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THE SENATE

The Senate is not in Session. At this time, the Senate is expected to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010.

SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST: February 11, 2010

Resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany [H.R.3288](#) (Consolidated Appropriations).

Following any Leader remarks, the time until 9:30am will be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees.

At 9:30am, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report.

No more votes.

Votes:

373: Cloture on Conference Report to accompany [H.R.3288](#) (Consolidated Appropriations);

Invoked: 60-34

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Postponed: Hearing on VA's FY 2011 Budget [veterans.senate.gov](#)

Conrad Remarks at Hearing on Economic Outlook & Risks for Budget & Debt [budget.senate.gov/democratic](#) - [Charts](#)

Conrad Remarks at Hearing on Budget with Treasury Secretary Geithner [budget.senate.gov/democratic](#)

Sen. Gregg's Opening Statement at the Hearing on Feb. 4, 2010 [budget.senate.gov/republican](#)

Baucus, Grassley, Crapo, Roberts, Nelson Applaud Senate Passage of Bill to Fix Unfair Tax Penalties on Small Businesses [finance.senate.gov/Bpress](#)

Baucus comments on Secretary Locke's speech outlining plan to boost U.S. exports [finance.senate.gov/Bpress](#)

Lieberman, Collins hail Martha Johnson's Confirmation [hsgac.senate.gov](#)

Investigations Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Keeping Foreign Corruption Out of the United States: Four Case Histories [hsgac.senate.gov](#)

Senators introduce Bipartisan Bill to Reauthorize Chemical Facility Security Law: Bill continues to provide Department of Homeland Security with authority to protect high-risk facilities [hgac.senate.gov](#)

SENATE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Meeting Good Progress For Putting More Americans Back To Work [democrats.senate.gov](#)

Reid Statement On The Passing Of Congressman Murtha [democrats.senate.gov](#)

Reid Statement On The President's Bipartisan Congressional Health Reform Meeting [democrats.senate.gov](#)

Reid, Senate and House Democrats Join The Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute To Celebrate The 97th Birthday Of Civil Rights Icon [democrats.senate.gov](#)

Reid, Durbin, Baucus, Dorgan, Schumer Discuss Jobs Agenda [democrats.senate.gov](#)

 Republicans on Democrats' Budget: Here We Go Again [republican.senate.gov](#)

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

VA vows to improve tracking of Military Sexual Trauma care [akaka.senate.gov](#)

Statement on Mayor Frank Fasi [akaka.senate.gov](#)

Begich Urges Legislators to Protect Campaign Finance Laws [begich.senate.gov](#)

Senator Roland W. Burris Joins Majority Leader Harry Reid and Congressional Colleagues to Honor Legacy of Rosa Parks [burris.senate.gov](#)

Senator Inouye's statement following the passing of former Mayor Frank F. Fasi [inouye.senate.gov](#)

Isakson Votes Against Labor Lawyer to Serve on National Labor Relations Board [isakson.senate.gov](#)

Isakson Seeks Details on Massive Census Advertising Campaign That Includes Expensive Super Bowl Ad: Concerned with Amount of Taxpayer Dollars Spent by the Census Bureau during Difficult Economic Times [isakson.senate.gov](#)

Isakson, Chambliss: Improving Immigration Laws Will Help Unemployment [isakson.senate.gov](#)

Senator McConnell Welcomes Senator Scott Brown [mcconnell.senate.gov](#)

Howard Hanson Dam: WA Congressional Delegation Calls for Urgency, Cooperation to Keep Dam Fix on Track [murray.senate.gov](#)

Geithner Pledges to Work With Sen. Murray to Stabilize Community Banks, Improve Lending to Small Businesses [murray.senate.gov](#)

Murray Applauds Senate Confirmation of Patricia Smith for Solicitor of Labor [murray.senate.gov](#)

Snowe, Murray, Mikulski and Bingaman Announce Resolution to Recognize Women in Athletics [murray.senate.gov](#)

Nelson Says Every Federal Budget Should Be Scoured For Ways to Cut Government Spending [bennelson.senate.gov](#)

Tester launches online Haiti resource center [tester.senate.gov](#)

Webb, Boxer Introduce Bill to Recoup Wall Street Bonuses Paid with Taxpayer Dollars [webb.senate.gov](#)

SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

Cardin: U.S. Needs to Keep Pace Developing Energy Technology [cardin-MD/rollcall.com](#)

NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

No issues today

FUTURE NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: PRESIDENT

President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts [whitehouse.gov](#)

President Obama Signs New Jersey Disaster Declaration [whitehouse.gov](#)

Statement by the President on the Passing of Congressman John Murtha [whitehouse.gov](#)

Weekly Address: President Obama Calls for New Steps to Support America's Small Businesses [whitehouse.gov](#)

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: VICE PRESIDENT

No issues today

STATEMENTS and RELEASES

Dr. Christina Romer Discusses the Economic Report of the President [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

Face of Defense: Wounded Soldier Continues Service [defense.gov](#)

Military Olympians: Soldier Shoots for Olympic First [defense.gov](#)

Review Strikes Right Balance for Military, Admiral Says [defense.gov](#)

Sexual Assault Task Force Urges More Oversight [defense.gov](#)

DEPARTMENT of the AIR FORCE

Ellsworth Airmen participate in training with local sheriff's department [af.mil](#)

Lackland, Randolph become part of Joint Base San Antonio [af.mil](#)

SecAF discusses way ahead in Iraq, Afghanistan [af.mil](#)

Secretary visits Southwest Asia, outlines Air Force priorities [af.mil](#)

DEPARTMENT of the ARMY

CSA checks training of new 'combat advisors' at JRTC [army.mil](#)

Rev. Jesse Jackson visits Wiesbaden servicemembers, families [army.mil](#)

Warrior University provides a degree at three [army.mil](#)

DEPARTMENT of the NAVY

NAVSEA Hosts First NCR Wounded Warrior Hiring and Support Conference [navy.mil](#)

Navy Mission Assurance Analysts impact Haiti restoration and recovery efforts [navsea.navy.mil](#)

Navy Surgeon General Discusses Support Available To Wounded Warriors at Hiring, Support Conference [navy.mil](#)

New Detailing Business Rules Improving Fleet Manning [navy.mil](#)

New Ombudsman Program Information Online to Assist Commanders [navy.mil](#)

All Hands: Pegasus of the Fleet; the Navy's Flying Warrants [February 2010](#)

DoD MEDICINE and TRICARE

First CG10 MEDCAP brings together 6 nations to treat patients [army.mil](#)

Military Medical Personnel Aid Haiti Relief, Maintain Presence at Home [tricare.mil](#)

Navy Transports Civilian Doctors and Nurses to Support Relief Effort [navy.mil](#)

Preventive Services Come Standard with TRICARE [tricare.mil](#)

e Military Health System Blog [mhs.osd.mil](#)

DoD MILITARY BLOOD

Give Blood! Give Often! [militaryblood.mil](#) - Where to Give! [militaryblood.mil](#)

DoD and FEDERAL CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

Makin Island Recognized for Community Service [navy.mil](#)

Pentagon raises record \$17 million for CFC campaign [af.mil](#)

DoD: CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity Seizes More Attention, Budget Dollars [defense.gov](#)

UNITED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the HEALTH SCIENCES

USU Electronic Newsletters: Vol. 4, Issue 18, [November 9, 2009](#)

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Aviation assets provide capability, flexibility for 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Haiti [marines.mil](#)

Fighting a thinking enemy; Marines, Afghan forces engage Taliban with more than brute force [marines.mil](#)

Yuma squadron schools up on Corps' newest mobile ATC gear [marines.mil](#)

DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY

CBP Offers Tips for Easy Travel for Travelers Going to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games [cbp.gov](#)

Report Suspicious Activity to 1-800-BE-ALERT

DEPARTMENT of HOUSING and URBAN DEVELOPMENT

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of LABOR

Job Openings and Labor Turnover [bls.gov](#)

Major Work Stoppages in 2009 [bls.gov](#)

US Labor Department seeks public comments on lifetime income options for retirement

No issues today

FUTURE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

February 10, 2010: POSTPONED Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on VA's FY 2011 Budget 9:30 a.m.; 418 Russell

February 16 - 17, 2010 SVAC will conduct field hearings in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, on benefits and health care issues, to be conducted by Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK)

BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

No issues today

TRANSCRIPTS

The Senate Budget Committee Holds Hearing on Economic Outlook and Risks For the Federal Budget and Debt

Sens. Lieberman, McCain, Kyl and Bayh Hold News Conference on Iran

VACANCY: 111th Congress, First Session

No issues today

EXTERNAL SENATE PRESS

Baucus-Grassley Jobs Bill Set Aside [cq.com](#)

Ben Nelson will back GOP filibuster [politico.com](#)

Blizzard shuts down Hill [politico.com](#)

Bond: White House should apologize for intel leak, not me [thehill.com](#)

Can Judd Gregg help White House save health bill? [politico.com](#)

Corker Takes Lead Role in Talks on Overhaul of Financial Regulations [cq.com](#)

Democratic Staff Crafting Plan to Beat Filibuster [rollcall.com](#)

Harkin Calls for Change in Senate Filibuster Rules [cq.com](#)

Harry Reid ready to play at recess [politico.com](#)

Harry Reid scales back Senate jobs bill, reflecting voter anger [csmonitor.com](#)

Kerry: 'Dead wrong' to write obituary on climate change bill [thehill.com](#)

Kit Bond: John Brennan 'needs to go' [politico.com](#)

Levin urges end to hold on Pentagon nominees [airforcetimes.com](#)

Max Baucus, Chuck Grassley cut deal on jobs [politico.com](#)

More snow still to come, but Senate plans to go ahead on Tuesday votes [thehill.com](#)

Nelson defects from Dems over trials [thehill.com](#)

Norm Dicks could be boon for Boeing [politico.com](#)

Reid hopes for bipartisanship on jobs proposal at Thursday meeting [thehill.com](#)

Reid: Jobs bill to come with Republican help [thehill.com](#)

Reid to offer jobs bill [thehill.com](#)

Richard Shelby lifts hold on Obama nominees [politico.com](#)

Richard Shelby not done jamming nominations [politico.com](#)

Sen. Burr: This snow is 'nothing' [thehill.com](#)

Sen. Kaufman: Palin backers 'don't follow what's really happening' in U.S. [thehill.com](#)

Sen. Shelby puts hold on all Obama nominees [thehill.com](#)

Sens. Dodd and Corker to take lead on financial reform overhaul [thehill.com](#)

Senate Democrats plan jobs talk, Thursday session despite storm [thehill.com](#)

Senate Democrats Will Meet Thursday [rollcall.com](#)

Senate jobs bill: What's missing [Reid-NV, McConnell-KY] [cnn.com](#)

Senate postponing votes until Tuesday [thehill.com](#)

Senate Republicans Say No Jobs Deal Yet [rollcall.com](#)

Senators Chris Dodd and Bob Corker negotiate financial reform [politico.com](#)

Single Republican Holds Down Senate Over Personal Earmarks [Shelby-AL] [alternet.org](#)

Specter, Sestak clash at party event [politico.com](#)

Specter wins party nod, but not hearts [politico.com](#)

Two Victories for Mary Landrieu [politico.com](#)

Washington struggles to act [McConnell-KY, Reid-NV, Schumer-NY, Brown-MA] [politico.com](#)

THE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

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HOUSE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

No issues today

HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Due to the inclement weather all Committee hearings scheduled for the week of February 8, 2010 are postponed and will be rescheduled [veterans.house.gov](#)

Obama Budget 2011: Investing in America's Veterans [veterans.house.gov](#)

Committee Holds Hearing on VA Budget Request [republicans.veterans.house.gov](#)

Statement from Rep. Jerry Lewis on the Passing of Rep. Jack Murtha

[republicans.appropriations.house.gov](#)

SKELTON: Murtha a "first class Marine and Member of Congress"

[armedservices.house.gov](#)

Energy & Commerce Subcommittee to Hold Hearing on Anthem Blue Cross Premium

Hike [energycommerce.house.gov](#)

Chairmen Request Information From Auto Insurers About Toyota Complaints

[energycommerce.house.gov](#)

Republicans Seek Answers on Missing \$25M In D.C. HIV/AIDS Grant Money

[republicans.energycommerce.house.gov](#)

Frank Statement on Consumer Protection [house.gov/financialsvcs_dem](#)

Financial Services Committee Postpones All Hearings this Week

[house.gov/financialsvcs_dem](#)

Chairman Towns, Issa Reschedule Committee Hearing to Examine Toyota's Sudden

Acceleration Problem and the Federal Government's Response [oversight.house.gov](#)

 Video: CBS News Investigation of Allegations at FAMS Field Offices

[oversight.house.gov](#)

Issa Asks Towns to Invite Bush Administration Officials to Testify at Toyota Hearing

[republicans.oversight.house.gov](#)

Issa to Holder: Produce Documents that Led to Your Decision to Try KSM in New York

[republicans.oversight.house.gov](#)

HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Pelosi Statement on White House Meeting on Job Creation, Deficit Reduction

plans [dol.gov](#)

DEPARTMENT of the TREASURY

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

NEW! Secretary Shinseki Mourns Loss of Rep. Murtha - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki mourned the loss of Rep. John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations' subcommittee on defense and a champion of the Nation's Veterans

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS: INSPECTOR GENERAL

No issues today

CENTERS for DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

CDC 2009 H1N1 Flu Update [cdc.gov](#)

Effectiveness of a Second Cochlear Implant, New Life for Damaged Hair Cells Among Topics to be Featured at International Conference of Ear, Nose, and Throat Researchers [nih.gov](#)

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day [niaid.nih.gov](#)

Panel Calls for Reducing Colorectal Cancer Deaths by Striking Down Barriers to

Screening [cancer.gov](#)

Racial/Ethnic Disparities Among Children with Diagnoses of Perinatal HIV Infection — 34 States, 2004-2007 [cdc.gov/mmwr](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

No issues today

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

No issues today

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

No issues today

FOOD and DRUG ADMINISTRATION

FDA Approves New Indication for Crestor [fda.gov](#)

FDA Unveils Initiative to Reduce Unnecessary Radiation Exposure from Medical Imaging Initiative to focus on 3 types of procedures with high radiation doses [fda.gov](#)

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

INSTITUTE of MEDICINE

Policy Issues in the Development of Personalized Medicine in Oncology. Workshop

Summary [iom.edu](#) - [read on-line](#)

INSTITUTE of MEDICINE: EVENTS

February 11, 2010 The Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise: Innovative Strategies to Enhance Products from Discovery Through Approval [iom.edu](#)

February 11, 2010 Meeting 2: Committee on Social Security HIV Disability Criteria [iom.edu](#)

INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER

No issues today

NATIONAL GUARD and RESERVE

Defense review foresees long-term role for National Guard [army.mil](#)

Georgia Guardsmen set up radio stations for Afghan villagers [ng.mil](#)

National Guard to assist Puerto Rico police [ng.mil](#)

NATIONAL INSTITUTES of HEALTH

No issues today

NATIONAL INSTITUTES of STANDARDS and TECHNOLOGY

No issues today

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Lab plays key role in Department of Energy's artificial retina project [llnl.gov](#)

Scientists Awarded Grant to Design Anti-Botulism Drugs: \$1.4 million will aid

Brookhaven Lab-Stony Brook researchers in quest for new treatments [bnl.gov](#)

NATIONAL OCEANIC and ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION & NATIONAL ACADEMIES

No issues today

OFFICE of PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal agencies in the Washington, DC, area are OPEN under a DELAYED

ARRIVAL/UNSCHEDULED LEAVE policy. Employees should plan to arrive for work no

more than 2 hours later than they would normally arrive, and employees who cannot report

for work may take unscheduled leave. [opm.gov](#)

SECURITIES and EXCHANGE COMMISSION

No issues today

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

UNITED STATES CENSUS

No issues today

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

No issues today

US CERT - COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

Cisco Releases Advisory for IronPort Encryption Appliance [us-cert.gov](#)

Microsoft Releases February Security Bulletin [us-cert.gov](#)

Oracle Releases Security Alert for WebLogic Server Vulnerability [us-cert.gov](#)

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Pelosi Statement on the Passing of Congressman John Murtha [speaker.gov](#)
Pelosi Statement on President's Call to Hold Bipartisan Discussion on Health Insurance Reform [speaker.gov](#)
Pelosi Statement on January Jobs Report [speaker.gov](#)
Pelosi Remarks Before Meeting with Gianfranco Fini, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies [speaker.gov](#)
Pelosi Statement on House Passage of Bipartisan Cybersecurity Enhancement Act [speaker.gov](#)
Pelosi on Passage of PAYGO Legislation: This Will Put Us on a Path of Deficit Reduction [speaker.gov](#)
Boehner to President Obama: Commissions Are Nice, But We Need to Start Cutting Spending Now [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
White House Health Care Summit: Honest, Bipartisan Conversation Or Set-Up For Another Democratic Backroom Deal? [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
Republicans Respond to Misleading White House Statements on National Security [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
Confirmed: GOP Health Care Plan Meets All Of President Obama's "Core Goals" For Reform [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
Democratic Efforts Help Create, Save Jobs [majorityleader.gov](#)
Hoyer Statement on National Export Initiative [majorityleader.gov](#)
More Signs of Recovery as Unemployment Rate Falls [majoritywhip.house.gov](#)
Hoyer: PAYGO Brings Our Country More Fiscal Discipline Than It Has Seen In Nearly a Decade [majorityleader.gov](#)
Clyburn: PAYGO Budget Rules Mark a Return to Fiscal Discipline [majoritywhip.house.gov](#)
Boehner Taps Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) to Serve as House GOP Leadership Chairman [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
Boehner on the Radio: Obama Administration has "No Overarching Strategy" to "Take on the Terrorists" [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
Boehner: Bipartisanship is Not "Saying One Thing And Doing Another" [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
Boehner: Washington Democrats Vote to Continue Unprecedented Spending Binge [republicanleader.house.gov](#)
Cantor talks to Greta about White House Summit and Health Care Costs [republicanwhip.house.gov](#)
Cantor on the President's Health Care Summit & Lowering Health Care Costs [republicanwhip.house.gov](#)
Cantor: The President and Speaker Pelosi Fail to Encourage Job Creation [republicanwhip.house.gov](#)

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Congressman Adler Votes For Fiscal Responsibility [adler.house.gov](#)
Boyd Sends PAYGO Legislation to President's Desk [boyd.house.gov](#)
Brown Says the Democrats' Fiscally Reckless Agenda Harms South Carolinians: Palmetto State Needs Fiscally Responsible Legislation, Not More Debt and Taxes [brown.house.gov](#)
Buchanan Opposes Debt Increase : Calls For Balanced Budget Amendment [buchanan.house.gov](#)
Congressman Buyer: Spending Spree Continues as Congress Increases Debt Limit [stevebuyer.house.gov](#)
House Democrat Budget Pushes Nation towards Fiscal Disaster [carter.house.gov](#)
DeGette Supports PAYGO [degette.house.gov](#)
Edwards Makes Pay As You Go Policies Permanent Law to Restore Fiscally Responsible Budgeting & Strengthen Economy [edwards.house.gov](#)
See How The Recovery Act Has Created More Than 6,800 Arizona Jobs [grijalva.house.gov/redirect to recovery.gov](#)
Progressive Caucus Calls on Leadership to Put Public Option Back On The Health Reform Agenda [grijalva.house.gov](#)
Halvorson Veterans Amendment Passes, Will Help Increase Scholarship Opportunities [halvorson.house.gov](#)
Halvorson Votes to Bring Fiscal Responsibility to Congress, House & Senate Pass PAYGO [halvorson.house.gov](#)
Hare Supports Measure Aimed at Reducing Deficit [hare.house.gov](#)
PAYGO Heads to President's Desk for Signature [hersethsandlin.house.gov](#)
Kennedy Presents Local Veterans with Service Medals [patrickennedy.house.gov](#)
Larson's Campaign Finance Reform Bill Garners Support From Majority of House Democrats [larson.house.gov](#)
McNerney Opposes Nearly \$2 Trillion Increase in Federal Government Debt [mcnerney.house.gov](#)
Michaud Votes to Send Major Fiscal Discipline Reform to President [michaud.house.gov](#)
Michaud Praises Release of Health Care Assistance for Jobless Mainers [michaud.house.gov](#)
House Passes Bill to Improve Cybersecurity [michaud.house.gov](#)
Moran Fights for Taxpayers: Opposes Increased Government Borrowing [jerrymoran.house.gov](#)
House Passes Glenn Nye's Amendment to Review Cybersecurity Measures [nye.house.gov](#)
Rodriguez inserts amendment into House Cybersecurity Bill [rodriguez.house.gov](#)
Blue Dog Rep. Zack Space votes for PayGo Rules, against Debt Limit Increase [space.house.gov](#)
Congressman Harry Teague Announces "Harry in Your Hometown" Event in Hobbs [teague.house.gov](#)
Congressman Harry Teague Votes for Pay-As-You-Go Budgeting in Washington [teague.house.gov](#)
Debt Limit Increase will Slow Economic Growth [house.gov/wamp](#)

SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

Pay as you Go to become Law: : Major element of Blue Dog Blueprint for Fiscal Reform will drive down deficits, reduce out-of-control government spending [house.gov/melancon/BlueDogs](#)

FUTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

February 10, 2010: POSTPONED HVAC Subcommittee on Health Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4241, a bill modifying State Veterans Home reimbursement authorities in response to complications in the implementation of amendments made in Public Law 111-111



U.S. COURT of APPEALS for VETERANS CLAIMS

[USCAVC Opinions](#)

EXTERNAL PRESS: FEDERAL COURTS

No issues today

STATE GOVERNMENTS

EXTERNAL PRESS

Weekly wrap: Fed report doubts energy states will recover first [stateline.org](#)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

HELSINKI COMMISSION

Postponed : Helsinki Commission to Host Conversation on French Muslims [csce.gov](#)

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Nuclear for Newcomers [iaea.org](#)

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Germany: 2010 Article IV Consultation Concluding Statement of the IMF Mission [imf.org](#)

UNITED NATIONS

Ban, General Assembly call for Olympic Truce ahead of Vancouver Games [un.org](#)

WORLD BANK

Africa: Fighting the Global Economic Crisis through Private Enterprise, Innovation and Integration [worldbank.org](#)

EXTERNAL ARTICLES

50 more female RDCs sought [navytimes.com](#)

75% Are Angry At Government's Current Policies [rasmussenreports.com](#)

A Double-A U.S.A.? [wsj.com](#)

Adm. defends Lejeune hospital quality of care [navytimes.com](#)

Air Force, IBM plan to demonstrate secure cloud computing [gcn.com](#)

Air Force sets release date for tanker RFP [airforcetimes.com](#)

Americans advised to get H1N1 vaccine [cmn.com](#)

Americans See Life Through Rosiest Lens in Two Years [gallup.com](#)

Bernanke lays out plan for tighter money [cmn.com](#)

Big bonuses come with CSRB update [armytimes.com](#)

Centralia, Pa., coal fire is one of hundreds that burn in the U.S.: The underground coal fire that has slowly consumed Centralia, Pa., isn't unusual. Many such fires burn around the world [csmonitor.com](#)

Computer program paves way for artificial pancreas [latimes.com](#)

D.C. mayor says federal funds on the way for snowstorm cleanup [thehill.com](#)

FDA Wants New Safety Standards for Some X-Rays: CT Scans and Other X-Ray Tests Have Officials Worried About Radiation Exposure [abcnews.go.com](#)

Federal IT budget heads for the cloud(s) [fcw.com](#)

Foreclosure mystery: Why can't conservative Utahns afford their mortgage? Utah missed the big property run-ups in California and elsewhere, but it's No. 5 in foreclosures, according to a new RealtyTrac study [Geithner Defends U.S. Bond Rating csmonitor.com wsj.com](#)

Greenspan: Recession 'over' [politico.com - marketwatch.com](#)

Greenspan Says Unemployment Not Likely to Fall Soon [businessweek.com](#)

Jobless rate edges downward to 9.7, but economy sheds jobs [thehill.com](#)

New jolt for healthcare reform? Insurer hikes rates 39 percent. Democrats are using the decision of WellPoint to raise rates for some customers by as much as 39 percent – despite a \$4.75 billion profit – to rally supporters. [csmonitor.com](#)

No Exit in Sight for U.S. As Fannie, Freddie Flail [wsj.com](#)

Number of job seekers per job opening remains high in December [epi.org](#)

Nurse to Stand Trial for Reporting Doctor [nytimes.com](#)

Obama Administration Makes Grants for Health IT

Obama administration awarding \$975 million to advance health information technology [abcnews.go.com](#)

Obama Doesn't 'Begrudge' Bonuses for Blankfein, Dimon [businessweek.com](#)

Obama strategy widens assault on terrorists [armytimes.com](#)

President Clinton in hospital for treatment [csmonitor.com](#)

Report: Federal government closing Monday [thehill.com](#)

Reports: Defense Department chooses CIO [gcn.com](#)

Six in 10 Overweight or Obese in U.S., More in '09 Than in '08 [gallup.com](#)

Slow Snow Recovery in Mid-Atlantic [nytimes.com](#)

pray-on liquid glass is about to revolutionize almost everything [physorg.com](#)

Standard of Living: North Dakotans the Most Satisfied [gallup.com](#)

The Corporation for Supportive Housing's Returning Home Initiative: System Change

Accomplishments after Three Years [urban.org](#)

The Quiet Coup [theatlantic.com](#)

US unemployment rate falls in January [wikinews.org](#)

Vets wrongly charged for free care, IG finds [marinecorpstimes.com](#)

White House announces televised health meet [politico.com](#)

What's the big picture for federal health IT budgets? [fcw.com](#)

'Widows' tax' still survives [marinecorpstimes.com](#)

1:00 pm, Room 334 Cannon

February 10, 2010: POSTPONED HVAC Subcommittee on Health Hearing: The Veterans Health Administration's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, with a special interest in construction. Acting Under Secretary for Health Gerald Cross is expected to testify immediately following legislative hearing.; 334 Cannon HOB

February 11, 2010: POSTPONED HVAC Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Hearing: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General and Office of Information Technology Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2011. Assistant Secretary Roger Baker is expected to testify for OIT; the Subcommittee has contacted OIG separately to arrange its witness.

10:00 a.m.; Room 334

February 11, 2010: POSTPONED HVAC Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3257, H.R. 3484, H.R. 3579, H.R. 3813, H.R. 3948, H.R. 3979, H.R. 4079, H.R. 4203, H.R. 4359, and H.R. 4469

1:00 pm, Room 334 Cannon

February 24, 2010 House Veterans' Affairs will hold a hearing entitled, "Exploring the Relationship between Medication and Veteran Suicide."

10:00 a.m.; Cannon 334

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. [previously listed as 2/11 in error]

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

The House Veterans Affairs Committee Holds Hearing on President Obama's Fiscal 2011 Budget Request and Fiscal 2012 Advanced Appropriations Request for the Veterans Affairs Department

Reps. Van Hollen and Kucinich Interviewed on MSNBC

VACANCY: 111th Congress, First Session

Rep. John Murtha [PA-12] died February 8, 2010

EXTERNAL HOUSE PRESS

Barney Frank rips Gates over 'Don't ask, don't tell' review thehill.com

Brennan: GOP was briefed on Xmas bomber arrest [Hoekstra-MI] politico.com

Conyers goes to bat for reverse discrimination washingtonexaminer.com

Delegate requests FEMA help for D.C. politico.com

Former Berry Aide Enters Race to Succeed Congressman rollcall.com

House cancels Tuesday votes politico.com

House suspends votes for rest of week, Senate may be out starting Wednesday thehill.com

Hoyer: No House Votes This Week rollcall.com

Key Dem wants to pause discharges of gay service members [Davis-CA; Armed Services] thehill.com

Murtha death raises questions over preventable medical errors politico.com

Nancy Pelosi resists President Obama on jobs plan politico.com

Norm Dicks in line to follow Murtha on defense panel washingtonpost.com

Pa. seat is latest Democratic worry politico.com

Patrick J. Kennedy Won't Seek Re-election cq.com

Pelosi Makes Her Case: A Majority Is 51 Votes rollcall.com

Pelosi Urges Party Faithful to Get Involved rollcall.com

Pete King: Brennan's an "egomaniac" politico.com

Rep. Conyers: I'm not talking about my wife freep.com

Rep. Ehlers, a moderate Republican, announces retirement usatoday.com

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart to retire; brother Mario may run for his seat thehill.com

Rep. Watson to retire thehill.com

IN MEMORIAM

Charlie Wilson's way politico.com - rollcall.com

Rep. John Murtha dies at 77 thehill.com - politico.com

Rep. John Murtha: lifelong hawk, military backer, brazen earmarker csmonitor.com

JOINT 111th CONGRESS ROSTERS

Official List of the Members of the House of Representatives of the United States: One Hundred Eleventh Congress clerk.house.gov

Senators of the 111th Congress senate.gov

Casualty List: 111th Congress 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

The Joint Economic Committee Holds Hearing on the January Unemployment Figures

JOINT EXTERNAL MEMBER PRESS

AF tanker deal in question after Murtha's death federalnewsradio.com

Black leaders intend to press Congress for minority hiring in jobs legislation thehill.com

Democrats Applaud Jobless Rate, But More Must Be Done [rollcall.com](#)
Democrats Turn More Negative Toward Congress: Overall approval of Congress now 18%, the lowest in over a year [gallup.com](#)
Obama anti-terror adviser lashes out at lawmakers [Bond-CT; Boehner-OH] [reuters.com](#)
Obama tells nervous Democrats: We'll lead party through storm [politico.com](#)
Patrick Kennedy: Scott Brown's candidacy 'a joke' [thehill.com](#)
What Pols Are Heading to the Super Bowl and Other Results of ProPublica's Super Bowl Blitz [propublica.org](#)

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Recovery Act: IRS Quickly Implemented Tax Provisions, but Reporting and Enforcements Improvements Are Needed
[GAO-10-349](#), February 10, 2010

GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

No issues today

FUTURE GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

February 10, 2009 GAO Entrance Conference: Federal efforts to monitor the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) and its affiliates' use of federal funding (GAO Job Code 440849) 10:00 a.m.; VACO Room 446 (810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.)
February 16, 2010 GAO Entrance Conference: Composition and Size of Federal Protective Service (FPS) Law Enforcement Workforce (Job Code 543258) 12:00 p.m.; Room 530, VACO (810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.)

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Monthly Budget Review **February 2010**
The Budget and Economic Outlook [cbo.gov](#)

CBO COST ESTIMATES

[H.R. 3695](#), Help Find the Missing Act

CBO NEWS

No issues today

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

CRS Issue Statement on Veterans' Benefits [cq.com](#)

OFFICE of the FEDERAL REGISTER

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

No issues today

RECOVERY.GOV

No issues today

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Reid, Senate and House Democrats Join The Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute To Celebrate The 97th Birthday Of Civil Rights Icon [democrats.senate.gov](#)
Colleagues to Honor Legacy of Rosa Parks [burris.senate.gov](#)

THE FLUFFY WHITE STUFF

Area Closings [washingtonpost.com](#)
Delays as drivers return to roads [washingtonpost.com](#)
What's open: Theaters, museums, shops, more [washingtonpost.com](#)

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