-A Russell Senate Office Building

Oil Dispersant Usage in the Gulf

+Senate Environment and Public Works Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/04/2010

Full committee and Oversight Subcommittee joint hearing on "Oversight Hearing on the Use of Oil Dispersants in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill"

Witness(es): Assistant EPA Administrator Paul Anastas of the Office of Research and Development; David Westerholm, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Response and Restoration; Ronald Kendall, director of the Institute of Environmental and Human Health, professor and chairman of Texas Tech University's Department of Environmental Toxicology; David Smith, professor of oceanography, associate dean of the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography; Edward Overton, professor emeritus of the Louisiana State University Department of Environmental Science; and Jackie Savitz, pollution campaign director and senior scientist for Oceana, testify

Location: 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Ohio Class Ballistic Missile Submarine

+Senate Armed Services Committee - Briefing

10:00 am

08/04/2010

Closed Seapower Subcommittee and Strategic Forces Subcommittee joint closed briefing on the Navy's plans for the next generation Ohio class ballistic missile submarine.

Witness(es): Principal Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Policy James Miller; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Research, Development and Acquisition Sean Stackley; and Navy Vice Adm. John Blake, deputy chief of naval operations for integration of capabilities and resources, brief the committee

Location: SVC-217, U.S. Capitol

For-Profit Schools Student Recruitment

+Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/04/2010

Full committee hearing on "For-Profit Schools: The Student Recruitment Experience."

Witness(es): TBA

Location: 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Government Terrorist Attack Preparedness

+Senate Judiciary Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/04/2010

Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing on "Government Preparedness and Response to a Terrorist Attack Using Weapons of Mass Destruction."

Witness(es): Justice Department Inspector General Glenn Fine; Associate Deputy Attorney General James Baker; Steward Beckham, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Office of National Capital Region Coordination; retired Air Force Col. Randall Larsen, executive director of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, testify

Location: 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Judge Porteous Impeachment

+Senate Impeachment Trial Committee - Meeting

01:00 pm

08/04/2010

Full committee meeting on the articles against Judge G. Thomas Porteous Jr., U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Location: 301 Russell Senate Office Building

Social Security Disability Fraud

+Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

08/04/2010

Revised Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Social Security Disability Fraud: Case Studies in Federal Employees and Commercial Drivers Licenses."

Witness(es): Michael Astrue, commissioner of the Social Security Administration; Gregory Kutz, managing director of forensic audits and special investigations at the Government Accountability Office, testify

Location: 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Thursday, August 5

Pending Business

+Senate Veterans Affairs Committee - Markup

09:30 am

08/05/2010

New Full committee markup of pending calendar business.

Location: 418 Russell Senate Office Building

START

+Senate Armed Services Committee - Briefing

09:30 am

08/05/2010

Closed Full committee closed briefing on Russian force structure in support of the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Witness(es): Robert Walpole, principal deputy director of the National Counter Proliferation Center; Charles Monson, deputy national intelligence officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction (Ballistic and Land-attack Cruise Missiles) at the National Intelligence Council, brief the committee

Location: August 5, 2010

Pending Business

+Senate Judiciary Committee - Markup

10:00 am

08/05/2010

Revised Full committee markup to vote on the nominations of Mary Helen Murguia to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Edmond E-Min Chang to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; Leslie Kobayashi to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii; Denise Jefferson Casper to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts; Carlton Reeves to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi; S.2925, the "Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act"; and S.518, the "Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act."

Location: 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Pending Nominations

+Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

08/05/2010

Full committee hearing on the nominations of Norman Eisen to be ambassador to the Czech Republic; Duane Woerth for the rank of ambassador during his tenure of service as representative of the United States on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization; and Alexander Arvizu to be ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Witness(es): The nominees testify

Location: 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

U.S. Manufacturing Agenda

+Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee - Hearing

10:30 am

08/05/2010

Economic Policy Subcommittee hearing on the U.S. manufacturing agenda.

Witness(es): William Strauss, senior economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Assistant Commerce Secretary for Manufacturing and Services Nicole Lamb-Hale; and Roger Kilmer, director of Commerce Department's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, testify

Location: 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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