

# ★ THE FEDERAL REPORT ★



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## THE SENATE

The Senate will convene at 2:00 p.m.

### SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

Morning Business until 3pm with senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. At 3:00pm, the Senate will begin consideration of [H.R.4213](#), Tax Extenders.

#### Votes:

There will be no roll call votes on Monday, March 1.

### SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

### SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Committee Schedule for the Week of March 1<sup>st</sup> [appropriations.senate.gov](#)  
 Conrad Remarks at Bipartisan Meeting on Health Reform [budget.senate.gov/democratic](#)  
 Baucus Urges Action to Prevent Out-Of-Work Americans from Losing Unemployment Benefits, Health Care Coverage [finance.senate.gov/Bpress](#)  
 Baucus comment after bipartisan Health Care Summit [finance.senate.gov/Bpress](#)

### SENATE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Reid Statement On White House Health Summit [democrats.senate.gov](#)  
 Reid: Out-Of-Work Nevadans Left Vulnerable Because Of Republican Delay Tactics [democrats.senate.gov](#)  
 Reid Statement On The Passage Of The Travel Promotion Act [democrats.senate.gov](#)  
 Reid: Jobs Agenda Continues With Measures To Help Out-Of-Work Americans And Boost Businesses [democrats.senate.gov](#)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

Senator Akaka announces military academy nominations [akaka.senate.gov](#)  
 Senator Bayh and Congressman Donnelly Champion RV Industry [bayh.senate.gov](#)  
 Sen. Brown Praises New Jobs at Cleveland Ford Plant [brown.senate.gov](#)  
 Sen. Brown Joins Bipartisan Group of Senators to Call for Investigation of Chinese Currency Policies [brown.senate.gov](#)  
 Brown Joins Bipartisan Group of Sens. in Pressing Administration to Engage China on American Pork Imports [brown.senate.gov](#)  
 Senators Applaud Obama's Nominations of U.S. Marshals for West Virginia [byrd.senate.gov](#)  
 Isakson Receives 'Taxpayers' Friend' Award for Strong Commitment to Reducing Taxes, Federal Debt: Isakson Gets an 'A' Rating from Nonpartisan Group [isakson.senate.gov](#)  
 Chambliss, Isakson Praise Senate Passage of Measure Recognizing National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program [isakson.senate.gov](#)  
 Johnson Discusses President's Budget Request at Indian Affairs Hearing [johnson.senate.gov](#)  
 Murray Announces Major Clean Energy Grant for Puget Sound Energy; \$29M to Help Reduce Energy Costs, Create Local Jobs [murray.senate.gov](#)  
 Reed Statement on President Obama's Bipartisan Health Reform Summit [reed.senate.gov](#)  
 Reid: Helping Out-Of-Work Americans Put Food On The Table Is About People, Not Process [reid.senate.gov](#)  
 Rockefeller speaks passionately at White House health care Summit on need for immediate Health Insurance Industry Reform for all West Virginians [rockefeller.senate.gov](#)  
 Senators Move Forward Legislation to Better Protect State and Local Witnesses from Violence [specter.senate.gov](#)  
 Specter, Casey Join Bipartisan Group of Senators Urging Commerce Dept. to act on China's Currency Manipulation [specter.senate.gov](#)  
 Tester statement on health care reform summit [tester.senate.gov](#)  
 Webb on Nuclear-Powered Aircraft Carrier Homeporting in Mayport: "This Discussion is Not Over; We Are Going to Have to Make Better Use of Limited Funds" [webb.senate.gov](#)  
 Senators Webb, Warner Urge Prompt Vote on Justice Barbara Keenan for Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals [webb.senate.gov](#)  
 Wicker Statement on President's Health Care Summit [wicker.senate.gov](#)

### SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

Stakes are too high to fail on regulatory reform [Dodd-CT/Politico](#)  
 Time to prevent future collapse is now [Bayh-IN/Politico](#)

### NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

No issues today

### FUTURE NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

No issues today

### FUTURE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**March 3, 2010** SVAC Oversight Hearing: Mental Health Care and Suicide Prevention for Veterans  
 9:30 a.m.; 418 Russell  
**March 24, 2010** SVAC Oversight Hearing: VA's Plan for Ending Homelessness among Veterans  
 9:30 a.m.

### BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

No issues today

### TRANSCRIPTS

No issues today

### VACANCY: 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, First Session

No issues today

## THE WHITE HOUSE

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: PRESIDENT

Release of the President's Medical Exam [whitehouse.gov](#)  
 Weekly Address: President Obama Says Washington Must Use This Opportunity to Enact Health Reform [whitehouse.gov](#)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: VICE PRESIDENT

No issues today

### EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Promoting Excellence, Innovation, and Sustainability at Historically Black Colleges and Universities [whitehouse.gov](#)

## OFFICE of MANAGEMENT and BUDGET

No issues today

## BULLETINS, CIRCULARS, MEMORANDA

No issues today

## STATEMENTS of ADMINISTRATION POLICY

No issues today

## CABINET DEPARTMENTS and FEDERAL AGENCIES

### DEPARTMENT of DEFENSE

DASD Huddleston Visit to 17 AF Highlights Progress, Innovation [afcom.mil](#)  
 Dr. Biden Prepares Care Packages for Guard Families [defense.gov](#)  
 First U.S. paratroopers to return from Haiti [southcom.mil](#)  
 Gates, Israeli Counterpart Discuss Security Issues [defense.gov](#)  
 Military Must Better Prepare Against Internal Threats, General Says [defense.gov](#)  
 Military Steps Up Battle Against Sexual Assault [defense.gov](#)  
 Tempo Takes Toll on Navy, Marine Equipment [defense.gov](#)  
 Training helps soldiers understand Iraq mission [centcom.mil](#)

### DEPARTMENT of the AIR FORCE

Controlling deployment stress is mission critical [af.mil](#)  
 Day 17 of '30 Days Through Afghanistan' [af.mil](#)  
 Tanker solicitation seeks fair competition, best value [af.mil](#)

### DEPARTMENT of the ARMY

\$1.9 billion in research to focus on protecting Soldiers [army.mil](#)  
 Apaches take less aggressive role in Iraq [army.mil](#)  
 Marja operations move toward 'holding' phase [army.mil](#)  
 Some West Point seats for Soldiers go vacant [army.mil](#)

### DEPARTMENT of the NAVY

Bataan Welcomes "Comics on Duty" [navy.mil](#)  
 Comfort Sailors Celebrate Supply Corps Birthday [navy.mil](#)  
 FISC San Diego Chemist Receives Meritorious Civilian Service Award [navy.mil](#)  
 Navy to Christen USNS Charles Drew [navy.mil](#)  
 All Hands: Pegasus of the Fleet; the Navy's Flying Warrants [February 2010](#)

### DoD MEDICINE and TRICARE

Bethesda's Red Cross to Celebrate Grand Reopening [navy.mil](#)  
 Cardiologist Shares Ways to Maintain Healthy Heart [defense.gov](#)  
 Military leads mental health care transformation [af.mil](#)  
 NNMC Promotes American Heart Month [navy.mil](#)  
 U.S. forces partner to help provide medical care for 1,000 patients in Philippines [army.mil](#)  
 e Military Health System Blog [mhs.osd.mil](#)

### DoD MILITARY BLOOD

Retired vet encourages everyone to donate blood [marines.mil](#)  
 Give Blood! Give Often! [militaryblood.mil](#) - Where to Give! [militaryblood.mil](#)

### DoD and FEDERAL CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

No issues today

### DoD: OLYMPIANS

Bobsledding Soldiers Turn to Four-man Event [defense.gov](#)

### UNITED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the HEALTH SCIENCES

No issues today

### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HMM-262 sergeant earns MCAA Exceptional Achievement Award [marines.mil](#)  
 Third F-35B arrives at Pax River, Corps on track for 2012 JSF delivery [marines.mil](#)  
 Yuma Marine rescues woman from near-fatal crash [marines.mil](#)

### DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

New Study Reveals that Black Adults' Alcohol Use and Binge Drinking Levels are Below the National Average [samhsa.gov](#)  
 Sebelius Invites Insurance Company Leaders to Discuss Health Insurance Premiums [hhs.gov](#)  
 Surgeon General with Microsoft HealthVault Expands Consumer Benefits for the My Family Health Portrait Offering [hhs.gov](#)

### DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY

Secretary Napolitano and Ambassador Rooney Announce Expansion of Air Preclearance at Shannon Airport [dhs.gov](#)  
 Report Suspicious Activity to 1-800-BE-ALERT

### DEPARTMENT of LABOR

Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report: Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,196 in the week ending Feb. 13, a decrease of 240 from

## EXTERNAL SENATE PRESS

A Kennedy Vision, Long-Term Care Program Gets Boost from Obama [Harkin-IA] [cq.com](#)  
After Filibuster, Reid Turns to Long-Term Benefits Package [rollcall.com](#)  
Alexander hints at interest in Kerry, Graham climate effort [thehill.com](#)  
Ark. lt. gov. announces Senate bid against Lincoln [chron.com](#)  
As Republican gubernatorial primary closes in, Hutchison faces a Texas-size challenge [washingtonpost.com](#)  
Ben Nelson irks Dianne Feinstein on rate hikes [politico.com](#)  
Conrad: Reconciliation can't be used for comprehensive reform [politico.com](#)  
Coburn warns against majority-vote tactic in weekly Republican address [thehill.com](#)  
DeMint Tries to Coronate Conservatives in 2010 [rollcall.com](#)  
Dodd Unveils Bill to Reverse Citizens United Decision [rollcall.com](#)  
Dodd's Proposal for Consumer Protection Bureau at Treasury Rejected by GOP [cq.com](#)  
GOPs oppose proposal for consumer bureau at Treasury Department [thehill.com](#)  
High-Tech Companies 'Alarmed' by Senate's Latest Patent Overhaul Plan [cq.com](#)  
Lautenberg expected back for votes Tuesday [thehill.com](#)  
Levin Still Pursuing 'Don't Ask' Moratorium [cq.com](#)  
Nelson Open to Reconciliation to Pass Health Reform [rollcall.com](#)  
Rahm Emanuel and Lindsey Graham: D.C.'s odd couple [politico.com](#)  
Republicans Slowly Start to Defend Bunning [rollcall.com](#)  
Sen. Jim Bunning holds floor: 'Tough s--t' [politico.com](#)  
Senate to take up yearlong extension of unemployment benefits [thehill.com](#)  
Senators Mount Quiet Race to the Top [rollcall.com](#)  
Snowe Rebuffs White House Invite to Health Summit [rollcall.com](#)

## THE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

The House is not in Session

### HOUSE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

No issues today

### HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Skelton Statement on Joint Strike Fighter/F-35 Competitive Engine [armedservices.house.gov](#)  
Medical Radiation: An Overview of the Issues [energycommerce.house.gov](#)  
Barton: Start Over, Agree Where We Can, Reach a Deal [republicans.energycommerce.house.gov](#)  
Bachus: End Government Micromanagement Of Private Business [republicans.financialservices.house.gov](#)  
Issa Sets the Record Straight on Tort Reform [republicans.oversight.house.gov](#)  
Nuclear & Radiological Attack Recovery Plan Just as Critical as Response Plan [homeland.house.gov](#)

### HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Pelosi Closing Remarks at Bipartisan Meeting at Blair House on Health Insurance Reform [speaker.gov](#)  
Pelosi Remarks at Bipartisan Meeting at Blair House on Health Insurance Reform [speaker.gov](#)  
Pelosi Remarks at Press Availability Following Bipartisan Meeting at Blair House on Health Insurance Reform [speaker.gov](#)  
Hoyer: Stronger than Initially Reported Economic Growth Another Positive Sign [majorityleader.gov](#)  
What They're Saying About The White House Health Care Summit [republicanleader.house.gov](#)  
Cantor Recaps Health Care Summit and Reconciliation on Greta [republicanwhip.house.gov](#)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Bilirakis to Homeland Security's Napolitano: Failure to Expand Visa Security Program "Unacceptable" [bilirakis.house.gov](#)  
Boozman Statement on Health Care Summit [boozman.house.gov](#)  
Boyd Fights to Lower Health Insurance Costs by Enhancing Competition in the Insurance Marketplace [boyd.house.gov](#)  
Brown Joins South Carolina Fishermen in Protest Against Fishing Bans [brown.house.gov](#)  
Prepare for a Ram-Down: End Result of Blair House Media Show [carter.house.gov](#)  
Hamilton County Congressional Outreach Set for March 8, 9 [carter.house.gov](#)  
Clyburn Statement on Bipartisan Blair House Health Care Summit [majoritywhip.house.gov](#)  
Hare Recognized by DAV for Work on Veterans' Health Care [hare.house.gov](#)  
Hare Votes for Extension of Unemployment Insurance, COBRA Subsidy; Rips Senate Republicans for Delay [hare.house.gov](#)  
Herseth Sandlin Recognized for Efforts to Improve Veterans' Education Benefits [hersethsandlin.house.gov](#)  
McNerney Announces Additional Small Business & Economic Development Workshop Participants [mcnerney.house.gov](#)  
Moran's Statement on President Obama's Health Care Summit [jerrymoran.house.gov](#)  
Roe Statement on the White House Health Care "Summit" [roe.house.gov](#)  
White House Offering Free Tickets to the Easter Egg Roll [roe.house.gov](#)  
National Journal puts Space in political center of Congress [space.house.gov](#)  
Congressman Teague Wraps Up Job Resources Tour with Project Economy Tele-Town Hall [teague.house.gov](#)  
White House Health Care Summit [house.gov/tn03\\_wamp](#)

### SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

No issues today

### FUTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**March 3, 2010** HVAC Subcommittee on Health Hearing: Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4241, regarding State Veterans Home reimbursement  
2:00 p.m.; 340 Cannon HOB  
**March 4, 2010** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies hearing: VA's budget requests for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012.

108 from the preceding week [dol.gov](#)

## DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION

Search Under Way for New Kings Point Superintendent [marad.dot.gov](#)

## DEPARTMENT of the TREASURY

Allison Testimony before House Financial Services and House Small Business Committees [treasury.gov](#)

## DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

**NEW!** Secretary Shinseki Announces Gulf War Task Force Report - Today, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced that the department's Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force has nearly completed a comprehensive report that will redefine how VA addresses the pain and suffering of ill Veterans who deployed during the Gulf War in 1990 and 1991

**NEW!** VA Announces \$41 Million in Construction Contracts for San Antonio - The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the award of two contracts totaling \$41.5 million to create a "polytrauma center" that cares for the most severely injured Veterans and to improve the existing wards at the Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center

## DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS: INSPECTOR GENERAL

No issues today

## CENTERS for DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommends Universal Annual Influenza Vaccination [cdc.gov](#)  
Presumptive Abortive Human Rabies - Texas, 2009 [cdc.gov](#)

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Administrator Jackson Unveils Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan [epa.gov](#)  
Cummins Inc. Agrees to Pay \$2.1 Million Penalty for Diesel Engine Clean Air Act Violations [epa.gov](#)

## FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION

No issues today

## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No issues today

## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Spring Rainfall, Snow Melt Can Cause Flooding [fema.gov](#)  
1-800-621-FEMA 3362 - Toll-Free Number  
1-800-462-7585 - Toll Free Number for those with hearing or speech impairments

## FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

No issues today

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Online Privacy and Security Certification Service Settles FTC Charges [ftc.gov](#)

## FOOD and DRUG ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

## INSTITUTE of MEDICINE

No issues today

## INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER

No issues today

## NATIONAL GUARD and RESERVE

Arkansas Guard alerts Soldiers of data loss [ng.mil](#)  
Michigan's first A-10 deployment proves combat readiness [ng.mil](#)  
Mississippi Guardsmen conduct final escort missions [ng.mil](#)

## NATIONAL INSTITUTES of HEALTH

Landmark NIH Clinical Trial Comparing Two Stroke Prevention Procedures Shows Surgery and Stenting Equally Safe and Effective [nih.gov](#)  
NIH and FDA Announce Collaborative Initiative to Fast-track Innovations to the Public [nih.gov](#)  
Panel Asks Dairy Avoiders: Are You Getting Enough? [nih.gov](#)

## NATIONAL INSTITUTES of STANDARDS and TECHNOLOGY

No issues today

## NATIONAL LABORATORIES

No issues today

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION & NATIONAL ACADEMIES

U.S. Commerce Secretary Discusses 'Innovation Clusters' [nationalacademies.org](#)

## OFFICE of PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

OPM to Host First Meeting of the National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations [opm.gov](#)  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management Begins Rollout of 2010 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey [opm.gov](#)

## SECURITIES and EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**2010-28** SEC Charges Madoff's Director of Operations with Falsifying Accounting Records and Siphoning Investor Funds

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

## UNITED STATES CENSUS

2010 Census Ads Set to Air During Winter Olympics: TV Spots Seek to Increase Awareness About Importance of Mailing Back Forms [census.gov](#)  
Census Bureau Director to Provide Update on Status of 2010 Census Operations [census.gov](#)

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Coast Guard medevacs Angoon man [piersystem.com](#)  
Coast Guard responds to a pipeline rupture in the Gulf of Mexico [d8externalaffairs.com](#)  
Coast Guard responds to vessel soft aground in Rainbow Harbor [piersystem.com](#)  
U.S. Coast Guard crews help train future military leaders [uscghawaii.com](#)

## US CERT - COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

Adobe Releases a Security Update for Download Manager [us-cert.gov](#)

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**March 10, 2010** Full House Veterans' Affairs Committee Hearing: Structuring the VA of the 21st Century

10:00 a.m.; 334 Cannon HOB

**March 18, 2010** Full House Veterans' Affairs Hearing: Claims Summit 2010

2:00 p.m.; 345 Cannon

#### BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

No issues today

#### TRANSCRIPTS

No issues today

#### VACANCY: 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, First Session

Pennsylvania: 12<sup>th</sup> District [clerk.house.gov](http://clerk.house.gov)

Murtha special election added to May 18 primary schedule [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Ron Paul: CPAC win 'significant' [politico.com](http://politico.com)

#### EXTERNAL HOUSE PRESS

Boehner outlines ideas for potential speakership under GOP House control [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Charlie Rangel to keep gavel -- for now [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Dems call for Charlie Rangel's gavel [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Democrats weeks away from last chance to pass healthcare reform [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Ethics Committee Ends Investigation Into PMA Earmarks [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com) - [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Ethics Report: Campaign Money Didn't Buy Murtha Earmarks [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Former Rangel staffer in ethics probe remains Rep. Fudge's chief of staff [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

House panel links acquisition reforms to people: Lawmakers formulate recommendations

to present to the House Armed Services Committee for possible inclusion in future

legislation [fcw.com](http://fcw.com)

House to Take Up Controversial Senate Jobs Bill [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

John Linder to retire [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Members Must Repay \$10,400 for Ethics Breach [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Nancy Pelosi slams Jim Bunning's one-man filibuster [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Nancy Pelosi's brutal reality check [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Pelosi Asks House to Hold Off on Calls for Rangel's Gavel [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Pelosi: Bill will be bipartisan even without GOP votes [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Nancy Pelosi defends Charlie Rangel, again [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Pelosi Pushes Senate to Use Reconciliation [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Pelosi sticks with Rangel, notes ethics panel 'did not take action' [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Rangel Denies Breaking Rules on Caribbean Trips, but Here Are the Questions He Still

Faces [propublica.org](http://propublica.org)

Senior Dems follow Pelosi's lead by warming up to debt commission [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Tiahrt Decision Highlights Tensions Over Ethics Process [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Weiner Tries to Cash In on Kerfuffle [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Your morning jolt: Nathan Deal about to leave Congress? [ajc.com](http://ajc.com)

#### JOINT 111<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS ROSTERS

Official List of the Members of the House of Representatives of the United States: One

Hundred Eleventh Congress [clerk.house.gov](http://clerk.house.gov)

Senators of the 111th Congress [senate.gov](http://senate.gov)

Casualty List: 111th Congress [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

#### JOINT SESSION

No issues today

#### FUTURE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**March 2, 2010** Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing: Legislative

Presentation of the **Disabled American Veterans** 2:00 p.m.; 345 Cannon HOB

**March 4, 2010** Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing: Legislative

Presentation of **PVA, JWV, MOPH, Ex-POW, BVA, MOAA, AFSA, and WWP**

9:30 a.m.; 345 Cannon HOB

**March 9, 2010** Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing: Legislative

Presentation of the **Veterans of Foreign Wars** 9:30 a.m.; G-50 Dirksen SOB

**March 18, 2010** Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing: Legislative

Presentation of the **AMVETS, NASDVA, NCOA, GSW, TREA, FRA, VVA, and**

**IAVA** 9:30 a.m.; G-50 Dirksen SOB

#### JOINT COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

No issues today

#### JOINT COMMITTEE BRIEFINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

#### JOINT TRANSCRIPTS

No issues today

#### JOINT EXTERNAL MEMBER PRESS

Chambers Juggle Extension Bills [cq.com](http://cq.com)

Democrats Ready to Flex Majority Muscle [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Hill Offices Seek Progress in Diversity [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Newt Gingrich defends -- and extends -- swipe at congressional staffers [csmonitor.com](http://csmonitor.com)

The aftermath of the health care summit: Confusion, conflict [politico.com](http://politico.com)

#### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

**Combating Nuclear Terrorism: Actions Needed to Better Prepare to Recover from**

**Possible Attacks Using Radiological or Nuclear Materials**

[GAO-10-204](http://GAO-10-204), January 29, 2010

**DOD Assessments of Supplier-Base Availability for Future Defense Needs**

[GAO-10-317R](http://GAO-10-317R), January 27, 2010

**Emergency Preparedness: FEMA Faces Challenges Integrating Community**

**Preparedness Programs into Its Strategic Approach**

[GAO-10-193](http://GAO-10-193), January 29, 2010

**Federal Education Funding: Overview of K-12 and Early Childhood Education**

**Programs**

[GAO-10-51](http://GAO-10-51), January 27, 2010

**Oil and Gas Bonds: Bonding Requirements and BLM Expenditures to Reclaim**

**Orphaned Wells**

[GAO-10-245](http://GAO-10-245), January 27, 2010

#### GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

No issues today

#### FUTURE GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES



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#### U.S. COURT of APPEALS for VETERANS CLAIMS

[USCAVC Opinions](#)

#### EXTERNAL PRESS: FEDERAL COURTS

[Court Upholds Release of Corporate Jets List Sought by ProPublica](#) [propublica.org](http://propublica.org)

#### STATE GOVERNMENTS

#### EXTERNAL PRESS

[Anthem rate hikes felt beyond California](#) [stateline.org](http://stateline.org)

[California subpoenas big health insurers' financial records](#) [latimes.com](http://latimes.com)

[Checking Hawaii's stimulus deals](#) [honoluluadvertiser.com](http://honoluluadvertiser.com)

[Governors' Troopers Pressured by Duty and Politics](#) [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com)

[What's the fuss over lieutenant gov's?](#) [stateline.org](http://stateline.org)

[W.Va. beer-tax gambit sets up Medicaid showdown](#) [wvgazette.com](http://wvgazette.com)

#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### HELSINKI COMMISSION

No issues today

#### INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

No issues today

#### INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

[An IMF for the 21st Century](#) [imf.org](http://imf.org)

[Reconstructing the World Economy](#) [imf.org](http://imf.org)

#### UNITED NATIONS

[Enforced disappearances turn 'humans into non-humans,' says UN expert](#) [un.org](http://un.org)

[UN condemns deadly attack in Afghan capital](#) [un.org](http://un.org)

[UNESCO chief voices concern about Israel's announcement on holy sites](#) [un.org](http://un.org)

#### WORLD BANK

[Iraq - First Programmatic Fiscal Sustainability Development Policy Loan](#) [worldbank.org](http://worldbank.org)

#### EXTERNAL ARTICLES

[Adult Stem Cell Therapy Shows Promise for Heart Attack Patients](#) [wfubmc.edu](http://wfubmc.edu)

[Airlines pay fines for bringing foreigners to U.S. without valid passports and visas](#)

[gsnmagazine.com](http://gsnmagazine.com)

[Americans See U.S. Military as No. 1 Now, But Not in 20 Yrs](#) [gallup.com](http://gallup.com)

[Americans turn to the net for their news](#) [tgdaily.com](http://tgdaily.com)

[Army divers work to fix Haitian ports](#) [armytimes.com](http://armytimes.com)

[CAGW Names Gary Locke and Robert Groves February's Porkers of the Month](#) [cagw.org](http://cagw.org)

[Census struggles to solve IT problems in time for 2010 count](#) [gcn.com](http://gcn.com)

[Climate Change: Developing Countries Control the Thermostat](#) [ncpa.org](http://ncpa.org)

[Compressed nitrogen to replace the power grid? Nope](#) [depletedcranium.com](http://depletedcranium.com)

[Dell to keep N.C. factory open through July: Dell still isn't ready to shut down its](#)

[computer factory in Winston-Salem](#) [newsobserver.com](http://newsobserver.com)

[Fate Of Offshore Wind Farm In Government's Hands](#) [npr.org](http://npr.org)

[In Hawaii, Calm Prevailed Despite Tsunami Warning](#) [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com)

[Infection Files: Are you healthy enough to risk taking a cruise?](#) [pasadenastarnews.com](http://pasadenastarnews.com)

[Many Americans Are Suspicious of Their Fellow Taxpayers](#) [rasmussenreports.com](http://rasmussenreports.com)

[Markets Mixed Even With Surprise Economic Growth](#) [hispanicbusiness.com](http://hispanicbusiness.com)

[Medicare Savings Programs: Analyzing Options for Expanding Eligibility](#)

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### DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Proposed Information Collection (Application for CHAMPVA Benefits); Comment Request** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine eligibility of persons applying for healthcare benefits under Civilian Health and Medical Program--VA and to request preauthorization of certain health care services and benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida and certain other covered birth defects [gpo.gov](#)

**Proposed Information Collection (Nation-Wide Customer Satisfaction Surveys) Activity: Comment Request** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each extension of a previously approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to identify problems or complaints in VA's health care services [gpo.gov](#)

**Proposed Information Collection (Regulation for Reconsideration of Denied Claims) Activity: Comment Request** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to request an informal review of veterans' denied healthcare benefits claims [gpo.gov](#)

**Proposed Information Collection (Survey of Satisfaction With the Disability Evaluation System (DES)) Activity: Comment Request** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to assess the effectiveness of current DES Pilot procedures and to develop better methods of serving the VA customers, namely, Service members, Veterans and their families [gpo.gov](#)

**Proposed Information Collection (VA National Rehabilitation Special Events, Event Registration Applications); Comment Request** The Office of National Programs and Special Events (NPSE), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed collection in use without an OMB control number, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to participant in VA national rehabilitation special events [gpo.gov](#)

## FINANCIAL STABILITY.GOV

Special Master Kenneth Feinberg Testimony Before the House Committee on Financial Services [financialstability.gov](#)

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Buffalo Soldiers legacy shared at Sheppard [af.mil](#)

Economic Empowerment featured at African American History Month Observance [navsea.navy.mil](#)

Former Guardsman led the way for black athletes in the Winter Olympics [army.mil](#)

NNMC Celebrates Black History [navy.mil](#)

## DYDD GWYL DDEWI SANT: SAINT DAVID'S DAY

Saint David [wikipedia.org](#)

Wales/Cymru [wales.com](#)

Yma O Hyd [by Dafydd Iwan, President of the Welsh Party, Plaid Cymraeg] [Cymraeg - English](#)

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