

# ★ THE FEDERAL REPORT ★



★ CONGRESS ★

## THE SENATE

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

### SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

Senator Burris will read Washington's Farewell Address.

Following the reading, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message with respect to H.R.2847, Jobs bill.

At 5:30pm, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote with respect to the Jobs bill.

### SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

### SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

President's Executive Order Establishing Bipartisan Fiscal Commission

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

Traffic School Needed to Understand Reid "Jobs" Bill [budget.senate.gov/republican](http://budget.senate.gov/republican)

### SENATE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Schumer, Reid Join Economist To Discuss Bipartisan Legislation To Create Jobs And Strengthen Economy [democrats.senate.gov](http://democrats.senate.gov)

Reid: Recent Progress Against Taliban Shows The President's Plan Is Working [democrats.senate.gov](http://democrats.senate.gov)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

Recovery Act success stories in Hawaii [akaka.senate.gov](http://akaka.senate.gov)

Begich Welcomes Creation of Federal Debt Commission [begich.senate.gov](http://begich.senate.gov)

Dodd Hopes to Unveil Revised Financial Overhaul [cq.com](http://cq.com)

Byrd Hails Release of Funding for Dunloup Creek Residents [byrd.senate.gov](http://byrd.senate.gov)

Byrd: \$4.4 Million Initiative To House Computers At Fire and Rescue Squads Will Help Build Stronger Communities [byrd.senate.gov](http://byrd.senate.gov)

Mellette County Named County of the Month [johnson.senate.gov](http://johnson.senate.gov)

Landrieu Announces More Than \$49 Million in Broadband Funds Available to Louisiana Organizations [landrieu.senate.gov](http://landrieu.senate.gov)

Reid: Rising Insurance Costs Reflect Urgent Need for Health Reform [reed.senate.gov](http://reed.senate.gov)

Reid Hosts Latino Summit in Las Vegas [reed.senate.gov](http://reed.senate.gov)

President Obama, Sen. Reid Announce Housing Relief For Nevada [reed.senate.gov](http://reed.senate.gov)

Rockefeller attends event honoring new West Virginia Veterans Cemetery [rockefeller.senate.gov](http://rockefeller.senate.gov)

Rockefeller joined U.S. Commerce Secretary Locke to announce more than \$130 million in funding for improved broadband internet access for West Virginia [rockefeller.senate.gov](http://rockefeller.senate.gov)

Vermont Tech Launches Wood Pellet Heating and Educational Project [sanderson.senate.gov](http://sanderson.senate.gov)

Sen. Brown Announces New Consumer Protections Against Abusive Credit Card Practices: Starting Feb. 22, Credit Card Companies Will Have to Play By a New Set of Rules Due to Enactment of CARD Act [brown.senate.gov](http://brown.senate.gov)

Specter Announces Funding for Pennsylvania Fire Companies [specter.senate.gov](http://specter.senate.gov)

Southwest Mississippi Community College Gains \$4.8 Million For Regional Workforce Training Center: Cochran, Wicker Indicate Federal Funds Linked to 2008 Hurricane Gustav Recovery [wicker.senate.gov](http://wicker.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

February 26, 2010 SVAC Hearing: VA's FY 2011 Budget

9:30 a.m.; 418 Russell

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: 111th Congress, First Session

No issues today

### EXTERNAL SENATE PRESS

Bayh pins blame on both parties for capital gridlock [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Brown Delivers Helping Hand to Haiti [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Enzi Stays True to His Ideals but Also Deals [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Jobs Versus Health Care: Washington's Battle Over Priorities [Reid-NV, Harkin-IA] [npr.org](http://npr.org)

John Cornyn: GOP can't count chickens yet [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Lautenberg diagnosed with cancer, will miss Monday jobs bill vote [thehill.com](http://thehill.com) - [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Leadership Test Awaited in Senate [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)



★ EXECUTIVE BRANCH ★

## THE WHITE HOUSE

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: PRESIDENT

Letter from the President to Congressional Committee Leadership [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov)

President Obama Announces Help for Hardest Hit Housing Markets [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov)

President Obama Signs Maryland Disaster Declaration [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov)

Weekly Address: President Obama Says it is Time to Move Forward on Health Care Reform [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

M-10-10, Federal Agency Coordination on Health Information Technology (HIT)

### STATEMENTS of ADMINISTRATION POLICY

No issues today

### CABINET DEPARTMENTS and FEDERAL AGENCIES

#### DEPARTMENT of DEFENSE

Biden: Better Conventional Arms Will Allow Nuclear Drawdown [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Capture of No. 2 Taliban Leader Called 'Significant Win' [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Defense Department Pauses Spouse Employment Program [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Face of Defense: Guardsman Uses Civilian Skills to Improve Convoy Routes [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Guard Evacuates Downed Helicopter's Passengers [defense.gov](http://defense.gov)

Multinational Crew Members of Africa Partnership Station Compete in Soccer Match with French Navy [africom.mil](http://africom.mil)

#### DEPARTMENT of the AIR FORCE

AF winners announced for African-American recognition award [af.mil](http://af.mil)

Chief of staff highlights importance of space to Air Force mission [af.mil](http://af.mil)

Day 10 of '30 Days Through Afghanistan' [af.mil](http://af.mil)

Defense adds blog to military science dialogue [af.mil](http://af.mil)

#### DEPARTMENT of the ARMY

IED trainer helps prepare warfighters for Afghanistan [army.mil](http://army.mil)

Military Saves Week to culminate year-long campaign [army.mil](http://army.mil)

Military-themed films increase appreciation for servicemembers in Hollywood [army.mil](http://army.mil)

'Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps' marks 50th year [army.mil](http://army.mil)

#### DEPARTMENT of the NAVY

DoD Identifies Navy Casualty [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

NSWC Panama City Hosts Ceremony for New Littoral Warfare Facility [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

Rescue Effort Continuing in Navy Helicopter Crash [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

SECNAV Swears In New NCIS Director [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

VCNO Visits Eisenhower Sailors [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

All Hands: Pegasus of the Fleet; the Navy's Flying Warrants February 2010

#### DoD MEDICINE and TRICARE

CSG-1, Carl Vinson Focus on Synthetic Drug Prevention [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

Army raises more than \$3.5 million for CFC [army.mil](http://army.mil)

Bahrain Sailors Raise Money for Haiti Relief Operations [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

Marines, sailors give back to local Thai community [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

#### DoD: HISTORY

First black band officer withstood adversity [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

#### UNITED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the HEALTH SCIENCES

No issues today

#### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

3rd LAR sergeant major receives Bronze Star, relinquishes post [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

H&HS takes first place, 30 points toward the cup [marines.mil](http://marines.mil)

#### DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE

No issues today

#### DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

Obama Administration Grants Relief to States on Payments to Medicare for Part D Costs [hhs.gov](http://hhs.gov)

Sebelius Unveils New Report on Requested Premium Increases in States Across the Country [hhs.gov](http://hhs.gov)

#### DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY

Explosive Trace Detection Usage Expanded: Give Us A Hand [dhs.gov](http://dhs.gov)

Report Suspicious Activity to 1-800-BE-ALERT

#### DEPARTMENT of HOUSING and URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Administration releases January Loan Modification Report: Number of permanent modifications nearly doubles over previous month; over one million trial modifications started [hud.gov](http://hud.gov)

HUD Report shows serious shortcomings in HANO Operations [hud.gov](http://hud.gov)

#### DEPARTMENT of LABOR

McConnell: 'Not clear' if GOP can block majority-vote tactic on healthcare [thehill.com](#)  
Murkowski 'will never drop' fight to move Alaska out of Ninth Circuit [thehill.com](#)  
Obama lionizes Reid as 'one of the toughest' in the Senate during visit [thehill.com](#)  
Public option revival gains steam [Brown-MA] [thehill.com](#)  
Rum tax battle heats up [thehill.com](#)  
Schumer Signs Public-Option-Via-Reconciliation Letter [tpmdc.talkingpointsmemo.com](#)  
Sen. Ben Nelson unsure if healthcare reform efforts will have 'happy ending' [thehill.com](#)  
Sen. Blanche Lincoln will back cloture on jobs bill [politico.com](#)  
Senate Facing a Serious Brain Drain Next Year [rollcall.com](#)  
Six Who Held the Gavel Reflected Their Times [Six Who Held the Gavel Reflected Their Times] [rollcall.com](#)  
Three who could make, break jobs bill [Collins-ME, Brown-MA, Snowe-ME] [politico.com](#)  
Under New Management: Harkin Blends Prairie Populism With Pragmatism [rollcall.com](#)  
Unions and liberal groups blast Reid's \$15 billion jobs bill as 'puny' [thehill.com](#)

## THE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

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

### HOUSE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

#### Suspensions (5 Bills)

1. H.R. 4425 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office" (Rep. Tonko - Oversight and Government Reform)
2. H.R. 4238 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building" (Rep. Markey (CO) - Oversight and Government Reform)
3. H.Res. 1039 - Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day (Rep. Lee (NY) - Oversight and Government Reform)
4. H.Res. 526 - Recognizing the historical and cultural significance of the John Mercer Langston Golf Course and its contributions to achieving racial equality (Rep. Norton - Oversight and Government Reform)
5. H.Res. 1046 - Recognizing the significance of Black History Month (Rep. Al Green - Oversight and Government Reform)

### HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**February 22, 2010** House Rules considers rules for floor debate of a bill on native Hawaiian government reorganization ( HR 2314 ). 5:00 p.m., H-313 Capitol

### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Skelton Statement on Reports of Additional Taliban Captures [armedservices.house.gov](#)  
Akio Toyoda Accepts Oversight Committee's Invitation to Appear at February 24th Hearing [oversight.house.gov](#)  
Oversight Committee Issues Subpoena for Toyota Documents [oversight.house.gov](#)  
Issa Seeks Full Disclosure from Fed on AIG Bailout Cover-Up [republicans.oversight.house.gov](#)

### HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Pelosi Statement on Additional Aid to States In Medicare Part D Payments [speaker.gov](#)  
Pelosi: 'President Obama's Announcement Is Encouraging Step to Help Stabilize Housing Markets' [speaker.gov](#)  
Hoyer: Creation of Bipartisan Fiscal Commission Key Step to Balancing the Budget [majorityleader.gov](#)  
Clyburn Statement on USDA Discrimination Settlement with Black Farmers [majoritywhip.house.gov](#)  
Summit Of All Fears: Dems Desperate to Salvage Gov't Takeover of Health Care [republicanleader.house.gov](#)  
Thank You, Madam Speaker, for Reminding America that GOP Fought Trillion-Dollar 'Stimulus' [republicanleader.house.gov](#)  
Statement on Reconciliation, Health Care Summit [republicanwhip.house.gov](#)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Congressman Adler Calls on Washington to Stop Out of Control Spending [adler.house.gov](#)  
Congressman Adler Applauds Federal Funds for Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company [adler.house.gov](#)  
Boyd Secures \$30 Million to Create New Broadband Network [boyd.house.gov](#)  
DeGette Applauds Committee Investigation of Hydraulic Fracturing [degette.house.gov](#)  
Edwards Breaks Ground on Chisholm Trail-U.S. 67 Construction in Cleburne [edwards.house.gov](#)  
Edwards Joins VA Secretary Shinseki to Announce 100 New Jobs at Waco VA Regional Office [edwards.house.gov](#)  
Hall Holding Congress on Your Corners in Putnam Valley and Stony Point [johnhall.house.gov](#)  
Rep. Halvorson-Supported Recovery Act Cuts Taxes for 288,000 Families in 11th District [halvorson.house.gov](#)  
Halvorson Announces Launch of New GI Bill Helpline to Help Veterans [halvorson.house.gov](#)  
Michaud Announces Location of New VA Health Care Facilities for Lewiston-Auburn Area [michaud.house.gov](#)  
Michaud Praises Investment in Auburn Pedestrian Trail [michaud.house.gov](#)  
Michaud Praises Establishment of Fiscal Commission [michaud.house.gov](#)  
Mitchell Encourages Support for Locally-Owned Businesses, Launches Scottsdale Small Business Tour [mitchell.house.gov](#)  
Walz, Kline, Braley Announce Critical Step Forward in Troops' Payments [walz.house.gov](#)  
Walz: New Credit Card Rules to Protect Consumers go into Effect Monday [walz.house.gov](#)

### SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

Matheson issues statement on bipartisan fiscal reform commission [house.gov/melancon/BlueDogs](#)

### FUTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**February 23, 2010** HVAC Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Hearing: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General and Office of

No issues today

### DEPARTMENT of the TREASURY

Treasury Announces Intent to Sell Warrant Positions in Public Dutch Auctions [treasury.gov](#)  
Treasury Secretary Geithner Announces Proposals to Extend and Enhance the New Markets Tax Credit [treasury.gov](#)

### DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

No issues today

### DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS: INSPECTOR GENERAL

No issues today

### CENTERS for DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

Adult Use of Prescription Opioid Pain Medications — Utah, 2008 [cdc.gov/mmwr](#)  
CDC to Monitor Reactions and Errors Associated with Blood Transfusions [cdc.gov](#)  
Latest Report on Nation's Health Shows Growing Medical Technology Use [cdc.gov](#)

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Curt Spalding Sworn in as Regional Administrator on One-Year Anniversary of the Recovery Act [epa.gov](#)  
EPA Administrator Jackson Marks One-Year Anniversary of Recovery Act in Columbus, Ohio: Administrator, senior EPA officials visiting communities across America this week to highlight recovery act's impact [epa.gov](#)  
Initial Round of Sampling at Bannister Federal Complex Buildings 50 and 52 Reveals No Indoor Air Health Concerns [epa.gov](#)

### FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION

No issues today

### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No issues today

### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

The State of North Dakota and FEMA Encourage Flood Preparedness [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

Federal Reserve approves modifications to the terms of its discount window lending programs [federalreserve.gov](#)

### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

FTC Cracks Down on Con Artists Who Target Jobless Americans Scams Prey on Victims of the Recession With Bogus Job, Money-Making Schemes [ftc.gov](#)  
Ticketmaster and TicketsNow Settle FTC Charges of Deceptive Sales Tactics, Refunds for Springsteen Concertgoers Provided; FTC Warns Other Ticket Resellers [ftc.gov](#)

### FOOD and DRUG ADMINISTRATION

FDA Announces New Safety Controls for Long-Acting Beta Agonists, Medications Used to Treat Asthma [fda.gov](#)  
FDA Approves Rituxan to Treat Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia [fda.gov](#)  
FDA Cancer Drug Approval Rate Highlighted in JNCI: Agency Analysis: More than 50 new cancer indications approved over a 32-month period [fda.gov](#)  
USDA and FDA Coordinating Efforts to Ensure Safety of Produce: FDA Invites Public Comments to Inform Future Rulemaking [fda.gov](#)

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Martha Johnson Sworn In by OPM's John Berry [gsa.gov](#)

### INSTITUTE of MEDICINE

No issues today

### INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER

No issues today

### NATIONAL GUARD and RESERVE

Indiana Guard prepares DoD civilians for overseas deployment [ng.mil](#)  
Mississippi Guardsman shows ingenuity during convoy security missions [ng.mil](#)  
Oregon Guardsman uses civilian skills to improve convoy routes [ng.mil](#)

### NATIONAL INSTITUTES of HEALTH

NHLBI, CDC Launch Surveillance and Research Program for Inherited Blood Diseases: Six States to Study Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemias in National Pilot Project [nih.gov](#)

### NATIONAL INSTITUTES of STANDARDS and TECHNOLOGY

NIST Grants Awards for Recovery Act Fellowship Programs [nist.gov](#)

### NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Fueling the future with fish tank residue: Sandia scientist discusses use of algae as a biofuel [sandia.gov](#)

### NATIONAL OCEANIC and ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION & NATIONAL ACADEMIES

Electric Avenue: Electric Cars on a Two-way Street? [nsf.gov](#)

### OFFICE of PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

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

### SECURITIES and EXCHANGE COMMISSION

No issues today

### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

### UNITED STATES CENSUS

2007 Economic Census: Educational Services Geographic Area Series [census.gov](#)  
2007 Economic Census: Health Care and Social Assistance Geographic Area Series [census.gov](#)

### UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Coast Guard investigating oil sheen near Lena Point [piersystem.com](#)  
Coast Guard, Navy assist 4 in sinking fishing boat [piersystem.com](#)  
Sacramento Coast Guardsman receives African American History Month Recognition Award [uscgsanfrancisco.com](#)  
U.S. Coast Guard, Maui rescue crews search for missing snorkeler [uscghawaii.com](#)

### US CERT - COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

No issues today

Roger Baker is expected to testify for OIT; the Subcommittee has contacted OIG separately to arrange its witness.

10:00 a.m.; Cannon 334

**February 23, 2010** HVAC Subcommittee on Health Hearing: The Veterans Health Administration's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, with a special interest in construction.

1:00 p.m.; Location;334 Cannon HOB

**February 24, 2010** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Hearing, "Exploring the Relationship between Medication and Veteran Suicide."

9:00 a.m.; H-143 Capitol

**February 24, 2010** House Veterans' Affairs Hearing, "Fiscal 2011 Military Construction-VA Appropriations."

10:00 a.m.; Cannon 334

**February 24, 2010** House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Hearing, "Examination of the VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge and Quick Start Programs."

2:00 p.m.; Cannon 334

**February 25, 2010** House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Hearing: Gulf War Illness: The Future for Dissatisfied Veterans

10:00 a.m.; 334 Cannon HOB

**February 25, 2010** House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3257, H.R. 3484, H.R. 3579, H.R. 3813, H.R. 3948, H.R. 3976, H.R. 4079, H.R. 4203, H.R. 4359, and H.R. 4469

2:00 p.m.; 334 Cannon HOB

**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.

Time and Location: TBD.

**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)

#### EXTERNAL HOUSE PRESS

A Boon for Dicks' Allies: Boeing, Former Staffers Likely to Gain Influence [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Camp Labels Obama's Bipartisan Health Care Talks a 'Charade' [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Cantor: Obama must take reconciliation off the table for healthcare reform [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Coble Returning to Work After Hospital Stay [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Congress Launches Investigation Into Gas Drilling Practices [Energy and Commerce; Waxman-CA] [propublica.org](http://propublica.org)

Dingell criticizes 'slow to act' Senate on taking up food safety bill [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Dingell to Run for 29th Term [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

House Democrats Voice Frustrations With Slower-Moving Senate [cq.com](http://cq.com)

John Boehner: 'Rebellion brewing in America' [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Obama Parachutes Into Nevada to Boost Reid [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Pelosi won't commit yet to moving Obama's health bill [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Pence: 'We Need a Conservative Majority on Capitol Hill' [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Rep. Michele Bachmann: President Obama is 'intending to fail' [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Rep. Paul Ryan rules out presidential bid in 2012; leaves door open to VP nod [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Rep. Sestak: White House offered me job to drop primary challenge to Specter [thehill.com](http://thehill.com) - [navytimes.com](http://navytimes.com)

Top House tax writer opposes administration's debt commission [Rangel-NY] [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

War to Split Democrats Again [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

WellPoint Goes On Offense To Defend Insurance Rates [Oversight and Investigations] [npr.org](http://npr.org)

#### 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

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

[USCAVC Opinions](#)

#### EXTERNAL PRESS: FEDERAL COURTS

No issues today

#### STATE GOVERNMENTS

##### EXTERNAL PRESS

Is it 'raining' hard enough? [stateline.org](http://stateline.org)

States Consider Medicaid Cuts as Use Grows [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com)

States Have Not Yet Seen the Worst of Economic Times, Governors at Meeting Say [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com)

States tackling public employee retirement benefits in 2010 [stateline.org](http://stateline.org)

#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

##### HELSINKI COMMISSION

U.S. Delegation Calls for Renewed Multilateral Efforts in Afghanistan [csce.gov](http://csce.gov)

##### INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

No issues today

##### INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Risk and the Corporate Structure of Banks [imf.org](http://imf.org)

##### UNITED NATIONS

Social justice more important than ever in global economic crisis, Ban says [un.org](http://un.org)

UNESCO offers assistance in wake of deadly Moroccan minaret collapse [un.org](http://un.org)

##### WORLD BANK

Senegal's President calls for More Resources for World Bank Group [worldbank.org](http://worldbank.org)

World Bank Group and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Pledge to Protect Wetlands [worldbank.org](http://worldbank.org)

##### EXTERNAL ARTICLES

A stark before-and-after picture [epi.org](http://epi.org)

Barack Obama seeks control over insurance rate hikes [politico.com](http://politico.com)

Battlefield Camaraderie Yields Long-Term Dividends for Veterans, Study Finds [sciencedaily.com](http://sciencedaily.com)

Blogger helps expose alleged military faker [armytimes.com](http://armytimes.com)

Civil Rights Coalition Urges Congressional Leadership to Act Swiftly on Debilitating Jobs Crisis [nclr.org](http://nclr.org)

Democrats' Edge Among Millennials Slips [pewresearch.org](http://pewresearch.org)

DOD lifts ban on USB drives [gcn.com](http://gcn.com)

Does Google Make Us Stupid? [pewresearch.org](http://pewresearch.org)

Ex-Navy doc funds vets-only scholarship [navytimes.com](http://navytimes.com)

Forgotten female POW's story told [armytimes.com](http://armytimes.com)

Former Blackwater Employees Accuse Security Contractor of Defrauding Government [publicintegrity.org](http://publicintegrity.org)

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