



# Congressional Week Ahead

## July 12 – July 16, 2010

### House Floor

House members will return on Tuesday to consider 10 suspension bills, an additional 6 suspension bills are scheduled for the remainder of the week. The House is also scheduled to consider HR 1722, the Telework Improvements Act, a bill requiring federal agencies to establish policies that allow employees to work remotely. The bill was considered under suspension of the rules in May but failed to earn the necessary 2/3 majority for passage. The House is also scheduled to consider HR 5114, the Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act. The bill will reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through FY2015, increase coverage limits, and increase the annual premium rate from a 10% cap to a 20% cap. Final votes for the week are expected on Friday.

### Senate Floor

The Senate returns on Monday and will vote on an unspecified judicial nomination at 5:30 PM. For the remainder of the week, the Senate may begin consideration of a small business bill that would establish a \$30 billion fund for banks to expand credit availability to small businesses. Unlike the House-passed version of the bill, the Senate's restores bonus depreciation provisions and largely offsets the cost of the total package through a change in the way that 401(k) accounts roll over into Roth IRA accounts. The Senate may also attempt to clear the conference report to the regulatory reform overhaul bill this week. Despite reopening the conference process specifically to address their concerns, three Republican senators who supported the Senate's version of the bill have wavered in their support. Sen. Cantwell, who initially opposed the Senate's bill, has announced she will support the conference report.

The rest of the Senate's agenda for the next several weeks remains unclear. Without an appointed senator to fill out the remainder of the late Sen. Byrd's term, many priorities may wait until West Virginia Gov. Manchin makes his selection. The Senate may also hold another cloture vote on extending unemployment insurance after previous attempts fell short prior to the July 4 recess. With Sen. Ben Nelson remaining opposed to an extension without a cost offset, Majority Leader Reid needs the support of both Sens. Snowe and Collins as well as the presumptive new appointed senator from West Virginia to reach 60 votes to break a Republican filibuster.

### House Committees Monday, July 12

#### Gulf Oil Spill Chain of Command

+House Homeland Security Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/12/2010

**Revised**

Management, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee field hearing on "The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Chain of Command: An Examination of Information Sharing Practices During a Spill of National Significance."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** Location TBA, New Orleans, La.

**Tuesday, July 13**

**Challenges Facing Delphi Retirees**

+House Financial Services Committee - Hearing

09:00 am

07/13/2010

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee field hearing on "After the Financial Crisis: Ongoing Challenges Facing Delphi Retirees."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** Canfield High School Auditorium, 100 Cardinal Drive, Canfield, Ohio

**VA Medical Center Non-Compliance**

+House Veterans Affairs Committee - Hearing

01:00 pm

07/13/2010

Full committee field hearing on "Veterans at Risk: The Consequences of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Non-Compliance."

**Location:** Courtroom-Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, St. Louis, Mo.

**Mine Workers Safety**

+House Education and Labor Committee - Hearing

03:00 pm

07/13/2010

Full committee hearing on H.R.5663, the "Miner Safety and Health Act of 2010."

**Witness(es):** Assistant Labor Secretary for Mine Safety and Health Joe Main; Assistant Labor Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health David Michaels; Solicitor of Labor Patricia Smith; Larry Grayson, professor of mine engineering at Penn State University, University Park, Pa.; Lynn Rhinehart, general counsel for the AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; Cecil Roberts, president of United Mine Workers of America, Triangle, Va.; Jonathan Snare, partner at Morgan Lewis, testifying on behalf of the Coalition for Workplace Safety, a group of associations and employers, Washington, D.C.' Stanley "Goose" Stewart, coal miner, Chickasaw Village, W.Va.; and Bruce Watzman, senior vice president for regulatory affairs at National Mining Association, Washington, D.C., testify

**Location:** 2175 Rayburn House Office Building

**China's Antitrust Law/Competition Policies**

+House Judiciary Committee - Hearing

04:00 pm

07/13/2010

Courts and Competition Policy Subcommittee hearing on "The Impact of China's Antitrust Law and other Competition Policies on U.S. Companies."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2141 Rayburn House Office Building

**Federal Employee Telework Improvements**

+House Rules Committee - Meeting

05:00 pm

07/13/2010

**New**

Full committee meets to formulate a rule on H.R.1722, the "Telework Improvements Act of 2010."

**Location:** H-313, U.S. Capitol

**Wednesday, July 14**

**Ethical Imperative for Immigration Reform**

+House Judiciary Committee - Hearing

09:30 am

07/14/2010

**New**

Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law Subcommittee hearing on "The Ethical Imperative for Reform of our Immigration System."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2141 Rayburn House Office Building

**VA Suicide Prevention Outreach Efforts**

+House Veterans Affairs Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/14/2010

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Examining the Progress of Suicide Prevention Outreach Efforts at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 334 Cannon House Office Building

**Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing Office**

+House Natural Resources Committee - Markup

10:00 am

07/14/2010

Full committee markup of H.R.3534, the "Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009," to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior

**Location:** 1324 Longworth House Office Building

### **Reinsurance**

+House Ways and Means Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/14/2010

Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee hearing on the issue of reinsurance between affiliated entities and recent proposals that would impact certain reinsurance premiums paid to related foreign entities.

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 1100 Longworth House Office Building

### **Pending Business**

+House Science and Technology Committee - Markup

10:00 am

07/14/2010

**New**

Full committee markup of pending calendar business.

**Location:** 2318 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Bonus Depreciation Tax Incentives**

+House Small Business Committee - Hearing

01:00 pm

07/14/2010

**New**

Full committee hearing on "Bonus Depreciation: What It Means for Small Business," focusing on how bonus depreciation tax incentives help small businesses expand their operations, grow the economy, and create jobs."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Maritime Administration Oversight**

+House Armed Services Committee - Hearing

01:30 pm

07/14/2010

Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee hearing on on oversight of the activities of the Maritime Administration.

**Witness(es):** David Matsuda, administrator of the Transportation Department's Maritime Administration, testifies

**Location:** 2212 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Airline Fees**

+House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/14/2010

Aviation Subcommittee hearing on "Airline Fees."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

**Interest-free Rural Energy Efficiency Loans**

+House Agriculture Committee - Markup

02:00 pm

07/14/2010

Full committee markup of H.R.4785, the "Rural Energy Savings Program Act" and other pending business.

**Location:** 1300 Longworth House Office Building

**Improving Child Nutrition**

+House Education and Labor Committee - Markup

02:00 pm

07/14/2010

Full committee markup of H.R.5504, the "Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act,"

**Location:** 2175 Rayburn House Office Building

**National Manufacturing Strategy**

+House Energy and Commerce Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/14/2010

**New**

Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection Subcommittee hearing on H.R.4692, the "National Manufacturing Strategy Act."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2322 Rayburn House Office Building

**Antibiotics in Animal Agriculture**

+House Energy and Commerce Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/14/2010

**New**

Health Subcommittee hearing on the "Antibiotic Resistance and the Use of Antibiotics in Animal Agriculture."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

**Thursday, July 15**

**Role of Social Security**

+House Ways and Means Committee - Hearing

09:30 am

07/15/2010

Social Security Subcommittee hearing on "Social Security at 75 years: More Necessary Now than Ever."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** B-318 Rayburn House Office Building

**Hazardous Liquid Pipelines Integrity Management**

+House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee hearing on "The Safety of Hazardous Liquid Pipelines (Part 2): Integrity Management."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Future of Cyber Attack Attribution**

+House Science and Technology Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

**New**

Technology and Innovation Subcommittee hearing on "Planning for the Future of Cyber Attack Attribution."

**Witness(es):** David Wheeler, research staff member in the Computer and Software Engineering Division at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA); Robert Knake, international affairs fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; Ed Giorgio, president and co-founder of Ponte Technologies; and Marc Rotenberg, president of EPIC, testify

**Location:** 2318 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Rural Jobs Creation on Public Lands**

+House Natural Resources Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee hearing on "Locally Grown: Creating Rural Jobs with America's Public Lands."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 1324 Longworth House Office Building

### **Bureau of Reclamation and Economic Recovery**

+House Natural Resources Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

Water and Power Subcommittee hearing on "The Bureau of Reclamation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: A Progress Report and Planning for the Future."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 1334 Longworth House Office Building

### **U.S. Civilian Assistance for Afghanistan**

+House Appropriations Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

**New**

State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee hearing on "Oversight of U.S. Civilian Assistance for Afghanistan."



**Witness(es):** Retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Arnold Fields, inspector general, Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Donald Gambatesa, inspector general of the U.S. Agency for International Development, testify

**Location:** 2359 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Medical Bankruptcy Protections**

+House Judiciary Committee - Hearing

11:00 am

07/15/2010

#### **New**

Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee hearing on H.R.901, the "Medical Bankruptcy Fairness Act," to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems.

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2141 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Pending Business**

+House Veterans Affairs Committee - Markup

01:00 pm

07/15/2010

Economic Opportunity Subcommittee markup of H.R.929, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of training to provide eligible veterans with skills relevant to the job market; H.R.3685, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet website and to publicize such Internet website; H.R.4359, the "Warriors Adapting Residences with Mortgages for Energy Renovations (WARMER) Act"; H.R.4469, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation; H.R.4664, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for a one-year moratorium on the sale or foreclosure of property owned by surviving spouses of servicemembers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom; H.R.4765, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices; H.R.5360, the "Blinded Veterans Adaptive Housing Improvement Act of 2010"; and H.R.5484, the "VetStar Veteran-Friendly Business Act of 2010."

**Location:** 334 Cannon House Office Building

### **Clean Water Infrastructure Jobs**

+House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/15/2010

Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Putting America Back to Work Through Clean Water Infrastructure Investment."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

**Insular Area Technical Assistance Program**

+House Natural Resources Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/15/2010

Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee hearing on "Technical Assistance Program: Evaluating Its Ability to Meet the Needs of the Insular Areas."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 1324 Longworth House Office Building

**Agent Orange in Vietnam**

+House Foreign Affairs Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/15/2010

Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Agent Orange in Vietnam: Recent Developments in Remediation."

**Witness(es):** Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Matthew Palmer of the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; John Wilson, director of the Office of Technical Support in the U.S. Agency for International Development's Bureau for Asia and the Middle East; Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong, director general of Ngoc Tam Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, former vice speaker of the Vietnam National Assembly; and presently a member of the U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin; Tran Thi Hoan, Agent Orange victim, testify

**Location:** 2172 Rayburn House Office Building

**Senate Committees**

**Tuesday, July 13**

**Kagan Nomination/Pending Legislation**

+Senate Judiciary Committee - Markup

10:00 am

07/13/2010

Full committee markup to vote on the nomination of to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; H.R.1933, the "A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Act"; and H.R.2765, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services.

**Location:** 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Intelligence Matters**

+Senate (Select) Intelligence Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

07/13/2010

**Closed**

Full committee closed hearing on intelligence matters.

**Location:** 219 Hart Senate Office Building



### **Pending Nominations**

+Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

07/13/2010

Full committee hearing on the nominations of Christopher Murray to be ambassador to the Republic of the Congo; Mark Charles Storella to be ambassador to the Republic of Zambia; James Frederick Entwistle to be ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Eric Benjaminson to be ambassador to Gabon & to serve concurrently as ambassador to Sao Tome & Principe; Phillip Carter III to be ambassador to Cote-d'Ivoire; and J. Thomas Dougherty to be ambassador to Burkina Faso.

**Witness(es):** The nominees testify

**Location:** 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Weapon Systems Procurement Cost Effectiveness**

+Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

07/13/2010

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee hearing on "The Cost Effectiveness of Procuring Weapon Systems in Excess of Requirements."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Wednesday, July 14**

### **Veterans' Claims Processing Review**

+Senate Veterans Affairs Committee - Hearing

09:30 am

07/14/2010

Full committee hearing on "Review of Veterans' Claims Processing: Are current efforts working?"

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 418 Russell Senate Office Building

### **Verification of START Compliance**

+Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Hearing

09:30 am

07/14/2010

**New/Closed**

Full committee closed hearing on "The New Start Treaty (T.Doc.111-5): Monitoring and Verification of Treaty Compliance."

**Witness(es):** Assistant Secretary of State for Verification and Compliance Rose Gottemoeller, testifies

**Location:** SVC-217 U.S. Capitol

### **Foreign Sponsors of Terrorism Liability**

+Senate Judiciary Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/14/2010

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee hearing on "Evaluating The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, S.2930."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Future of Individual Tax Rates**

+Senate Finance Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/14/2010

Full committee hearing on "The Future of Individual Tax Rates: Effects on Economic Growth and Distribution."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Afghanistan Governance and Civilian Strategy**

+Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/14/2010

**Revised**

Full committee hearing on "Afghanistan: Governance and Civilian Strategy."

**Witness(es):** Richard Holbrooke, special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and Ryan Crocker, dean and executive professor Texas A&M University's George Bush School of Government and Public Service, College Station, Texas, testify

**Location:** 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Federal Asian Carp Response**

+Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm

07/14/2010

**New**

Water and Power Subcommittee hearing on the federal response to the discovery of the aquatic invasive species Asian carp in a waterway connecting the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan.

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty Verifiability**

+Senate Armed Services Committee - Briefing

02:30 pm

07/14/2010

**Closed**

Full committee closed briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate on the verifiability of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

**Witness(es):** Andrew Gibb, national intelligence officer for weapons of mass destruction of the National Intelligence Council, briefs the committee

**Location:** SCV-217, U.S. Capitol

**Promoting Marine Conservation/Advancing Exports**

+Senate Finance Committee - Hearing

03:00 pm

07/14/2010

International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness Subcommittee hearing on "Marine Wealth: Promoting Conservation and Advancing American Exports."

**Witness(es):** Ted Danson, actor and Oceana board member; and others testify

**Location:** 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Pending Nominations**

+Senate Judiciary Committee - Hearing

04:00 pm

07/14/2010

Full committee hearing on pending nominations.

**Location:** 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Thursday, July 15**

**START**

+Senate Armed Services Committee - Hearing

09:30 am

07/15/2010

Full committee hearing on sustaining nuclear weapons under the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

**Witness(es):** Michael Anastasio, director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory; George Miller, director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Paul Hommert, director of the Sandia National Laboratories; Roy Schwitters, chairman of the JASON Defense Advisory Group and professor of physics at the University of Texas at Austin, testify

**Location:** 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Pending Nominations**

+Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

**New**

Full committee hearing on the nominations of Janet Yellen to be a member and vice chair and Peter Diamond and Sarah Bloom Raskin each to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Osvaldo Luis Gratacosd Munet, to be inspector general of the Export-Import Bank; and Steve Linick to be inspector general of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

**Witness(es):** The nominees testify

**Location:** 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Preventing/Recovering Government Payment Errors**

+Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee hearing on "Preventing and Recovering Government Payment Errors."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Government Contracting Modernization**

+Senate Budget Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

**Revised**

Task Force on Government Performance Subcommittee hearing on "Responsible Contracting: Modernizing the Business of Government."

**Witness(es):** Daniel Gordon, administrator of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy; Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Shay Assad in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology and Logistics; Allison Stanger, professor of political science at Middlebury College; and James Carafano, director of the Heritage Foundation's Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, testify

**Location:** 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Working Retirees' Impact on Social Security**

+Senate Finance Committee - Hearing

10:00 am

07/15/2010

Full committee hearing on "Choosing to Work During Retirement and the Impact on Social Security."

**Witness(es):** Stephen Goss, chief actuary of the Social Security Administration; Marc Freedman, CEO and founder of Civic Ventures, San Francisco, Calif.; Marcia Brown, COO of the National Center for Appropriate Technology, Butte, Mont.; Nicole Maestas, economist and group manager at the RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif.; Bonnie Shelor, senior vice president for human resources for Bon Secours Richmond Health Systems, Richmond, Va., testify

**Location:** 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Online Protections for America's Youths**

+Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm

07/15/2010

Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee hearing on "Protecting Youths in an Online World."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 253 Russell Senate Office Building

**Intelligence Matters**

+Senate (Select) Intelligence Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm  
07/15/2010

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**Location:** 219 Hart Senate Office Building

**Federal Role in Consumer's Financial Decisions**

+Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing

02:30 pm  
07/15/2010

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee hearing on "The Federal Government's Role in Empowering Americans to Make Informed Financial Decisions."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Joint Committees**  
**Wednesday, July 15**

**Economic Outlook**

-Joint Economic Committee - Hearing

02:00 pm  
07/14/2010

**New**

Full committee hearing on "The Economic Outlook."

**Witness(es):** Christina Romer, chairwoman of the Council of Economic Advisers, testifies

**Location:** 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building