

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2009

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, on roll-call 718, I inadvertently voted "no." I intended to vote "aye." I would like the RECORD to reflect that.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, Statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Member Requests in the FY2010, Departments of Defense, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and Health and Human Services Appropriations Acts.

1. Project—Integrated Electrical Starter/Generator (IES/G)

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&amp;E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GE Aviation Systems, Electrical Power

Address of Requesting Entity: 740 E. National Rd, Vandalia, OH 45377

Description of Request: Funding would be used to help develop a pre-prototype, sensorless IES/G to demonstrate the feasibility of supplying both main engine start function and the electrical power necessary to operate all aircraft systems.

2. Project—Production of Nanocomposites for Aerospace Applications

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&amp;E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: NanoSpense, LLC

Address of Requesting Entity: 2000 Composite Drive, Kettering, OH 45420

Description of Request: Funding being requested will transition nano-materials technology into Air Force applications.

3. Project—Open Source Research Centers

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Air Force, RDT&amp;E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Radiance Technologies

Address of Requesting Entity: 3100 Presidential Dr, Suite 200, Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Description of Request: Funding being requested will provide support to government agencies that are already over-burdened with classified research requirements and do not have resources to meet the open source requirements.

4. Project—Tactical Metal Fabrication System (TacFab)

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Army, RDT&amp;E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: BuyCASTINGS.com, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2411 Crosspointe Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Description of Request: Funding being requested will help Tactical Metal Fabrication (TacFab) System design, develop and build a mobile, containerized foundry, deployable overseas as a companion to RMS, the Army's Rapid Manufacturing System.

5. Project—Ohio Clean & Green Statewide Bus Replacement Program

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses &amp; Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ohio Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 2208 Arlington Avenue, #3, Columbus, Ohio 43221

Description of Request: Funding will go toward a statewide bus replacement program. Specifically, funds will help replace 78 diesel buses in the Greater Dayton RTA's fleet that have exceeded their useful lives and will become economically inefficient to continue to operate.

6. Project—Renaissance Alliance Project—St. Mary Development Corporation building acquisition and demolition

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Mary Development Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 713 West Grand Avenue, Dayton, OH 45406

Description of Request: Funding will go toward the acquisition and demolition of a total of three buildings on Salem Avenue, and five blighted residential buildings identified by the Five Oaks Neighborhood Improvement Association for redevelopment.

7. Project—The Murphy Theatre building renovation

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Murphy Theatre Community Center, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 50 West Main Street, Wilmington, OH 45177

Description of Request: Funding will go toward the complete renovation of The Murphy Theatre. The theater is the focal point of downtown Wilmington, Ohio.

8. Project—Wright-Dunbar Redevelopment Project building renovation

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright-Dunbar, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1105 West Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Description of Request: Funding will go toward the build-out of approximately three historic buildings in this neighborhood to make them tenant-ready for business occupancy.

9. Project—Wilmington College, Wilmington, OH for facilities and equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wilmington College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio 45177

Description of Request: Funding will go toward the renovation and modernization of the existing facility at Wilmington College in Clinton County, Ohio, as well as a new addition that will feature laboratory, classroom, and conference space.

10. Project—DaytonDefense, Beavercreek, OH for a job training initiative

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training &amp; Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DaytonDefense

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 341414, Beavercreek, OH 45343-1414

Description of Request: Funds will go toward creation of a workforce center that will provide a unique capability for anticipatory response to workforce needs that are peculiar to the incoming new contracts generated by the BRAC; and subsequently in response to the accelerated workforce attrition within the defense sector.

11. Project—Workforce Services Unlimited, Inc., Circleville, OH for a job training initiative

Requesting Member: MICHAEL TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training &amp; Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Workforce Services Unlimited, Inc. d.b.a. 501(c)(3)

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 East High Street, P.O. Box 220, Circleville, Ohio 43113

Description of Request: This project will supplement existing Department of Labor Emergency Grant services to Wilmington Air Park workers and primary and secondary employers, where more than 10,000 jobs are lost as a result of DHL leaving the U.S. market. The funds will also assist with retraining of workers displaced from G.M., Delphi, Ford, and numerous auto-related parts companies in the same area.

### IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF

#### HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2009

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank and recognize the men and women

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

who constitute my Congressional staff. I greatly appreciate their service to me and the people of New York's 23rd Congressional District, which I have had the privilege and honor to represent since 1993.

New York's 23rd Congressional District encompasses 11 counties in Northern and Central New York: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, and St. Lawrence. It is bounded by Lake Champlain on the east, the St. Lawrence River to the north, and Lake Ontario to the west. Additionally, it includes the Thousand Islands and most of the Adirondack Park, which have both long been world renowned for their incredible beauty. The District is also home to historic battlefields, such as Fort Ticonderoga, Ogdensburg, Plattsburgh and Sackets Harbor, and it has been the birthplace of national leaders including former Vice President William A. Wheeler of Malone and former House of Representatives Minority Leader Bertrand H. Snell of Colton. However, most importantly, it is where a capable, generous, independent, proud, and resourceful people reside.

During the time I have had the honor of representing the people of Northern and Central New York, I have been blessed to have had a dedicated and talented staff. Given my time as staff to former New York State Senator H. Douglas Barclay, I can well appreciate their efforts. While I value the efforts of everyone who has served on my staff, at this time I would like to recognize the following men and women who have served during the 111th Congress: Michael Backus, Donna Bell, Karen Brayton, Diane Henderson, Mike Holland, Anne LeMay, Mira Lezell, Jason Miller, Ruth Mary Orloff, Matt Satterley, John Sweeney, Robert Taub, Melanie Turpin, Stephanie Valle, and Kate Wehrle. As I have candidly confessed on more than one occasion, I simply could have never fulfilled the duties of my office without their tireless efforts. Accordingly, at this time, I wish to thank them for their excellent service and wish them my best for a productive future.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, which is being celebrated at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Plains Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

The NAACP, with more than a half million members, is the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the United States that dedicates itself to the advocacy of civil rights, social justice and equal opportunity under the law.

Founded on February 12, 1909, the NAACP is widely recognized and frequently conducts

voter mobilization and advocates for equal opportunity in both the public and private sectors.

From the ballot box to the classroom, the dedicated workers, organizers and leaders who forged this great organization and maintain its status as a champion of social justice fought long and hard to ensure that the voices of all ethnic minorities would be heard. For 100 years, it has been the talent and tenacity of NAACP members that has saved lives and changed many negative aspects of American society.

As honorary co-chairs of this event, Robert Soper, president and CEO of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and David Lee, president of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, deserve credit for raising awareness to the valuable place the NAACP holds in our American society.

Likewise, the founders and current officers and executive committee members of the Wilkes-Barre branch of the NAACP, deserve recognition and appreciation for the role they play in preserving the traditions of the NAACP and highlighting the organization's positive influence for future generations to emulate.

The Wilkes-Barre branch of the NAACP was formed February 10, 1930, when it received its first charter. That charter was re-activated in 1984 and the NAACP subsequently has provided uninterrupted service to northeastern Pennsylvania.

Since the re-activation of the local charter, presidents of the organization have included: Audrey Spence, Bob Crawford, Tyrone Edmunds, Constance Wynn, Bonnie Wynder and Ronald Felton, who has held the office of president since 1997 and is the longest serving president to date.

In 1998, President Felton was elected to the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Conference of the NAACP Branches and he continues to serve in that capacity to this day.

Under President Felton's leadership, the Wilkes-Barre NAACP has handled complaints of racial discrimination, hosted racial summits, improved race relations, hosted diversity picnics, endeavored to increase representation of minority teachers in the region, raised awareness of constitutional rights, promoted voter registration and participation, promoted awareness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the holiday named in honor of him, promoted the first ever NAACP history tour to Colonial Williamsburg for NEPA high school students, advocated for juvenile rights in the justice system, participated in a presidential summit on America's Future headed by Gen. Colin Powell, participated in League of Women Voters discussions to encourage citizen participation in the election process and helped raise awareness of the injustice associated with racial profiling.

Serving on the Wilkes-Barre NAACP executive committee are: David Barber, Peggy Felton, Clinton Harrison, Angel Jirau, David Wallin and Sid Williams.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the NAACP for 100 years of remarkable service to this nation. In fostering appreciation of and justice for racial minorities, the NAACP has become a champion for human rights and a beacon of human civility and deserves the respect and admiration of the entire nation.

INTRODUCING TRIBAL HEALTH BENEFITS CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2009

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the "Tribal Health Benefits Clarification Act of 2009" with Representatives DEVIN NUNES, NICK RAHALL, JOE BACA, SHELLEY BERKLEY, MARY BONO-MACK, DAN BOREN, TOM COLE, WALLY HERGER, DALE KILDEE, JOHN KLINE, JERRY LEWIS, BEN RAY LUJÁN, KEVIN MCCARTHY, BETTY MCCOLLUM, FRANK PALLONE, EARL POMEROY, GEORGE RADANOVICH, and HEATH SHULER. This bipartisan legislation will clarify that medical care and health coverage provided by Indian tribes for their members, as well as health care provided by the Indian Health Service, or IHS, are not taxable under the Internal Revenue Code.

The federal government has a longstanding policy of providing medical care to Indians. To effect this policy, 25 U.S.C. section 1601 states a "major national goal of the United States is to provide the quantity and quality of health services which will permit the health status of Indians to be raised to the highest possible level," and specific authorization for IHS is provided in 25 U.S.C. section 13.

However, statistics on the health status of Native Americans compared with the general population are alarming. Native Americans have a life expectancy that is nearly 5 years shorter than other Americans, and death rates from diseases such as tuberculosis, alcoholism, and diabetes that are many times higher than in the general population.

Despite this overwhelming need, funds appropriated for IHS programs have been consistently inadequate to meet even basic health care requirements. In fact, IHS has found that per beneficiary, the IHS received 40 percent less funding than the average cost of a mainstream health insurance plan, thus limiting health care services and contributing to poorer health outcomes among the population it is intended to serve.

To address the needs of their people in the face of the IHS funding shortfall, many Indian tribal governments have dedicated portions of their revenues to funding health care programs. The IRS and federal courts have consistently held that payments made under similar social benefit programs for the promotion of general welfare are not taxable. However, the test to determine whether a benefit falls under this doctrine is based on facts and circumstances and is difficult to apply. In addition, no formal guidance has been issued by the IRS to assist in these determinations. Statutory language is needed to clarify the tax treatment of these medical care benefits.

The "Tribal Health Benefits Clarification Act of 2009" would provide a statutory clarification that, consistent with the federal government's policy of providing health care services to Indians, neither health care provided by IHS nor medical care provided by an Indian tribe to its members is subject to income taxation.

I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this important bipartisan legislation to further the federal government's stated goal of raising the health status of the Native American community.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF BOB AND  
CLEOLA RICHARDSON

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the longstanding and happy marriage of two of my constituents, Bob Fred Calvin Richardson and Cleola Johnson Richardson. This August 20 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Cleola took their wedding vows at a garden ceremony at Mrs. Richardson's home in Meadville, Pennsylvania on August 20, 1949. They have since moved to Mt. Vernon, NY, where they owned and operated their business Richardson Electronics. They have been residents of Mt. Vernon for 45 years.

Bob and Cleola have four wonderful children, Paula, Marilyn, Robert and Candice, ten grandchildren, as well as two great grandchildren. I want to congratulate Bob and Cleola Richardson on their 60th anniversary and wish them the best of luck as they spend the rest of their lives together.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION  
DAY

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 18th as National POW/MIA Recognition Day and to honor and remember the members of our armed forces who were prisoners of war and those who to this day remain missing in action.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our veterans, especially our POWs and MIAs for their service, and show them our respect and gratitude for the sacrifice that they and their families have made for our country.

President Kennedy once said "a nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." We long remember our veterans and the lessons they teach us, and we recommit ourselves to never rest until every American who is believed to be imprisoned is freed, and every American who is missing is fully accounted for.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to the family members of POWs and MIAs for weathering agonizing uncertainty during such a difficult time. We, and countless people around the world, are the beneficiaries of their courage and their vigilance. This solemn day of

recognition serves as an important reminder to always honor our duty to support those who serve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor during the week of Monday, September 14, 2009.

Had I been present on Monday, September 14, 2009, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 696 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 6), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 697 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 459), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 698 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 59).

Had I been present on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, I would have voted "Present" on rollcall vote No. 699 (On agreeing to H. Res. 744), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 700 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 317), "no" on rollcall vote No. 701 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 22), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 702 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3137)

Had I been present on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 703 (On agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 746), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 704 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 260), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 705 (On agreeing to the Hall (TX) amendment to H.R. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 706 (On agreeing to the Donnelly (IN) amendment to HR. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 707 (On agreeing to the Massa amendment to H.R. 3246), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 708 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3246), "no" on rollcall vote No. 709 (On passage of H.R. 3246)

Had I been present on Thursday, September 17, 2009, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 710 (On agreeing to the Hoekstra amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 711 (On agreeing to the McMorris Rodgers amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 712 (On agreeing to the Foxx amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 713 (On agreeing to the Himes amendment to H.R. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 714 (On agreeing to the Minnick amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 715 (On agreeing to the Schauer amendment to H.R. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 716 (On agreeing to the Teague amendment to HR. 3221), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 717 (On agreeing to the Guthrie amendment to HR. 3221, I would have

voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 718 (On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3221) because as an original cosponsor and a strong supporter of H.R. 3571, the Defund ACORN Act, I agree that it is absolutely necessary to prevent all Federal taxpayer dollars from going to ACORN, and "no" on rollcall vote No. 719 (On passage of H.R. 3221).

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE  
AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE  
UNITED STATES HARDWOODS IN-  
DUSTRY

SPEECH OF

**HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. CHILDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to be a co-sponsor of House Resolution 81 and see this important measure brought to the floor for a vote. I represent Mississippi's First Congressional District—a district strong in forestry and farmland. This industry is dominated by small-based family owned businesses, like my longtime friend Jimmy Pharr's in Marietta, MS, which will benefit from the passage of this resolution. These small landowner/businesses often have fewer than fifty acres much of which may at one time have been crop or cattle farms. Many landowners have rededicated these lands solely to the production of timber. These timber stands are valuable, long-term investments which expand to job opportunities in a myriad of related businesses—sawmills, logging, trucking, insurance, and many others.

Hardwood lumber growers and manufacturers in Mississippi's First District are valuable members of the communities in which they live, and (like many others in Mississippi) have children and grandchildren who hope to stay in these businesses and continue to enjoy all that life offers closer to home. Hardwood timber stands are a critical part of savings and investment for many of my first district families. Without strong markets for lumber, those investments plummet. H. Res. 81 will help assure stronger markets without government intrusion. Instead we are offering a strong statement from the House that this private enterprise industry is one which should continue to reap the rewards of decades good business decisions and stewardship of the land.

The benefits of Mississippi hardwoods are much the same as the benefits enjoyed in nearly every state of the union—from the sheer beauty these forests offer to the hundreds of good jobs tied to them. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on this important measure.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:30 a.m.  
United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control  
To hold hearings to examine prison gangs and their connection to the drug trade.  
SD-562
- 10 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the Defense Contract Audit Agency, focusing on reform.  
SD-342
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act.  
SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation.  
SR-253
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Richard Seeborg and Edward Milton Chen, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.  
SD-226

## SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:30 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, focusing on one year later.  
SD-538

10 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the President's decision on missile defense in Europe.  
SD-106

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1670, to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary transmissions of certain signals, and an original bill to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, Florence T. Nakakuni, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, and Deborah K. R. Gilg, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, all of the Department of Justice, and Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Roberto A. Lange, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, Irene Cornelia Berger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, and Charlene Edwards Honeywell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.  
SD-226

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the future of newspapers, focusing on the impact on the economy and democracy.  
210-CHOB

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the government, focusing on performance.  
SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine a review of United States diplomatic readiness, focusing on the staffing and foreign language challenges facing the foreign service.  
SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions.  
SD-538

## Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.  
S-407, Capitol

SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary  
Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on faith-based perspectives.  
SD-226

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Contracting Oversight Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine improving transparency and accessibility of federal contracting databases.  
SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary  
Crime and Drugs Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine body building products and hidden steroids, focusing on enforcement barriers.  
SD-226

SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs contracts for health services.  
SR-418

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, Jill Sommers, of Kansas, and Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Edward M. Avalos, and Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.  
SR-328A

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and the nominations of Brenda Dann-Messier, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, and Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and George H. Cohen, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.  
SD-430

Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine advancing freedom of information in the New Era of Responsibility.  
SD-226

OCTOBER 1

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, including for natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration.  
SD-366