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THE SENATE

The Senate will convene at 10:00 a.m.

SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

Morning Business for 1 hour with senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. The Republicans will control the first half and the Majority will control the final half.

Following morning business, the Senate will turn to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Barbara Keenan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. The time until 12:15pm will be equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions or their designees.

At 12:15pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Keenan nomination.

Votes:

12:15pm Cloture vote on the nomination of Barbara Keenan to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the 4th Circuit

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Akaka and Shinseki agree on Need to Reform VA Claims System veterans.senate.gov

SENATE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Reid Statement On Recent Earthquake In Chile democrats.senate.gov

Reid: Helping Out-Of-Work Americans Put Food On The Table Is About People, Not Process democrats.senate.gov

Reid Statement On The Passage Of The Travel Promotion Act democrats.senate.gov

Reid: Out-Of-Work Nevadans Left Vulnerable Because Of Republican Delay Tactics democrats.senate.gov

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

Begich Statement on Block of Unemployment Benefits for Alaskans begich.senate.gov

Sen. Brown Receives Award from National Guard Association in Columbus brown.senate.gov

Hutchison Statement on Veterans Affairs' Decision to Reconsider Rejected Claims of Gulf War Vets hutchison.senate.gov

Isakson Urges Budget Leaders to Include 'Pay It Back' Plan in Budget: Repeats Call for TARP Repayments to Go to Reducing Deficit isakson.senate.gov

South Dakota Delegation Supports Governor's Disaster Requests and Asks President for Emergency Declarations johnson.senate.gov

Landrieu Comments on Bipartisan White House Health Care Summit landrieu.senate.gov

Bayh Makes Good On Friendly Super Bowl Wager with Landrieu landrieu.senate.gov

McConnell Comments on Health Care Summit mcconnell.senate.gov

Republicans Block Jobless Aid for Thousands of Rhode Islanders reed.senate.gov

Reid Discusses Benefits of Travel Promotion Act for Nevada reid.senate.gov

Reid Honors African-American Stunt Men And Women reid.senate.gov

Rockefeller – Efforts to delay help for the West Virginians in need of assistance "Shameful" rockefeller.senate.gov

Rockefeller Statement on final Senate passage of the Travel Promotion Act rockefeller.senate.gov

Sanders Announces Federal Funds for Thirty-Four Senior Centers Across Vermont sanders.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 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

Bob Corker, the Tennessee 'firecracker' politico.com

Bunning Continues Crusade Against Benefits Extension rollcall.com

Bunning's fiscal hardball jams GOP politico.com

Dodd, Corker near key reform deal politico.com

Durbin defends majority-vote tactic for healthcare bill thehill.com

Franken's Goal: I'm Serious Enough rollcall.com

Frustrations grow over lawmakers' failure to tackle repeal of estate tax thehill.com

GOP Girding for Battle Over Reconciliation rollcall.com

GOPs oppose proposal for consumer bureau at Treasury Department [Banking]

THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: PRESIDENT

President Obama Announces Another Key Administration Post whitehouse.gov

President Obama Announces Steps to Reduce Dropout Rate and Prepare Students for College and Careers whitehouse.gov

Presidential Nominations Sent to the Senate whitehouse.gov

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President Biden Announces States Meet Deadline to Put 100 Percent of Recovery Act Highway Dollars to Work whitehouse.gov

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order-- Providing an Order of Succession within the Department of Defense whitehouse.gov

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Presidential Proclamation--Irish American Heritage Month 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

Camp Lemonnier EMF Lends a Helping Hand at Embassy Health Fair aficom.mil

Face of Defense: Son Inspires Marine to Succeed defense.gov

Military Scientists Study Ionospheric defense.gov

Navy in Pacific Responds to Tsunami Warning defense.gov

New Policy Authorizes Social Media Access, With Caveats defense.gov

Two U.S. Vessels Training with Seychelles Coast Guard for Africa Partnership Station aficom.mil

U.S. Hopes NATO's Proposed Reforms Ready This Year defense.gov

USS Nicholas Conducts APS Live At-Sea Drill aficom.mil

DEPARTMENT of the AIR FORCE

Day 20 of '30 Days Through Afghanistan' af.mil

Feb. 26 airpower summary af.mil

National Resource Directory offers single Web site for wounded warriors af.mil

VA officials announce funding for polytrauma center in San Antonio af.mil

DEPARTMENT of the ARMY

Army to balance Iraq drawdown, reset for least impact on Soldiers army.mil

New policy authorizes social media access, with caveats army.mil

Top Army officer visits Hawaiian military families army.mil/slideshows

DEPARTMENT of the NAVY

APS Arrives in Seychelles c6f.navy.mil

CVW 5 continues capability upgrades, lethality with arrival of newer Hawkeye 2000 c7f.navy.mil

Distinguished Sailors Stamps Unveiling in Southern Georgia navy.mil

ONR Global Opens Doors in Prague navy.mil

Top Pentagon Official Discovers Model of Diversity at Corona Warfare Center, Says Navy's Doing Diversity Right navy.mil

Tsunami Warning Cancelled, Pearl Harbor-based Navy Ships to Return navy.mil

U.S. Navy in the Pacific Responds to Tsunami Warning navy.mil

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

DoD MEDICINE and TRICARE

Comfort Delivers Relief Supplies to Haiti navy.mil

Navy Medicine West Welcomes Home 87 from Operation Unified Response Haiti navy.mil

e Military Health System Blog mhs.osd.mil

DoD MILITARY BLOOD

AB Donors Give Blood for the First Time militaryblood.dod.mil

Coast Guard donates blood for good cause uscgsandiego.com

Give Blood! Give Often! militaryblood.mil - Where to Give! militaryblood.mil

DoD ENVIRONMENTALISM

Army helps relocate bald eaglets army.mil

DoD: ATHLETES

Former Soldier drives USA 1 to Olympic gold in four-man bobsled army.mil

Sheppard lieutenant wins cross country championship af.mil

Soldiers are Army Strong in Great Aloha Run army.mil

UNITED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the HEALTH SCIENCES

AFFRI to be designated nuclear historic landmark usuhs.mil

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

24th MEU Marines take MCMAP to the sea marines.mil

Iwo Jima: 65 years later marines.mil

Korean War vets tell their stories marines.mil

Leading from the front; MCTOG Marine awarded Bronze Star Medal marines.mil

DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY

thehill.com

Senators rebrand, recast climate bill as 'cap and trade' becomes politically toxic

thehill.com

Sens. Snowe and Kaufman want more expertise at FCC thehill.com

Shelby Offers GOP Counters to Dodd's Consumer Financial Protection Plan cq.com

Specter's attack hits close to home politico.com

'Urgent' Need for Unemployment Provisions Drives Tax Extenders Bill [Baucus-MT, Bunning-KY] cq.com

U.S. Needs a 'Manufacturing Policy' to Compete Globally, Senators Say [Brown-OH, Graham-SC, Dodd-CT] cq.com

THE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

The House will convene at 12:30 p.m.

HOUSE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

Suspensions (10 Bills)

- 1) [H.Res. 1097](#) - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week (Rep. Lipinski - Science and Technology)
- 2) [H.R. 3820](#) - Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2009 (Rep. Wu - Science and Technology)
- 3) [H.Res. 747](#) - Congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on being named by Forbes magazine as America's Best College for 2009 (Rep. Hall (NY) - Armed Services)
- 4) [H.Res. 699](#) - Expressing the appreciation of Congress for the service and sacrifice of the members of the 139th Airlift Wing, Air National Guard (Rep. Graves - Armed Services)
- 5) [H.Res. 812](#) - Recognizing the significant contributions of the Military Working Dog (MWD) Program to the United States Armed Forces (Rep. Lance - Armed Services)
- 6) [H.Res. 1072](#) - Recognizing Louisiana State University for 150 years of service and excellence in higher education (Rep. Cassidy - Education and Labor)
- 7) [H.Res. 1117](#) - Commending and congratulating the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary (Rep. Lofgren - Education and Labor)
- 8) [H.Res. 1111](#) - Designating March 2, 2010, as "Read Across America Day" (Rep. Markey (CO) - Education and Labor)
- 9) [H.Res. 1112](#) - Congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital (Rep. Thompson (PA) - Education and Labor)
- 10) [H.Res. 362](#) - Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of the National School Lunch Program (Rep. Watson - Education and Labor)

HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

No issues today

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Hall Calls For VA and DoD to Better Track Promising Programs: VA Fails to Monitor Timelines on Pre-Discharge Claims Processing veterans.house.gov

Medical Radiation: An Overview of the Issues energycommerce.house.gov

Murphy: Legislation Helps Create New Jobs in Energy Sector republicans.energycommerce.house.gov

HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Pelosi Applauds House Passage of the Intelligence Authorization Act speaker.gov

Hoyer: Republican Obstruction Makes Hard Times More Difficult For Ordinary Americans majorityleader.gov

Strengthening Our Intelligence and Keeping American Safe majoritywhip.house.gov

Boehner Marks First Anniversary of Tea Party Movement republicanleader.house.gov

Cantor talks Health Care, Reconciliation, and Rep. Rangel on Meet the Press republicanwhip.house.gov

Chairman Towns Hits Toyota For Lack of Disclosure oversight.house.gov

Obama Administration Punting on Freddie-Fannie Until 2011 republicans.oversight.house.gov

GAO: More Comprehensive Strategy Needed for FEMA's Community Preparedness Programs homeland.house.gov

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Congressman Adler Joins Calls for Congressman Charlie Rangel to Step Down as Committee Chair adler.house.gov

Congressman Adler Calls for Increased Lending to Small Businesses during Financial Services and Small Business Committees' Joint Hearing adler.house.gov

Boozman: Ozark VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic Moving Forward boozman.house.gov

Ethics ruling demands Rangel removal carter.house.gov

Chairman Chet Edwards Statement on VA Announcement of Funds for Construction of San Antonio Polytrauma Center edwards.house.gov

Farr Introduces Regional Tourism Bill farr.house.gov

Hall to Host Job Training and Opportunities Fair in [Orange County](#) and in [Westchester County](#)

Halvorson Ranked Eighth Most Moderate Member of Congress halvorson.house.gov

Hare Slams Republican Senator for Causing Lapse in Unemployment/COBRA Safety Net hare.house.gov

Lamborn Asks Secretary Salazar for Complete Monument Document lamborn.house.gov

Larson, DeLauro Support Legislation to End the Import of Toxic Jewelry For Children larson.house.gov

Michaud Requests Input from Mainers on Truck Weight Pilot Program michaud.house.gov

Mainers' Unemployment Benefits to Stop after this Weekend Due to Senate Inaction michaud.house.gov

Mitchell-Backed Bill to Boost Valley Tourism gets Final Approval in Congress mitchell.house.gov

Rodriguez votes to defend America rodriguez.house.gov

Rodriguez testifies at Missions National Historic Park expansion hearing rodriguez.house.gov

Tolson: CIA Needs More Budget, Better Oversight, More Transparency, and Better Oversight

Border Patrol Agents Seize Scuba Gear, Marijuana in Sewer System cbp.gov

CBP Arrests Dominican with Fraudulent Permanent Resident Card cbp.gov

Male Possessed Card Belonging to Female

Report Suspicious Activity to 1-800-BE-ALERT

DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE

Medical Device Manufacturer Guidant Charged in Failure to Report Defibrillator Safety Problems to FDA justice.gov

DEPARTMENT of LABOR

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of the TREASURY

FY 2009 Financial Report of the U.S. Government treasury.gov

Preliminary data from a survey of foreign portfolio holdings of U.S. securities at end-June 2009 treasury.gov

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS: INSPECTOR GENERAL

No issues today

CENTERS for DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

Update: Yellow Fever in Brazil cdc.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

EPA Administrator Names Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr. as Chair of Policy Advisory Group epa.gov

EPA Awards \$7.8 Million in Grants to Combat Greenhouse Gases epa.gov

FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION

CareFirst Employee Sentenced in Maryland for Embezzling More Than \$234,000 baltimore.fbi.gov

Former Fuel Purchaser Arrested for Defrauding Royal Caribbean Cruises miami.fbi.gov

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

[PR-41-2010](#) Umpqua Bank, Roseburg, Oregon, Assumes All of the Deposits of Rainier Pacific Bank, Tacoma, Washington

[PR-40-2010](#) Heritage Bank of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, Assumes All of the Deposits of Carson River Community Bank, Carson City, Nevada

[PR-39-2010](#) FDIC Makes Public January Enforcement Actions; No Administrative Hearings are Scheduled

[PR-38-2010](#) Joint Release/Bank and Thrift Regulatory Agencies and CDFI Fund to Sponsor National Interagency Community Reinvestment Conference

[PR-37-2010](#) FDIC Issues Second Quarter 2010 CRA Examination Schedule

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Statement By FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate On Tsunami Warnings Issued For The Pacific 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

Vice Chairman Donald L. Kohn resigns from Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, effective June 23, 2010 federalreserve.gov

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

FTC Halts Massive Cramming Operation that Illegally Billed Thousands; Alleges Scam Took in \$19 Million over Five Years ftc.gov

FOOD and DRUG ADMINISTRATION

FDA Approves Therapy to Treat Gaucher Disease fda.gov

FDA Update on the Investigation into the Salmonella Montevideo Outbreak fda.gov

International Collaboration: FDA and European Medicines Agency Agree to Accept a Single Orphan Drug Designation Annual Report fda.gov

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

INSTITUTE of MEDICINE

March 1, 2010 Meeting 1: Public Health Effectiveness of the FDA 510(k) Clearance Process iom.edu

INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER

No issues today

NATIONAL GUARD and RESERVE

Nisker to look after Army Guard's warrant officers ng.mil

NATIONAL INSTITUTES of HEALTH

No issues today

NATIONAL INSTITUTES of STANDARDS and TECHNOLOGY

No issues today

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

A New Way Forward for Nanocomposite Nanostructures nrl.navy.mil

Argonne named a 'Best Place' to work for postdocs anl.gov

Four ORNL researchers named American Physical Society fellows ornl.gov

Scientists Get Funding to Design Anti-Botulism Drugs: \$1.4 million will aid Brookhaven Lab-Stony Brook researchers in quest for new treatments bnl.gov

Sandian Named Asian American Engineer of the Year sandia.gov

NATIONAL OCEANIC and ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION & NATIONAL ACADEMIES

NASA Should Strengthen Suborbital Program nasonline.org - [read full report 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

SECURITIES and EXCHANGE COMMISSION

No issues today

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

UNITED STATES CENSUS

Census Takers Begin Hand Delivering 2010 Census Questionnaires to 12 Million U.S. Addresses census.gov

U.S. Senator's Filibuster teague.house.gov
100th "Harry in Your Hometown" to be Held in Las Cruces on Monday
teague.house.gov
Bloom Box Ties to Chattanooga house.gov/tn03_wamp

SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

Congresswoman Lee Attends Signing of Executive Order for White House Initiative on HBCUs thecongressionalblackcaucus.com
Honoring World War II Veteran, Aviator and Community Activist: Mr. Lee Roy Test
Chu-CA-32

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.
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: 111th Congress, First Session

Pennsylvania: 12th District clerk.house.gov
Murtha special election added to May 18 primary schedule thehill.com

EXTERNAL HOUSE PRESS

Battle Grows Over Rangel's Future rollcall.com
Bilbray says health care summit made two aspects clear sdnn.com
Cantor: GOP will win majority if Dems use reconciliation rules thehill.com
Carter to Introduce Third Resolution to Strip Rangel's Gavel rollcall.com
Congress Must Fund Trial of 9/11 Terror Suspects, Official Says hstoday.us
Get to know Rep. Dale Kildee politico.com
Health-care bill may come down to House Democrats: As November approaches, health vote gets harder for some lawmakers marketwatch.com
House Democrats short on votes for jobs bill politico.com
House GOP aims to remove Charlie Rangel's gavel politico.com
Hoyer: Public 'Really Ticked' Over Deficits, Debt rollcall.com
Hoyer: Raising taxes a realistic option for cutting \$12 trillion debt thehill.com
Linder, Deal Shake Up Georgia Landscape rollcall.com
Non-profit faces legal woes after fund-raising for Bachmann politico.com
Panel: Staff Conduct Falls on Members rollcall.com
Pelosi's challenge: Hold the line politico.com politico.com
Pete Stark's bizarre ethics interview politico.com
Ron Paul burned by tea party blowback politico.com
The Big Question: What to do about Rangel? thehill.com
Thompson Pushes DHS on Contracts rollcall.com
Two more House Dems demand Rangel step down as panel head thehill.com
U.S. Rep.: No plot to poison food at Jackson [Wilson-SC] armytimes.com
Walz forms a federal leadership PAC minnesota.publicradio.org

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 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

FUTURE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

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

Democrats dig in for last stand [Byrd-WV, Kyle-AZ; Cantor-VA] politico.com
Dems say over half of GOP on highway to hypocrisy on stimulus thehill.com
'Lawmaker' has become new dirty word on the campaign trail in 2010 thehill.com
Must-pass bills falter in unpopular Congress as Dems blame Republicans thehill.com

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Conversions of Selected Employees from Political to Career Positions at Departments and Selected Agencies

GAO-10-356R, January 29, 2010

Financial Audit: American Battle Monuments Commission's Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2008

GAO-10-399, March 1, 2010

Group Purchasing Organizations: Research on Their Pricing Impact on Health Care

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Coast Guard alerts Alaska's maritime community of potential Tsunami impact
piersystem.com

Coast Guard assists fishing boat and medevacs man in the Florida Keys d7publicaffairs.com

The Coast Guard's Newest Cutter Complete's Maiden Voyage to Homeport
uscgsanfrancisco.com

Tsunami advisory cancelled uscgsandiego.com

U.S. Coast Guard crews conduct port assessments, re-open waterways uscghawaii.com

US CERT - COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

No issues today

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The
★ FEDERAL JUDICIARY ★

U.S. COURT of APPEALS for VETERANS CLAIMS

USCAVC Opinions

EXTERNAL PRESS: FEDERAL COURTS

Court dismisses Uighurs' appeal in detention case washingtonpost.com

STATE GOVERNMENTS

EXTERNAL PRESS

Patchy public health stateline.org

States Move to Revoke Charities' Tax Exemptions nytimes.com

The rush to renewable stateline.org

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

HELSINKI COMMISSION

No issues today

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

IAEA Director General Addresses Board iaea.org

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

IMF Executive Board Concludes 2009 Article IV Consultation with Iraq imf.org

UNITED NATIONS

Somalia: UN envoy congratulates Government leaders on one-year anniversary un.org

UN assisting Chile in aftermath of massive quake un.org

WORLD BANK

Cambodia: Good Health Comes to Chakrey With a Smile worldbank.org

EXTERNAL ARTICLES

3rd Fleet standdown follows electrocution navytimes.com

6 terrific examples of social media policies for employees ragan.com

41,000 Filipino WWII Vets File for Compensation ncmonline.com

AARP Commends Middle Class Task Force For Leadership On Retirement Security
enewspf.com

Address jobs now, deficits later epi.org

An immigration system where everybody wins epi.org

AOA Offers Insight in Honor of 'Save Your Vision Month' ohsonline.com

Bandwidth troubles could threaten Pentagon's new social networking rules thehill.com

Biden: Obama programs will create 100,000 to 200,000 jobs a month usatoday.com

Biden Report Details Middle Class' Struggles courthousenews.com

Biden to Labor Leaders: Things Could Be Worse nytimes.com

Biggest Marathon, Half-Marathon Training Mistakes sciencedaily.com

Canada's last First World War veteran remembered ottawacitizen.com

DOD issues long-awaited social media policy gcn.com

Feds Reassign Heads of Troubled Caregivers Database propublica.org

For better data, hire clerks over contracting officers fcw.com

Former guardsman leads U.S. to bobsled gold marinecorpstimes.com

Global Warming Kicks Up Allergy Storm: Longer pollen seasons, more allergy sufferers are the result, study finds healthday.com

GM recalls 1.3m cars over power steering fault bbc.co.uk

Good Intentions Aren't Enough urban.org

GSA cancels cloud request for quotations: Agency plans to issue a new RFQ for cloud infrastructure as service fcw.com

Hasan to be moved from hospital to jail armytimes.com

Hold off on new GI Bill changes, VA cautions airforcetimes.com

Hospitals and Doctors Drove Up California Health Costs npr.org

Hours Worked By Physicians Have Decreased Steadily In Last Decade
medicalnewstoday.com

InvisibleHand Helps You Find the Best Deals appscout.com

Key U.S. Data Releases and Events ihsglobalinsight.com

Low-fat, Mediterranean and low-carb diets 'help heart' bbc.co.uk

Maker of Girl Scout Cookies Announces Recall bbb.org

Microsoft Shuts Down Major Spam Operation bbb.org

Microsoft to plug Xing social networking into Outlook computerworld.com

Microsoft to target other botnets with legal weapon: Acknowledges it's too soon to judge its fight against Waledac bots networkworld.com

Military chiefs tell Congress they need money for network modernization nextgov.com

NAS Pensacola CO fired; conduct cited navytimes.com

Nearly 40 Percent of Stimulus Paid Out propublica.org

New EU limits on mobile roaming begin: The policy is designed to prevent shocking bills for the use of the mobile Internet while roaming itworld.com

No Finish in Sight for 'Virtual' Border Fence hstoday.us

Obama administration to focus 2011 IT budget on streamlining nextgov.com

Obama signs Patriot Act extension without reforms csmonitor.com

Obama signs Patriot Act extension without reforms " "

Providers

[GAO-10-323R](#), January 29, 2010

Medicare Part D: Spending, Beneficiary Cost Sharing, and Cost-Containment Efforts for High-Cost Drugs Eligible for a Specialty Tier

[GAO-10-242](#), January 29, 2010

Telecommunications: Information Collection and Management at the Federal Communications Commission

[GAO-10-249](#), January 29, 2010

GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

March 2, 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.)

FUTURE GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

No issues today

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Monthly Budget Review [January 2010](#)

CBO COST ESTIMATES

No issues today

CBO NEWS

No issues today

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

No issues today

OFFICE of the FEDERAL REGISTER

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals:

- Application for Cash Surrender or Policy Loan [gpo.gov](#)
- Brand Name or Equal [gpo.gov](#)
- Designation of Beneficiary [gpo.gov](#)
- Ethics Consultation Feedback Tool [gpo.gov](#)

Note: both the text and PDF links were broken and unavailable this morning

RECOVERY.GOV

No issues today

Note: Please address questions regarding Congressional hearings, legislation, and briefings to the Office of Legislative Affairs: 202-461-6492.

Prolonged Cannabis Use Linked To Psychosis [medicalnewstoday.com](#)

RAND Estimates the Potential Impact of President Obama's Health Reform Proposal [rand.org](#)

Robert Barro Is Too Pessimistic about the Impact of the Stimulus [brookings.edu](#)

Stories of Success! New All Call for Health IT Case Studies [himss.org](#)

Support expiring for aging Windows products: Microsoft suggests upgrading or request custom support [gcn.com](#)

Talk Therapy May Treat Low Back Pain: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Beneficial, Cost-effective, U.K. Study Finds [webmd.com](#)

The Aging Brain Is Less Quick, But More Shrewd [npr.org](#)

The End is Nigh for Low Mortgage Rates: Feds may force mods [bankrate.com](#)

The New News Landscape: Rise of the Internet: Understanding the Participatory News Consumer [pewresearch.org](#)

The Teen Brain: It's Just Not Grown Up Yet [npr.org](#)

Tough-Love Judge a Veteran's Lifesaver [cbsnews.com](#)

Unchecked Provider Clout In California Foreshadows Challenges To Health Reform

[healthaffairs.org](#)

What do we need health insurers for anyway? [latimes.com](#)

Wii Games Speed Stroke Rehab: Active Video Games Help Stroke Survivors Regain Arm Strength in Study [webmd.com](#)

