



# Congressional Week Ahead

## December 7 – 11, 2009

This week, the Senate keeps things moving on healthcare and may file for cloture; the House takes up tax extenders and regulatory reform legislation, Gen. McChrystal and Ambassador Eikenberry will testify on Afghanistan, and the Copenhagen climate talks kick off.

**Afghanistan** – This week, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the US forces in Afghanistan, will testify at several hearings along with US Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry. The two will appear before the House and Senate Armed Services Committees on Tuesday, as well as the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has not yet announced a hearing but one will likely take place on Thursday.

**Copenhagen** – Monday marks the beginning of the international climate negotiations in Copenhagen, President Obama has changed his schedule and will now appear at the last day of negotiations on December 18. In the absence of Senate action on climate change, Sens. Kerry, Graham, and Lieberman, may release an outline of their legislative compromise during the Copenhagen talks.

**Trade** – The House may take up an extension of trade preferences for Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador at some point this week. If not enacted prior to January 1, the trade benefits will lapse. Due to objections from Sen. Grassley, it is unclear if the Senate will be able to take time out of the healthcare debate to address the trade preferences bill.

### House Floor

The House returns on Monday and will debate 13 bills under suspension of the rules, all votes on the bills will be postponed until Tuesday. An additional 16 suspension bills are scheduled for the remainder of the week. The House will also consider HR 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, a bill comprising eight separate regulatory reform measures that the House Financial Services Committee has passed over the past few months. The package will include systemic risk provisions, create a Consumer Financial Protection Agency, allow shareholders to hold votes on executive compensation, and establish a new regulatory framework for the derivatives market.

The House is also scheduled to take up a bill to extend several expiring tax provisions, including the research and development credit for businesses, shortened depreciation schedules, and the state and local sales tax deduction. The extenders bill is still being finalized; more information will be available later in the week. It is possible the House may also take up an omnibus appropriations bill later in the week, which is expected to include six of the remaining seven outstanding appropriations bills – the defense appropriations bill will be

considered separately. Various provisions may be attached to either the omnibus or the defense appropriations bill, including an increase in the debt limit, job-creation provisions, the Medicare physician payment fix, and expiring provisions of the PATRIOT Act.

## **Senate Floor**

The Senate returns on Monday and will continue consideration of their version of healthcare overhaul legislation, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Monday's amendments will likely include the Gregg Amendment on cost offsets, plus a Democratic alternative; the Pryor Amendment on consumer satisfaction; and possibly the Nelson Amendment on abortion. Majority Leader Reid continues to negotiate with members on a public option compromise. Later this week, Reid is expected to file for cloture on the healthcare bill or on a manager's amendment, pushing a vote to the following week or the week after that.

## **House Committees**

### Monday, December 7

#### **Cleveland Foreclosure Crisis**

*House Oversight and Government Reform Committee - Hearing*

10:30 am – 12/07/2009

Domestic Policy Subcommittee field hearing on "Examining Local Efforts to Address the Continuing Foreclosure Crisis: Perspectives from Cleveland, Ohio."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** Carl B. Stokes Federal Courthouse, 801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

### Tuesday, December 8

#### **Afghanistan Strategic Review (Part II)**

*House Armed Services Committee - Hearing*

9:30 am – 12/08/2009

**New**

Full committee hearing on "Afghanistan: The Results of the Strategic Review, Part II."

**Witness(es):** U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry; and Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the International Security Assistance Force and commander of United States Forces Afghanistan, testify

**Location:** HVC-210, U.S. Capitol

#### **Prescription Drug Price Inflation**

*House Energy and Commerce Committee - Hearing*

9:30 am – 12/08/2009

Health Subcommittee hearing on "Prescription Drug Price Inflation: Are Prices Rising Too Fast?"

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2123 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Federal Role in Public Transit Safety**

*House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/08/2009

Highways and Transit Subcommittee hearing on "Public Transit Safety: Examining the Federal Role."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

### **U.S. Education Standards**

*House Education and Labor Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/08/2009

Full committee hearing on "Improving Our Competitiveness: Common Core Education Standards."

**Witness(es):** Gov. Bill Ritter, D-Colo.; Gene Wilhoit, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers; Doug Kubach, president and CEO of Pearson, San Antonio, Texas; and Cathy Allen, vice chair of the Board of Education at St. Mary's County Public Schools, Leonardtown, Md., testify

**Location:** 2175 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Judge Porteous Impeachment (Part II)**

*House Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/08/2009

Task Force on Judicial Impeachment Subcommittee hearing on the "Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part II."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2141 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Private/Government Foreclosure Crisis Response**

*House Financial Services Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/08/2009

**New**

Full committee hearing on "The Private Sector and Government Response to the Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2128 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Death Penalty Appeal Habeas Corpus Limitations**

*House Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

1:00 pm – 12/08/2009

Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Subcommittee hearing on "The Impact of Federal Habeas Corpus Limitations on Death Penalty Appeals."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2237 Rayburn House Office Building

### **American Needle v. NFL Antitrust Implications**

*House Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

2:00 pm – 12/08/2009

**New**

Courts and Competition Policy Subcommittee hearing on "Antitrust Implications of American Needle v. NFL."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2226 Rayburn House Office Building

Wednesday, December 9

**TVA Kingston Ash Slide**

*House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "The One Year Anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Evaluating Current Cleanup Progress and Assessing Future Environmental Goals."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

**Recession/Recovery Act's Social Safety Net Impacts**

*House Budget Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

Full committee hearing on "The Social Safety Net: Impact of the Recession and of the Recovery Act."

**Witness(es):** LaDonna Pavetti, director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' Welfare Reform and Income Support Division; Sue Berkowitz, director and attorney for the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center; and Pat Delessio, attorney for Legal Action of Wisconsin, TESTIFY

**Location:** 210 Cannon House Office Building

**Chesapeake Bay Watershed**

*House Agriculture Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research Subcommittee hearing on the regulatory and legislative strategies in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 1300 Longworth House Office Building

**Securities Investor Protection Reform**

*House Financial Services Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee hearing on "Additional Reforms to the Securities Investor Protection Act."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2128 Rayburn House Office Building

**U.S. Aid to Pakistan**

*House Oversight and Government Reform Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

National Security and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee hearing on "U.S. Aid To Pakistan: Planning And Accountability."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2154 Rayburn House Office Building

**Maritime Domain Awareness**

*House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Hearing*

2:00 pm – 12/09/2009

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee hearing on "Maritime Domain Awareness."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

**Aerospace Exports Strategic/Economic Review**

*House Foreign Affairs Committee - Hearing*

2:00 pm – 12/09/2009

**New**

Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade Subcommittee hearing on "A Strategic and Economic Review of Aerospace Exports."

**Witness(es):** Matthew Borman, acting deputy assistant secretary for export administration at the Commerce Department; Robert Kovac, acting deputy assistant secretary for defense trade in the State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Marion Blakey, president and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association; David Berteau, senior advisor and director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group; and Henry Sokolski, executive director of the Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, testify

**Location:** 2200 Rayburn House Office Building

**Caribbean Basin Security Initiative**

*House Foreign Affairs Committee - Hearing*

2:00 pm – 12/09/2009

**New**

Western Hemisphere Subcommittee hearing on "New Direction or Old Path? Caribbean Basin Security Initiative."

**Witness(es):** Julissa Reinoso, deputy assistant secretary in the State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at York College, The City University of New York; Anthony Maingot, professor emeritus of sociology and national security scholar-in-residence at Florida International University, testify

**Location:** 2172 Rayburn House Office Building

Thursday, December 10

**Coal Combustion Waste Disposal Health Impacts**

*House Energy and Commerce Committee - Hearing*

9:30 am – 12/10/2009

Energy and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Drinking Water and Public Health Impacts of Coal Combustion Waste Disposal."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2322 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Afghanistan Strategy (Part II)**

*House Foreign Affairs Committee - Hearing*

9:30 am – 12/10/2009

#### **New**

Full committee hearing on "U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan - Part II."

**Witness(es):** U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry; and Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the International Security Assistance Force and commander of United States Forces Afghanistan, testify

**Location:** 2172 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Recovery Act Transportation Infrastructure Investment**

*House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Full committee hearing on "Recovery Act: Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investment."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

### **NASA Funding's Aerospace Workforce Impacts**

*House Science and Technology Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Full committee hearing on "Decisions on the Future Direction and Funding for NASA: What Will They Mean for the U.S. Aerospace Workforce and Industrial Base?"

**Witness(es):** Richard Aubrecht, vice president of strategy and technology for Moog Inc.; Marion Blakey, former administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and current president and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association; David Thompson, president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; and Thomas Young, retired from Lockheed Martin Corporation, testify

**Location:** 2318 Rayburn House Office Building

### **Army/Marine Corps Reset Requirements (Part II)**

*House Armed Services Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

#### **New**

Readiness Subcommittee; Air and Land Forces Subcommittee; and Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee joint hearing on "Status of Army and Marine Corps Reset Requirements, Part II."

**Witness(es):** Gen. Peter Chiarelli, vice chief of staff of the Army; and Gen. James Amos, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, testify

**Location:** HVC-210, U.S. Capitol

### **Smithsonian Oversight**

*House Appropriations Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on oversight of the Smithsonian Institution.

**Witness(es):** Mark Goldstein, director of the Physical Infrastructure Team Government Accountability Office; Smithsonian Institution Inspector General A. Sprightley Ryan; and Smithsonian Institution Secretary G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, testify



**Location:** B-308 Rayburn House Office Building

**Increasing Tribal Law Enforcement Powers**

*House Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing on H.R.1924, the "Tribal Law and Order Act of 2009."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2237 Rayburn House Office Building

**Judge Porteous Impeachment (Part III)**

*House Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Task Force on Judicial Impeachment Subcommittee hearing on the "Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous Jr., Part III."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2141 Rayburn House Office Building

**Judicial Recusals**

*House Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

1:00 pm – 12/10/2009

Courts and Competition Policy Subcommittee hearing on "Examining the State of Judicial Recusals after Caperton v. A.T. Massey."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 2237 Rayburn House Office Building

**Senate Committees**

Tuesday, December 8

**Federal Drinking Water Programs**

*Senate Environment and Public Works Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/08/2009

Full committee hearing on federal drinking water programs.

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Afghanistan**

*Senate Armed Services Committee - Hearing*

1:30 pm – 12/08/2009

Full committee hearing on Afghanistan.

**Witness(es):** U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry; and Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the International Security Assistance Force and commander of United States Forces Afghanistan, testify

**Location:** 216 Hart Senate Office Building

## **Pending Business**

*Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Markup*

2:15 pm – 12/08/2009

### **New**

Full committee markup of S.1559, the "NATO-Western Balkans Support Act of 2009"; and the nominations of Rajiv Shah to be administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; Mary Burce Warlick to be ambassador to the Republic of Serbia; James Warlick Jr., to be ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria; Eleni Tsakopoulos to be ambassador to the Republic of Hungary; Leslie Rowe to be ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique; Alberto Fernandez to be ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea; Mary Jo Wills to be ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently as ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles; Jide Zeitlin 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, and 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 Bill Delahunt, Elaine Schuster and Christopher Smith all to be a representative, and Laura Gore Ross and Wellington Webb both to be an alternate representative, all of the United States of America to the Sixty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

**Location:** S-116, U.S. Capitol

## **Pending Business**

*Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee - Hearing*

2:30 pm – 12/08/2009

Energy Subcommittee hearing on H.R.957, the "Green Energy Education Act of 2009"; H.R.2729, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy; H.R.3165, the "Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2009"; H.R.3246, the "Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009"; H.R.3585, the "Solar Technology Roadmap Act"; S.737, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to conduct research, development, and demonstration to make biofuels more compatible with small non-road engines; S.1617, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program for the award of grants to States to establish revolving loan funds for small and medium-sized manufacturers to improve energy efficiency and produce clean energy technology; S.2744, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the authority for awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources; and S.2773, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to support the research, demonstration, and development of commercial applications for offshore wind energy.

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building

## **Intelligence Matters**

*Senate (Select) Intelligence Committee - Hearing*

2:30 pm – 12/08/2009

### **Closed**

Full committee closed hearing on "Intelligence Matters."

**Location:** S-407, U.S. Capitol



Wednesday, December 9

**Petzel/Henze Nominations**

*Senate Veterans Affairs Committee - Hearing*

9:30 am – 12/09/2009

Full committee hearing on the nominations of Robert Petzel, to be undersecretary for health at the Veterans Affairs Department (VA); and Raul Perea-Henze, to be assistant VA secretary for policy and planning.

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

**Location:** 418 Russell Senate Office Building

**Pending Business/Utah Dineh Corp. Transfer and Interior Backlogs**

*Senate Indian Affairs Committee - Markup*

9:30 am – 12/09/2009

**Revised**

Full committee markup of pending calendar business and hearings on S.1690, to amend the Act of March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Dineh Corporation; and "Where's the Trustee? Department of Interior Backlogs Prevent Tribes from Using their Lands."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 628 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Homeland Security Department Oversight**

*Senate Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

Full committee hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security."

**Witness(es):** Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, testifies

**Location:** 216 Hart Senate Office Building

**Stopping Terrorist Travel**

*Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

Full committee hearing on "Five Years After the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA): Stopping Terrorist Travel."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Pending Nominations**

*Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee - Markup*

10:00 am – 12/09/2009

Full committee markup of the nominations of Jacqueline Berrien, Victoria Lipnic, and Chai Feldblum, each to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); David Lopez to be general counsel of the EEOC; Patrick Corvington, to be CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service; Adele Alexander, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities; and Lynnae Rutledge, to be commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration at the Education Department.

**Location:** 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Financial Collapse Prosecutions**

*Senate Judiciary Committee - Hearing*

2:00 pm – 12/09/2009

#### **New**

Full committee hearing on "Mortgage Fraud, Securities Fraud, and the Financial Meltdown: Prosecuting Those Responsible."

**Witness(es):** Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer; Robert Khuzami, director of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement; and Kevin Perkins, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testify

**Location:** 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Diplomatic Security**

*Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing*

2:30 pm – 12/09/2009

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee hearing on "The Diplomat's Shield: Diplomatic Security in Today's World."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Research Parks and Job Creation**

*Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee - Hearing*

2:30 pm – 12/09/2009

Full committee hearing on "Research Parks and Job Creation: Innovation Through Cooperation."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 253 Russell Senate Office Building

### **Exports' Economic Recovery Role**

*Senate Finance Committee - Hearing*

2:30 pm – 12/09/2009

International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness Subcommittee hearing on "Exports' Place on the Path of Economic Recovery."

**Witness(es):** Rochelle Lipsitz, deputy director general of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service; Alex Mas, chief economist at the Labor Department; Loren Yager, director of international affairs and trade at the Government Accountability Office; Howard Rosen, visiting fellow at the Petersen Institute for International Economics; Bob Beisner, vice president of SolarWorld Industries America, Hillsboro, Ore.; and Tamara Harney, CEO of HMI Worldwide, Grandville, Mich., testify

**Location:** 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Creating Jobs in the Recession**

*Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee - Hearing*

3:00 pm – 12/09/2009

Full committee hearing on "Weathering the Storm: Creating Jobs in the Recession."

**Witness(es):** Ray Leach, CEO of Jumpstart, Inc.; Rick Weddle, president and CEO of Research Triangle Park; and Bruce Katz, vice president of the Brookings Institution and founding director of the Metropolitan Policy Program; and others testify

**Location:** 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Thursday, December 10

**Federal Public Transportation Safety Oversight**

*Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee - Hearing*

9:30 am – 12/10/2009

Housing, Transportation, and Community Development Subcommittee hearing on "Examining the Federal Role in Overseeing the Safety of Public Transportation Systems."

**Witness(es):** Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.; Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood; John Catoe Jr., general manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; David Wise, director of the Physical Infrastructure Team at the Government Accountability Office; Brian Cristy, director of Transportation Oversight Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; and William Millar, president of the American Public Transportation Association, testify

**Location:** 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Grid-scale Energy Storage**

*Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Full committee hearing on the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals.

**Location:** 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Pending Defense Trade Treaties**

*Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Full committee hearing on T.Doc.110-07, Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007; and T.Doc.110-10, Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007.

**Witness(es):** Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs Andrew Shapiro; and Associate Deputy Attorney General James Baker, testify

**Location:** 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Williams/Harmnan Nominations**

*Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Full committee hearing on the nominations of Grayling Williams to be director of the Homeland Security Department's Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement; and Elizabeth Harman to be an assistant administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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

**Location:** 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

## **Government Data-Driven Performance**

*Senate Budget Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Full committee hearing on "Data-Driven Performance: Using Technology to Deliver Results."

**Witness(es):** Aneesh Chopra, assistant to the president and chief technology officer and associate director for technology in the Office of Science and Technology Policy; Vivek Kundra, federal CIO and administrator for electronic government and information technology in the Office of Management and Budget; Roger Baker, assistant secretary for information and technology and CIO of the Veterans Affairs Department; and Brad Douglas, commissioner of the State of Georgia's Department of Administrative Services, testify

**Location:** 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building

## **FAA Safety Initiatives**

*Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee - Hearing*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee hearing on "Aviation Safety: Oversight of FAA Safety Initiatives."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 253 Russell Senate Office Building

## **Pending Business**

*Senate Judiciary Committee - Markup*

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

Full committee markup to vote on the nominations of Denny Chin, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit; Rosanna Peterson, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington; William Conley to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin; S.448, the "Free Flow of Information Act of 2009"; S.714, the "National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2009"; S.1624, the "Medical Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2009"; S.1765, the "Hate Crimes Against the Homeless Statistics Act of 2009"; S.678, the "Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2009"; S.1554, the "Safe Babies Act"; S.1789, the "Fair Sentencing Act."

**Location:** 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

## **Needs for Children in Disasters**

*Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee - Hearing*

2:30 pm – 12/10/2009

**New**

Disaster Recovery Subcommittee hearing on "Children and Disasters: A Progress Report on Addressing Needs."

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

## **Intelligence Matters**

*Senate (Select) Intelligence Committee - Hearing*

2:30 pm – 12/10/2009

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**Location:** S-407, U.S. Capitol

**Joint Committees**

Thursday, December 10

**Post Recession Job Creation**

Joint Economic Committee - Hearing

10:00 am – 12/10/2009

**New**

Full committee hearing on creating jobs in the aftermath of the recession.

**Witness(es):** TBA

**Location:** 210 Cannon House Office Building