

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to hold hearings to examine Belarus, focusing on the ongoing crackdown and forces for change, including the extent and impact of the crackdown on the lives of its victims and on the larger society, and what more can be done by the United States and European partners to promote democratic change in Belarus, 10:30 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to hold hearings to examine the Arab Spring and Coptic Winter, focusing on sectarian violence and democratic transition in Egypt, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 15 through November 19,  
2011

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Sharon L. Gleason, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, and Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and vote on confirmation of the nominations at approximately 12 noon.

On *Tuesday*, at 2:15 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2354, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

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:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine security issues relating to Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

November 15, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider proposed changes to the fiscal year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-236.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 10 a.m., SD-538.

November 15, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine financial security issues facing older Americans, 3 p.m., SD-538.

November 16, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on management and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Secretary, and Carol J. Galante, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoenig, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine the economic effects of fiscal policy choices, 10 a.m., SD-608.

November 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

November 16, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 17, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA's human space exploration, focusing on direction, strategy and progress, 10 a.m., SR-253.

November 17, Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine tourism in America, focusing on moving our economy forward, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's Quadrennial Technology Review (QTR), and S. 1703, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to require a Quadrennial Energy Review, and S. 1807, to amend the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 to provide for the prioritization, coordination, and streamlining of energy research, development, and demonstration programs to meet current and future energy needs, 10 a.m., SD-366.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Secretary of the Interior's Order No. 3315 to consolidate and establish the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement within the Bureau of Land Management, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 17, with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health, to hold joint hearings to examine the "Safe Chemicals Act", 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* November 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary, and Alastair M. Fitzpayne, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kathleen

Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 15, business meeting to consider S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of main-stream dams along the Mekong River, S. Res. 316, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Tunisia's peaceful Jasmine Revolution, S. Res. 317, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the liberation of Libya from the dictatorship led by Muammar Qaddafi, and the nominations of Michael Anthony McPaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Adam E. Namm, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine medical devices, focusing on protecting patients and promoting innovation, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

November 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine "The Americans with Disabilities Act" and accessible transportation, focusing on challenges and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Roslyn Ann Mazer, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, 3 p.m., SD-342.

November 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine contractors, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the future of internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 15, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine the "Fix Gun Checks Act", focusing on better state and Federal compliance, and smarter enforcement, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

November 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

November 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, S. 1794, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 2189, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children, S. 671, to authorize the United States Marshals Service to issue administrative subpoenas in investigations relating to unregistered sex offenders, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 15, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

November 17, 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:* November 16, to hold hearings to examine the United States-Caribbean Security Cooperation, focusing on drug-related violence in the Caribbean and United States security assistance through the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

## House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services,* November 16, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on United States Marine Corps Acquisition and Modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 17, Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform, hearing on Industry Perspectives on Achieving Audit Readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

November 18, Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry, hearing on Creating a 21st Century Defense Industry, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* November 16, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Education Research: Identifying Effective Programs to Support Students and Teachers." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, November 15, Subcommittee on Health, markup of H.R. 1173, the “Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 16, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup of the following: H.R. 3309, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3310, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Solyndra Failure: Views from DOE Secretary Chu.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, hearing entitled “Internet Gaming: Regulating in an Online World.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, November 15, full Committee, markup of H.R. 1221, the “Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, markup of the following: H.R. 2586, the “Swap Execution Facility Clarification Act”; H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; H.R. 3045, the “Retirement Income Protection Act of 2011”; H.R. 1838, to repeal a provision of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act prohibiting any Federal bailout of swap dealers or participants; and H.R. 2308, the “SEC Regulatory Accountability Act.” Noon (or at the conclusion of the full Committee markup), 2128 Rayburn.

November 16, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing on H.R. 1697, the “Communities First Act.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 16, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Insurance Oversight and Legislative Proposals.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, markup of the following: H.R. 1588, the “Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act”; and H.R. 1723, the “Common Sense Economic Recovery Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, November 15, Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing entitled “The State of Affairs in the Balkans.” 11 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Feeding the Dragon: Reevaluating U.S. Development Assistance to China.” 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 16, full Committee, hearing entitled “Righting the Enduring Wrongs of the Holocaust: Insurance Accountability and Rail Justice.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 17, full Committee, mark-up of the following: H.R. 2918, the “Taiwan Policy Act of 2011;”

and H.R. 2992, the “Taiwan Airpower Modernization Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “The 2011 International Religious Freedom Report.” 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-proliferation, and Trade, “Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement, Part II.” 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, November 15, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Protecting the Homeland: How can DHS use DOD Technology to Secure the Border?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

November 15, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, markup of H.R. 3140, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize the assignment of officers and analysts to certain State and urban area fusion centers to enhance the security of mass transit systems. 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 17, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies will hold a hearing entitled “S&T on a Budget: Finding Smarter Approaches to Spur Innovation, Impose Discipline, Drive Job Creation and Strengthen Homeland Security.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

November 17, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Ensuring Coordination and Cooperation: A Review of the Emergency Communications Offices Within the Department of Homeland Security.” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, November 15, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Cyber Security: Protecting America’s New Frontier.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments.” 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 16, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3261, the “Stop Online Piracy Act.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 17, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1996, the “Government Litigation Savings Act”; H.R. 1864, the “Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act of 2011”; H.R. 3256, the “Deport Convicted Foreign Criminals Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2815, to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership. 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, November 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on “Forest Service Regulatory Roadblocks to Productive Land Use and Recreation: Proposed Planning Rule, Special-use Permits, and Travel Management.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 16, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of U.S. Oil and Natural Gas Development on Federal Lands and Waters.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 18, full Committee, hearing entitled “ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction.” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: the “American-Made Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act”; the “Alaskan Energy for American Jobs Act”; “Protecting Investment in Oil Shale the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act;” and the “Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act.”

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, November 15, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Back to the Basics: Is OPM Meeting its Mission?” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Progress of the Obama Administration’s Policy Toward Iran.” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled “How Roadblocks in Public Markets Prevent Job Creation on Main Street.” 9:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

November 16, full Committee, hearing entitled “Pay for Performance: Should Fannie and Freddie Executives Be Receiving Millions in Bonuses?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 16, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled “On the Frontlines in the Acquisition Workforce’s Battle Against Taxpayer Waste.” 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

November 17, full Committee, business meeting, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, November 15, full Committee, hearing on providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

November 16, full Committee, markup of H.R. 10, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2011.” 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, November 15, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Exploring Mars and Beyond: What’s Next for U.S. Planetary Science?” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 15, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, markup of the “Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011.” 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Fostering Quality Science at

EPA: The Need for Common Sense Reform.” 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, November 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled “Adrift in New Regulatory Burdens and Uncertainty: A Review of Proposed and Potential Regulations on Family Farmers.” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, November 16, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Hydraulic Fracturing of Shale Beds: Ensuring Regulatory Approaches that Will Help Protect Jobs and Domestic Energy Production.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, November 15, full Committee, hearing on Potential Budgetary Savings Within VA: Recommendations from Veterans’ Service Organizations, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, November 15, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Small Business Health Insurance Tax Credit created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

November 17, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the international tax reform discussion draft released on October 26, 2011 by the Committee on Ways and Means, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, November 17, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

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*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: November 15, to hold hearings to examine Belarus, focusing on the ongoing crackdown and forces for change, including the extent and impact of the crackdown on the lives of its victims and on the larger society, and what more can be done by the United States and European partners to promote democratic change in Belarus, 10:30 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

*Joint Economic Committee*: November 17, to hold hearings to examine if tax reform can boost business investment and job creation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Joint Economic Committee*: November 16, to hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on paving the road to job creation, 2 p.m., SH-216.

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