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NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 242)

H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Signed on March 11, 2009. (Public Law 111–8)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 16 through March 21, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 146, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: March 17, to hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command, United States Northern Command, United States Africa Command, and United States Transportation Command, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

March 18, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of suicides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, 2:45 p.m., SR–232A.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Strategic Command, and United States Forces Korea, with

the possibility of a closed session following in SR–222, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 17, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on modernizing insurance regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulations, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine bank supervision and regulators, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

March 19, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine current issues in deposit insurance, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 19, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on assessing our vulnerabilities and developing an effective defense, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 17, to hold oversight hearings to examine energy development on public lands and the outer Continental Shelf, 10 a.m., SD–366.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nuclear energy development; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Appliance Standards Improvement Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: March 17, to hold hearings to examine tax issues related to fraud schemes and an update on offshore tax evasion legislation, 10 a.m., SD–215.

March 18, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine what is health care quality and who decides, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 16, to hold closed hearings to receive a briefing on global counterterrorism efforts, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 18, business meeting to consider S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 17, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, with the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, to hold joint hearings to examine law enforcement responses to Mexican drug cartels, 10:30 a.m., SD–226.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the National Academy of Science's report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, 10 a.m., SD–226.

March 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and the nomination of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 19, to hold hearings to examine perspectives from main street on small business lending, 10 a.m., SR–428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 18, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 17, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: March 17, with the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold joint hearings to examine law enforcement responses to Mexican drug cartels, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 16, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, Select Intelligence Oversight Panel: Afghanistan, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Status of Climate Change Science, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on Defense, on Military Personnel-Air Force, 10 a.m., H-104 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Nuclear Weapons Complex, 1 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Interoperable Communications, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Kickoff Meeting, 3 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Critical On-going Satellite Climate Change Datasets, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Defense, on Military Personnel-Army, 10 a.m., and on NORTHCOM, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358C Rayburn.

March 18, and 19, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Livable Communities, Transit Oriented Development & Incorporating Green Building Practices into Federal Housing and Transportation Policy, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn on March 18, and 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn on March 19.

March 19, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, on Climate Satellite Requirements and NASA and NOAA Programs, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 19, Subcommittee on Defense, on AFRICOM, 10 a.m., and on Military Personnel-Navy/Marine Corps, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 19, Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on The Judiciary Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Biometric Identification, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Council on Environment, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 17, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the status of the future combat systems program, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the status of U.S. strategic programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 18, full Committee, hearing on security developments in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Southern Command, Northern Command, Africa Command, and Joint Forces Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Medical Infrastructure: Are Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity Priorities Aligned with Service Requirements? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Project on National Security Reform: Commentary and Alternative Views, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 17, hearing on Budgeting for Transportation: Financing Investments in Highways and Mass Transit, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 18, hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 18, to continue Members' Day—Part Two, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, March 17, hearing on The Importance of Early Childhood Development, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Improving Early Childhood Development Policies and Practices, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families: Ensuring Affordable Coverage, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Stimulating the Economy through Trade: Examining the Role of Export Promotion, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Competitiveness and Climate Policy: Avoiding Leakage of Jobs and Emissions, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Salmonella Outbreak: The Role of Industry in Protecting the Nation's Food Supply," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 17, hearing entitled "Perspectives on Regulation of Systemic Risk in the Financial Services Industry," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "American International Group's Impact on the

Global Economy: During and After Federal Intervention,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act of 2009; and H.R. 1456, Consumer Overdraft Protection Fair Practice Act of 2009, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Examining the Home Affordable Program,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 18, hearing on Striking the Appropriate Balance: The Defense Department’s Expanding Role in Foreign Assistance, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Guns, Drugs and Violence: The Merida Initiative and the Challenge in Mexico, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on H. Con. Res. 55, Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 17, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing on PKEMRA Implementation: An Examination of FEMA’s Preparedness and Response Mission, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 18, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing on Homeland Security Intelligence: Its Relevance and Limitations, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 18, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “100% Air Cargo Screening: Can We Secure America’s Skies?” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

March 19, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “Human Trafficking: Recent Trends,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 19, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on the Treatment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent, European Americans, and Jewish Refugees During World War II, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled “Leasing and Development of Oil and Gas Resources on the Outer Continental Shelf,” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 18, full Committee, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; and H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 19, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 1080, Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 19, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Restoring the Federal Public Lands Workforce, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science and Technology, March 17, hearing on New Directions for Energy Research and Development at the U.S. Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Follow the Money: Accountability and Transparency in Recovery Act Science Funding, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 18, hearing entitled “The Administration’s FY Year 2010 Budget and Medicare: How Will Small Providers be Impacted?” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 18, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on ATC Modernization and NextGen: Near-Term Achievable Goals, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 19, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Efforts to Address Urban Stormwater Runoff, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 19, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1377, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, followed by a hearing on Closing the Health Gap of Veterans in Rural Areas: Discussion of Funding and Resources Coordination, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 19, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 228, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 466, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1171, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on MedPAC’s Annual March Report to the Congress on Medicare Payment Policy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) and Oversight of Federal Borrowing and the Use of Federal Monies, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: March 18, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.