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## THE SENATE

The Senate is not in Session

### SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST: March 4, 2010

#### Votes:

**Stabenow amendment #3382:** (AMT); agreed to by voice vote

**40:** Brown motion to waive the Budget with respect to Brown #3391 (employee payroll tax);

Not Waived: 44-56

**41:** Burr motion to waive Budget with respect to Burr #3389 (tax holiday);

Not Waived: 22-78

**42:** McCaskill motion to waive Budget with respect to Session-McCaskill #3337 (discretionary spending caps);

Not Waived: 59-41

**43:** Confirmation of William Conley to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin;

Confirmed 99-0

There will be no further roll call votes this week.

#### Unanimous Consent:

Adopted **S.Res.404**, Sudan

Adopted **S.Res.414**, Haiti

Adopted **S.Res.422**, Ukraine

Adopted **S.Res.426**, School Social Work Week

Adopted **S.Res.434**, Children's Dental Health Month

Adopted **S.Res.435**, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

Adopted **S.Res.436**, Madeira Island

Adopted **S.Res.437**, Iraqi parliamentary elections

Adopted **S.Res.438**, Read Across America Day

The Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Terry Yonkers to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force;

Frank Kendall to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics;

Erin Conaton to be Under Secretary of the Air Force;

Paul Oostburg Sanz to be General Counsel of the Department of Navy;

Malcolm Ross O'Neill to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army; and

Jackalynne Pfannenstiel to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Adopted **S.Res.372**, National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month

Adopted **S.Res.431**, Chile

Adopted **S.Res.441**, women in the Armed Forces

Adopted **S.Res.442**, Lithuania

Adopted **S.Res.443**, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena

adopted **S.Res.444**, legal counsel resolution, City of Vancouver v. Galloway

Adopted **S.Res.445**, legal counsel resolution, production of records of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

### SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

### SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Akaka continues focus on the Invisible Wounds of War: VA leaders and former troops with firsthand knowledge discuss veteran suicide-prevention [veterans.senate.gov](http://veterans.senate.gov)

Opening Statement of Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) at the Fiscal Year 2011 Army Budget Overview Hearing [appropriations.senate.gov](http://appropriations.senate.gov)

Democrats Using Reconciliation to Explode Government Spending

[budget.senate.gov/republican](http://budget.senate.gov/republican)

Baucus Comment on President's Health Reform Remarks [finance.senate.gov/Bpress](http://finance.senate.gov/Bpress)

Baucus Examines President's 2010 Trade Agenda, Looks for Ways to Spur Job Creation

[finance.senate.gov/Bpress](http://finance.senate.gov/Bpress)

Grassley effort to pay for Medicare legislation rebuffed by Senate Majority

[finance.senate.gov/Gpress](http://finance.senate.gov/Gpress)

Grassley statement regarding the President's speech today on health care reform

[finance.senate.gov/Gpress](http://finance.senate.gov/Gpress)

Lieberman weighs next steps for chemical security [hsgac.senate.gov](http://hsgac.senate.gov)

Senator Collins, applauds Federal Data Center Initiative, which follows her request for

GAO Study on Technology Consolidation [hsgac.senate.gov/MinorityNews](http://hsgac.senate.gov/MinorityNews)

The President Still Hasn't Answered the Question:

### SENATE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Reid: Senate Democrats Continue To Fight For Out-Of-Work Americans In Their Hour Of Need [democrats.senate.gov](http://democrats.senate.gov)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

Akaka Continues Focus on the Invisible Wounds of War [akaka.senate.gov](http://akaka.senate.gov)

Begich Urges Beluga Habitat Exemption for Port of Anchorage: Continues Focus on Protecting Essential Habitat While Permitting Development [begich.senate.gov](http://begich.senate.gov)

Sen. Brown Praises Ohio Schools' Passage into Next Round of the "Race To The Top" [brown.senate.gov](http://brown.senate.gov)

Brown Urges State to Include Bike Route in Innerbelt Bridge Plan [brown.senate.gov](http://brown.senate.gov)

Burr Thanked for 'Going to Bat' for Disabled Vets [burr.senate.gov](http://burr.senate.gov)

Senator Roland W. Burris Pushes Repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy [burris.senate.gov](http://burris.senate.gov)

Senator Inouye announces service academy nominees [inouye.senate.gov](http://inouye.senate.gov)

Isakson Votes to Help Small Businesses Create Jobs [isakson.senate.gov](http://isakson.senate.gov)

Johnson: Rosebud Member Sparks Confirmed By Senate [johnson.senate.gov](http://johnson.senate.gov)

Landrieu Urges Swift Action to Replenish Depleted Disaster Relief Fund

## THE WHITE HOUSE

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: PRESIDENT

President Obama Signs District of Columbia Disaster Declaration [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: VICE PRESIDENT

No issues today

### EXECUTIVE ORDERS

No issues today

## OFFICE of MANAGEMENT and BUDGET

No issues today

## BULLETINS, CIRCULARS, MEMORANDA

No issues today

## STATEMENTS of ADMINISTRATION POLICY

**HR 4213** Senate Amendment 3336 to H.R. 4213 - American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010 (1 page, 28 kb)

## CABINET DEPARTMENTS and FEDERAL AGENCIES

### DEPARTMENT of DEFENSE

Agency Supplies Millions of Meals for Haitians [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Author, Economist Speaks to Africa Command Staff on African Security, Politics, and Development [africom.mil](http://africom.mil)

Board Reassesses Service Disability Ratings [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Review Seeks Broadest Input [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Iraqi Elections, U.S. Drawdown to Proceed [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Momentum Shifts in Helmand, Pentagon Spokesman Says [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Mullen Urges More 'Soft Power' in Afghanistan [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Swift, Nicholas Wrap up APS East In-Port Training [africom.mil](http://africom.mil)

### DEPARTMENT of the AIR FORCE

'Day 23 of '30 Days Through Afghanistan' [af.mil](http://af.mil)

Flying operations begin at Cope Tiger 2010 [af.mil](http://af.mil)

Bilateral training hones U.S., JASDF capabilities [af.mil](http://af.mil)

Military Scientists Study Ionosphere [af.mil](http://af.mil)

### DEPARTMENT of the ARMY

Army solicits proposals for new combat vehicle [army.mil](http://army.mil)

McChrystal urges troops to serve as role models [army.mil](http://army.mil)

New training in Europe brings reality to virtual worlds [army.mil](http://army.mil)

Observers set to ensure safe, fair Iraqi national elections [army.mil](http://army.mil)

### DEPARTMENT of the NAVY

Carl Vinson Hosts Brazilian Naval Academy Mids [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

Carter Hall Completes Operation Unified Response Participation [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

CNO Speaks at Conference of Defence Associations, Meets with Canadian Counterpart [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

NPC Customer Service Center Detailer Pilot Program Answers the Call [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

All Hands: Haiti. From First Responders to Sustained Support [March 2010](http://March 2010)

### DoD MEDICINE and TRICARE

Transplant Recipient Sees Potential for Wounded Warriors [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Vikki Garner Award Recognizes End of Life Care Program [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

e Military Health System Blog [mhs.osd.mil](http://mhs.osd.mil)

### DoD MILITARY BLOOD

Give Blood! Give Often! [militaryblood.mil](http://militaryblood.mil) - Where to Give! [militaryblood.mil](http://militaryblood.mil)

### DoD and FEDERAL CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

NMCRS kicks off 2010 fund drive [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

### DoD: CYBERSECURITY

No issues today

## UNITED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the HEALTH SCIENCES

No issues today

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

AFP and U.S. Marines plan for Balikpapan 2010 [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

Iwo Jima veterans celebrated in New York [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

Training enhances combat readiness [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

## DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE

No issues today

## DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

Sebelius to Meet with Insurance Company Leaders, Discuss Health Insurance Premiums [hhs.gov](http://hhs.gov)

## DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY

Secretary Napolitano Launches National Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign Challenge [dhs.gov](http://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. 20, unchanged from the prior week. There were 1,946 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 244 from the preceding week. [dol.gov](http://dol.gov)

## DEPARTMENT of LABOR: BLS

Productivity and Costs [bls.gov](http://bls.gov)

State and Regional Unemployment (Annual) [bls.gov](http://bls.gov)

[landrieu.senate.gov](http://landrieu.senate.gov)

Landrieu Comments on Call for Up or Down Vote on Health Care Reform

[landrieu.senate.gov](http://landrieu.senate.gov)

Landrieu: New Taxes on Oil, Gas Industry Contrary to Stated Goals of Creating Jobs, Energy Independence [landrieu.senate.gov](http://landrieu.senate.gov)

Doubling Down on a Partisan Bill [mccconnell.senate.gov](http://mccconnell.senate.gov)

The Sales Pitch May Be New, But The Bill Isn't [mccconnell.senate.gov](http://mccconnell.senate.gov)

Murray Presses Top VA Officials on Rise in Veteran Suicides, Efforts to Get Veterans the Care they Need to Help Ease Readjustment and Employment Challenges

[murray.senate.gov](http://murray.senate.gov)

Summer Jobs: : Murray Introduces Amendment to Put Young People to Back to Work This Summer, Stimulate Local Economies [murray.senate.gov](http://murray.senate.gov)

Nelson Stands By Small Businesses in Vote for Tax Cuts, Business Deduction and Access to Stimulus Funding [bennelson.senate.gov](http://bennelson.senate.gov)

Nelson Secures Assurances from EPA on Arsenic Regulations, Ethanol Blends, Omaha Lead Clean-Up [bennelson.senate.gov](http://bennelson.senate.gov)

#### SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

No issues today

#### NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

No issues today

#### FUTURE NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

No issues today

#### FUTURE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**March 11, 2010** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee Hearing on a draft bill, Fiscal 2011 Military Construction-VA Appropriations

2:00 p.m.; 124 Dirksen

**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

Sen. Johanns Holds News Teleconference

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

No issues today

#### EXTERNAL SENATE PRESS

Brown calls for tax cut in first speech [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Byrd defends reconciliation to finish reform [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Corker Out on a Limb on Financial Reform [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Dems rebuff Brown, vote down amendment despite bipartisan plea [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Dick Durbin: Let GOP filibuster [politico.com](http://politico.com)

John Rockefeller aims to block EPA rules [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Judiciary Approves Controversial Nominee to Head Office of Legal Counsel [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Junior Democrats Want a Fight [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Lieberman: Arctic drilling a 'deal breaker' [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

McCain, Lieberman team on detainees [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Murkowski wants ANWR 'on the table' [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Reid Predicts Passage Next Week of Unemployment Bill [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Senate Moderates Warm to Reconciliation [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Senator warns against \$1B deal with Xe [Levin-MI] [airforcetimes.com](http://airforcetimes.com)

Senators: Lift ban on gay blood donors [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Va. senators continue to fight Mayport plan [navytimes.com](http://navytimes.com)

#### THE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

The House will convene at 9:00 a.m.

#### HOUSE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

No votes are expected

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

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

House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees Receive Legislative Presentations from Veteran Service Organizations [veterans.house.gov](http://veterans.house.gov)

How Much will it Cost?? [republicans.appropriations.house.gov](http://republicans.appropriations.house.gov)

Skelton Calls For Review of Military Medical Officers' Records

[armedservices.house.gov](http://armedservices.house.gov)

McKeon, Armed Services Committee Republicans Introduce Legislation To Block Administration from Using Military Installations to Try Khalid Sheikh Mohammed [republicans.armedservices.house.gov](http://republicans.armedservices.house.gov)

Wilson Opening Statement for Hearing on Department of Defense Study Group To Examine the Possible Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

[republicans.armedservices.house.gov](http://republicans.armedservices.house.gov)

Akin Opening Statement for Hearing on Navy Shipbuilding Programs

[republicans.armedservices.house.gov](http://republicans.armedservices.house.gov)

Miller Opening Statement for Hearing on "Private Sector Perspectives on Department of Defense Information Technology and Cyber-security Activities"

[republicans.armedservices.house.gov](http://republicans.armedservices.house.gov)

TSCA and Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals: Examining Domestic and International Actions [energycommerce.house.gov](http://energycommerce.house.gov)

Oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Broadband, Part Three [energycommerce.house.gov](http://energycommerce.house.gov)

Barton Asks Clinton, Pachauri to Detail Taxpayer Funding of Climate Panel

[republicans.energycommerce.house.gov](http://republicans.energycommerce.house.gov)

Let's Not Repeat the Lead Bill, Barton Says of TSCA

[republicans.energycommerce.house.gov](http://republicans.energycommerce.house.gov)

Broadband Spending – Jobs, Jobs, Jobs or Waste, Waste, Waste?

[republicans.energycommerce.house.gov](http://republicans.energycommerce.house.gov)

Frank Statement on Housing Consumer Protections at the Federal Reserve

[house.gov/apps/list/press/financialsvcs\\_dem](http://house.gov/apps/list/press/financialsvcs_dem)

Bachus: End Government Micromanagement Of Private Business

#### DEPARTMENT of the TREASURY

Deputy Assistant Secretary Lee Written Testimony before the House Financial Services Committee [treasury.gov](http://treasury.gov)

Treasury Releases Build America Bonds Update [treasury.gov](http://treasury.gov)

Written Testimony of Assistant Secretary Allison before the Congressional Oversight Panel [treasury.gov](http://treasury.gov)

#### DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

No issues today

#### DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS: INSPECTOR GENERAL

Report Number 09-03846-93, Inspection of VA Regional Office Philadelphia, PA

Report No. 09-01588-92, Healthcare Inspection - Hospitalized Community-Dwelling Elderly Veterans: Cognitive and Functional Assessments and Follow-up after Discharge

#### CENTERS for DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

Life Tables for 2005 Released [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

30 Countries Meet in India to Advance Clean Energy, Combat Climate Change Largest International Forum Promoting Methane Capture and Use [epa.gov](http://epa.gov)

#### FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION

No issues today

#### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No issues today

#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Beige Book [federalreserve.gov/fomc/beigebook](http://federalreserve.gov/fomc/beigebook)

Federal Reserve announces proposed rules to protect credit card users from certain practices [federalreserve.gov](http://federalreserve.gov)

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Credit Repair Scammers Settle FTC Charges [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov)

#### FOOD and DRUG ADMINISTRATION

FDA Calls on Food Companies to Correct Labeling Violations; FDA Commissioner Issues an Open Letter to the Industry [fda.gov](http://fda.gov)

FDA, FSIS, CDC Collaborate on Methods to Measure Success of Food Safety Programs: Public workshop scheduled for March 30 [fda.gov](http://fda.gov)

FDA Warns Consumers in Puerto Rico of Harmful Bacteria in Hand Sanitizers [fda.gov](http://fda.gov)

#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

#### INSTITUTE of MEDICINE

**March 8, 2010 - March 9, 2010** Workshop on Sex Differences and Implications for Translational Neuroscience Research [iom.edu](http://iom.edu)

#### INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER

No issues today

#### NATIONAL GUARD and RESERVE

From the WAF to the Guard, sergeant reflects on her career [ng.mil](http://ng.mil)

Moment of silence held for 203rd RED HORSE today [ng.mil](http://ng.mil)

Reserve Soldier claims All-Army Small Arms Championship [army.mil](http://army.mil)

South Carolina trains with Japanese army [ng.mil](http://ng.mil)

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES of HEALTH

No issues today

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES of STANDARDS and TECHNOLOGY

SP 800-119 DRAFT Guidelines for the Secure Deployment of IPv6

#### NATIONAL LABORATORIES

No issues today

#### NATIONAL OCEANIC and ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION & NATIONAL ACADEMIES

Research to Clarify Past Climate's Influence on Human Evolution [nationalacademies.org](http://nationalacademies.org)

- [read on-line](#)

#### OFFICE of PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**March 30 - April 1, 2010** Resiliency Advantage: Leadership Skills for Developing Resiliency in Yourself and Your Workforce [leadership.opm.gov](http://leadership.opm.gov)

#### SECURITIES and EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**2010-32** SEC Charges Executives of Iowa Insurance Company With Misleading Proxy Disclosures to Investors

**2010-31** SEC Charges Miami Couple in \$135 Million Ponzi Scheme Targeting Cuban-American Community

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

#### UNITED STATES CENSUS

Facts for Features. Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: May 2010 [census.gov](http://census.gov)

#### UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Coast Guard Commandant meets with U.S. Embassy and Dominican Republic officials in Santo Domingo [d7publicaffairs.com](http://d7publicaffairs.com)

Coast Guard, Utah rescue teams medevac downed helicopter crew [piersystem.com](http://piersystem.com)

Coast Guard warns increasing temps, shifting winds pose hazardous ice conditions on Lake Erie [d9publicaffairs.com](http://d9publicaffairs.com)

Fact sheet on Coast Guard helicopter down southeast of Salt Lake [uscgsanfrancisco.com](http://uscgsanfrancisco.com)

#### US CERT - COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

Microsoft Re-Releases Security Bulletin MS10-015 [us-cert.gov](http://us-cert.gov)

U.S. Census Bureau 2010 Census Campaign Warning [us-cert.gov](http://us-cert.gov)

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Committee Set to Examine Recovery Act in California: Golden State mayors, officials will discuss stimulus impact on the state at Friday's Los Angeles field hearing [oversight.house.gov](#)

Issa Urges LaHood to Establish Industry-Wide Solution to Address Unintended Acceleration [republicans.oversight.house.gov](#)

#### HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Pelosi Statement on New Acting Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee [speaker.gov](#)

Pelosi Remarks at Capitol Memorial Service for Chairman John Murtha [speaker.gov](#)

Pelosi: D.C. Leading the Nation in Ensuring Fundamental Civil Rights [speaker.gov](#)

Pelosi: We Will Move Forward on Health Insurance Reform, Including Best Ideas of Democrats and Republicans [speaker.gov](#)

Hoyer Spokeswoman Statement Regarding Rep. Massa [majorityleader.gov](#)

Hoyer Statement on the 2010 Census [majorityleader.gov](#)

Just Appalling: If Dems Have Their Way, American Taxpayers Will Be Forced to Fund Abortions [republicanleader.house.gov](#)

Cantor Talks Health Care on Fox News' "Happening Now" [republicanwhip.house.gov](#)

#### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Boyd Fights to Protect Local Fishermen [boyd.house.gov](#)

Brown Honored for Animal Welfare Leadership [brown.house.gov](#)

Congressman Buyer Applauds Veteran Athletes Competing in Paralympic Games [stevebuyer.house.gov](#)

Rangel Removal a First Step in Restoring House Rule of Law [carter.house.gov](#)

President's Push on Health Care Reform Not Bipartisan, Doesn't Cut It [crenshaw.house.gov](#)

See Where Raul Stands on The Issues, From Housing to Health Care to Immigration [grijalva.house.gov](#)

Hall Passes Resolution Honoring West Point for #1 College Ranking [johnhall.house.gov](#)

Halvorson, Illinois State Rifle Association Call for Supreme Court to Protect Second Amendment in McDonald Case [halvorson.house.gov](#)

Hare Meets with Fragile X Advocate from Canton [hare.house.gov](#)

House-Passed Bill Includes Hare's Provision to Expand Positive Behavior Supports in Schools [hare.house.gov](#)

Herseth Sandlin, Lummis, Bishop Lead Bipartisan Effort to Shine Light on Lawsuit Payments [hersethsandlin.house.gov](#)

Herseth Sandlin Supports Balanced Budget Amendment [hersethsandlin.house.gov](#)

Rep. Kirkpatrick's Bill to Cut Congressional Pay for First Time in 77 Years Earns Record Support [kirkpatrick.house.gov](#)

Mitchell to FAA: Child Directing Air Traffic 'Unacceptable' [mitchell.house.gov](#)

Moran's Statement on President Obama's Health Care Remarks [jerrymoran.house.gov](#)

Momentum Builds in Congress to Bring Back MyCAA [nye.house.gov](#)

Rodriguez files Bill to improve border water conditions [rodriguez.house.gov](#)

Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society Legislative Fund Honor U.S. Rep. Roe for Animal Welfare Leadership in 2009 [roe.house.gov](#)

Protecting Your Right to Bear Arms & Addressing Health Care Reform [roe.house.gov](#)

Congressman Harry Teague Encourages Otero County Residents to Add Their Voice to F-35 Scoping Process [teague.house.gov](#)

Harry Teague Calls for Congressional Pay Cut: New Legislation Would Be First Salary Reduction for Members in 77 Years [teague.house.gov](#)

Walz Provides Unprecedented Transparency in Appropriations Process [walz.house.gov](#)

Walz Fights for Veterans in Intelligence Bill [walz.house.gov](#)

Tennessee named "Race to the Top" Finalist [house.gov/tn03\\_wamp](#)

#### SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

Lee Statement on Chairman Charles Rangel [thecongressionalblackcaucus.com](#)

Let's put the public option to a vote [Weiner NY-09/politico](#)

#### FUTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

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

10:00 a.m.; 334 Cannon HOB

**March 17, 2010** Full Committee Roundtable: Heroes Homecoming

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

House Majority Whip Clyburn Interviewed on CNN

Rep. Stupak Interviewed on Fox News

Rep. Waters Interviewed on MSNBC

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

Florida 19<sup>th</sup> District [Wexler] [clerk.house.gov](#)

Hawaii 1<sup>st</sup> District [Abercrombie] [clerk.house.gov](#)

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

Hawaii's all-mail congressional election set for May 22 [honoluluadvertiser.com](#)

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

April 6, 2010 Special Election to fill Florida 19<sup>th</sup> District vacancy [election.dos.state.fl.us](#)

#### EXTERNAL HOUSE PRESS

Blue Dog chairwoman would vote against Senate bill [thehill.com](#)

Blue Dog Rep. Melancon steps down from his spot on Budget Committee [thehill.com](#)

Congressman [Timothy Bishop] visits Coast Guard Station Montauk [d7publicaffairs.com](#)

CPC chairman indicates liberals will support health bill [thehill.com](#)

Deal Postpones Resignation to Vote on Health Care [rollcall.com](#)

Delahunt to retire [politico.com](#) - [thehill.com](#)

Democrats dodge post-Rangel gavel fight [politico.com](#)

Eric Massa rumors preceded probe [politico.com](#)

Ethics confirms probe of Rep. Eric Massa [thehill.com](#) - [rollcall.com](#)

Ethics Panel Eyed Stark's Property [rollcall.com](#)

House approves \$15 billion job-creation package, 217-201 [thehill.com](#) - [rollcall.com](#)

House passes jobs bill: no giant leap against unemployment: Positive signs suggest that the jobs bill passed by the House Thursday could help curb unemployment, economists



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

[USCAVC Opinions](#)

#### EXTERNAL PRESS: FEDERAL COURTS

No issues today

#### STATE GOVERNMENTS

#### EXTERNAL PRESS

Bans on BPA gain traction [stateline.org](#)

'Embarrassing' items found in Ohio's education funds application, Husted says [daytondailynews.com](#)

Fresh air in Wyoming [stateline.org](#)

Town Finds Good Neighbor in Nuclear Plant [nytimes.com](#)

#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### HELSINKI COMMISSION

No issues today

#### INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Director General Highlights Two New Programs on Cancer Control [iaea.org](#)

#### INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

IMF Note on Global Economic Prospects and Policy Challenges [imf.org](#)

#### UNITED NATIONS

Impunity for domestic violence, 'honour killings' cannot continue – UN official [un.org](#)

Security Council briefed on monitoring of sanctions against Iran [un.org](#)

#### WORLD BANK

Results Profile: Turkey Energy [worldbank.org](#)

#### EXTERNAL ARTICLES

Report: Army denied aid to team under fire [marinecorpstimes.com](#)

Army upgrades infrastructure on many fronts: PEO-EIS seeks to harness dramatic efficiencies in information services delivery [gcn.com](#)

Atmospheric Nanoparticles Impact Health, Weather Prof Says [tamu.edu](#)

Bone-hard biomaterial [fraunhofer.de](#)

Casey: Some are anxious about ending DADT [armytimes.com](#)

Comma chameleon: How it changes the color of your meaning: For Grammar Day, a look at the utility infielder of the punctuation team [ragan.com](#)

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