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CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 24 through February 28, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 160, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Hilda L. Solis, of California, to be Secretary of Labor.

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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: February 25, to hold closed hearings on Afghanistan and Pakistan, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine strategic options for the way ahead in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 24, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 26, to hold hearings to examine consumer protection and the credit crisis, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 26, to hold hearings to examine recommendations for reducing energy consumption in buildings through improved implementation of authorized Department of Energy (DOE) programs and through other innovative Federal energy efficiency policies and programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 25, to hold hearings to examine an update on the latest global warming science, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 25, to hold hearings to examine scoring health care reform, focusing on Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) budget options, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 24, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian

Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent developments in Sri Lanka, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine engaging with Muslim communities around the world, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 24, to hold hearings to examine addressing underinsurance in national health reform, 10 a.m., SD-430.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine integrative care, focusing on a pathway to a healthier nation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 26, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine protecting public and animal health, focusing on homeland security and the Federal veterinarian workforce, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 26, to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 24, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Ticketmaster/Live Nation merger, focusing on consumers and the concert business, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring television carriage in the digital age, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David S. Kris, of Maryland, and Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 26, Full Committee, organizational Business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress; S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to Federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, and the nominations of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 24, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345 Cannon Building.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine caring for veterans in rural areas, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 24, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 25, business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress; to be followed by a hearing to examine securing retirement in a volatile economy, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Corps of Engineers Oversight, 12 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 24, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Possible Move of Forest Service to the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Building a 21st Century Workforce, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Outsourcing, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Disaster Response: Is FEMA up to the Challenge? 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 24, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Acquisition and Disposal of Military Lands: Department of Defense's Real Property Management Challenges in the 21st Century, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, joint hearing on U.S. Transportation Command's (USTRANSCOM) airlift, sealift, and surface lift programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on beneficiary and advocacy overview, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the future of missile defense testing, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, February 24, hearing on Strengthening Worker Retirement Security, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 25, hearing on Renewing America through National Service and Volunteerism, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 24, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing on Reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Energy Efficiency: Complementary Policies for Climate Legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Revisiting the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Renewable Energy: Complementary Policies for Climate Legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 24, Subcommittee on Housing and Community, hearing entitled "Loan Modifications: Are Mortgage Servicers Assisting Borrowers with Unaffordable Mortgages," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of TARP Oversight, Accountability and Transparency for U.S. Taxpayers," 2 p.m., 2220 Rayburn.

February 25 and 26, full Committee, hearings on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 25, hearing on From Competition to Collaboration: Strengthening the U.S.-Russia Relationship, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Building a Strategic Partnership: U.S.-India Relations in the Wake of Mumbai, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 25, hearing entitled "DHS: The Path Forward," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, February 25, to continue hearings on Committee Funding for the 111th Congress, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 25, hearing on Copyright Licensing in a Digital Age: Competition, Compensation and the Need to Update the Cable and Satellite TV Licenses, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 25, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 157, District of Columbia Voting Rights Act of 2009; H.R. 1110, Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 628, To establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges; and H.R. 1107, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on Competition in the Ticketing and Promotion Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 24, to continue oversight hearings entitled "Offshore Drilling: State Perspectives," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 25, to continue oversight hearings entitled "Offshore Drilling: Industrial Perspectives," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 25, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 860, Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009; and H.R. 934, To convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam,

the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa in their submerged lands, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 699, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 26, hearing on How Convicts and Con Artists Receive New Federal Contracts, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, February 24, to consider H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

February 25, to consider H.R. 1106, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, February 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on How Do We Know What We Are Emitting? Monitoring, Reporting and Verifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 25, full Committee, hearing on Impacts of U.S. Export Control Policies on Science and Technology and Competitiveness, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Beyond the Classroom: Informal STEM Education, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 25, hearing entitled "Drop in Retirement Savings: The Challenges Small Businesses Face Funding and Maintaining Retirement Plans in a Struggling Economy," 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 24, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on U.S. Airways Flight 1549 Accident, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Post-Katrina Disaster Response and Recovery: Evaluating FEMA's Continuing Efforts in the Gulf Coast

and Response to Recent Disasters, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 26, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VA's Update on Short and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 24, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, to meet for organizational purposes, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 25, full Committee, to continue hearings on climate change, with emphasis on Scientific Objectives for Climate Change legislation, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on IRS Assistance for Taxpayers Experiencing Economic Difficulties, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 25, executive, hearing on World Wide Threats, 9 a.m., 304 HVC.

February 26, executive, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., 304 HVC.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, February 25, hearing entitled "Get Smart on the Smart Grid: How Technology Can Revolutionize Efficiency and Renewable Solutions," 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 26, to hold hearings to examine restoring the economy, focusing on strategy for short-term and long-term change, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Joint Hearing: February 24, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., 345 Cannon Building.