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## THE SENATE

The Senate will convene at 9:30 a.m.

### SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

The senate will proceed to a period of morning business with senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senate reached an agreement to begin consideration of [HR4213](#), an act to provide for certain extenders, at 3pm on Monday, March 1.

There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session of the Senate. The next roll call vote is expected to occur Tuesday morning.

#### Votes:

There will be no roll call votes after 12:00 noon on Friday, February 26.

### SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**February 26, 2010** SVAC Hearing: VA's FY 2011 Budget  
9:30 a.m.; 418 Russell

### SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Conrad Statement on Appointment to Bipartisan Fiscal Commission [budget.senate.gov](#)  
Sen. Gregg's Floor Remarks on the Pay-Go Point of Order

[budget.senate.gov/republican](#)

Waiver of Pay-Go Point of Order Speaks Volumes About Lack of Fiscal Discipline

[budget.senate.gov/republican](#)

Baucus, Grassley Seek Information from Wellpoint, Other California Insurers on Premium Hikes [finance.senate.gov/Bpress](#)

Baucus comment on passage of first jobs bill [finance.senate.gov/Bpress](#)

Grassley Asks Goldman Sachs About Underwriting Fees for Build America Bonds

[finance.senate.gov/Gpress](#)

Grassley Asks HHS to Describe Steps to Ensure Patient Safety When Implementing Health Information Technologies [finance.senate.gov/Gpress](#)

Baucus, Grassley Seek Information from Wellpoint, Other California Insurers on Premium Hikes [finance.senate.gov/Gpress](#)

Lieberman, Collins question DHS on "Shocking," high level of contractors in Department Workforce [hsgac.senate.gov](#)

Lieberman, Collins astounded DHS contract workers exceed number of civilian employees: Seek Assurances Contractors Don't Perform Inherently Governmental Work

[hsgac.senate.gov](#)

Lieberman, Collins question DHS on "Shocking," high level of contractors in Department Workforce [hsgac.senate.gov](#)

### SENATE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Reid Appoints Durbin, Baucus, Conrad To Presidential Commission That Will Help Rein In Spending And Reduce The Deficit [democrats.senate.gov](#)

Republicans Say White House Summit Should Focus on Reducing Health Care Costs

[republican.senate.gov](#)

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

Bayh, Collins Combat Alzheimer's Disease [bayh.senate.gov](#)

Brown Invites Ohioans to Apply For Nomination to U.S. Service Academies

[brown.senate.gov](#)

Graham Named 'ACU Conservative' [lgraham.senate.gov](#)

Kaufman, Isakson Say SEC Action a "Step Forward" But Fails to Solve Naked Short Selling Concerns: Delaware, Georgia Senators dismayed SEC never sought comments on "hard locate" requirement [isakson.senate.gov](#)

Johnson Comments as Fed Chairman Gives Semiannual Address to Banking Committee

[johnson.senate.gov](#)

Landrieu Comments on Future of GM Plant in Shreveport [landrieu.senate.gov](#)

Landrieu Questions Napolitano about Disaster Relief Fund and National Domestic Preparedness Consortium [landrieu.senate.gov](#)

Murray Gets Commitment from Napolitano for Full Briefing on Decision to Cut Back Critical Port Security Detection Devices [murray.senate.gov](#)

Murray Applauds Bipartisan Passage of Jobs Bill, Urges Continued Focus on Growing Economy and Creating Jobs [murray.senate.gov](#)

Senator Murray's Statement on the Pentagon's Release of their Final Request for Proposal for the Aerial Refueling Tanker [murray.senate.gov](#)

Nelson Statement on Jobs Bill [benmelson.senate.gov](#)

Reed Hails Passage of Bipartisan Bill As Critical Step Toward Reviving Economy

[reed.senate.gov](#)

Congressional Delegation Announces \$560,000 for Fire Departments Throughout Rhode Island [reed.senate.gov](#)

Reid Statement on Designating National Monuments [reid.senate.gov](#)

Rockefeller and Byrd applaud President Obama's nomination of two West Virginians to be United States Marshals [rockefeller.senate.gov](#)

Rockefeller votes for Bipartisan Jobs Package [rockefeller.senate.gov](#)

Sanders Wins Community Health Champion Award [sanders.senate.gov](#)

Senator Sanders on Vermont Yankee [sanders.senate.gov](#)

Stop Outsourcing Security [sanders.senate.gov](#)

Tester: Use Wall Street bailout money to pay down national debt [tester.senate.gov](#)

Senator Webb on Navy's Phased Approach to Assign Women to Submarines

[webb.senate.gov](#)

Wicker Discusses the Status of Health Care Reform, Calls for Step-by-Step Approach

[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

## THE WHITE HOUSE

### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: PRESIDENT

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

President Obama Signs Oklahoma Disaster Declaration [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

No issues today

## CABINET DEPARTMENTS and FEDERAL AGENCIES

### DEPARTMENT of DEFENSE

Gates Calls for Building Foreign Troops' Capacity [defense.gov](#)

Military Leads Mental Health Care Transformation [defense.gov](#)

Nine Nations Support Afghan Training Effort [defense.gov](#)

Tanker Solicitation Seeks Fair Competition, Best Value [defense.gov](#)

Updated Web Site Helps Wounded Warriors, Families [defense.gov](#)

### DEPARTMENT of the AIR FORCE

Day 16 of '30 Days Through Afghanistan' [af.mil](#)

Former command chief charged under UCMJ [af.mil](#)

Japanese civic leaders get taste of Kadena mission [af.mil](#)

### DEPARTMENT of the ARMY

Army's budget request prioritizes BCT Modernization [army.mil](#)

Army looks to speed up technology transfer [army.mil](#)

Army steps up warzone contracting oversight [army.mil](#)

Army testing new airdrop system for Afghanistan [army.mil](#)

### DEPARTMENT of the NAVY

Ceremony Honors Pearl Harbor Survivor [navy.mil](#)

Navy, Marine Corps Families Romp the Swamp [navy.mil](#)

NETC Leaders Selected for Navy's CMC Program [navy.mil](#)

Supply Corps 215th Anniversary Observed at CNRFC [navy.mil](#)

Yokosuka's Jewel of the East Recognized for Outstanding Food Service [navy.mil](#)

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

### DoD MEDICINE and TRICARE

Air Force officials remain vigilant in PTSD treatment [af.mil](#)

TRICARE Newsletters Get the Word Out Electronically [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

No issues today

### DoD: CYBERSECURITY

No issues today

### UNITED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the HEALTH SCIENCES

No issues today

### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Marine father claims wrestling championship title [marines.mil](#)

VMM-261 Inserts Troops Into Marjah [marines.mil](#)

### DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE

No issues today

### DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

More than \$1.1 Million in Grants Available for Community-Based Drug Prevention Coalitions [hhs.gov](#)

SAMHSA and Ad Council to Launch Mental Health Campaign for the African American Community: PSAs debut at Howard University and Colleges and Universities Nationwide as part of First Annual HBCU National Mental Health Awareness Day [samhsa.gov](#)

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#### 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.; 412 Russell

#### BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

No issues today

#### TRANSCRIPTS

National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Cornyn Interviewed on CNN

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

No issues today

#### EXTERNAL SENATE PRESS

Ben Nelson irks Dianne Feinstein on rate hikes [politico.com](#)

Bunning's Filibuster of Jobless Benefits Bill Holds Up [rollcall.com](#)

Dodd, Shelby Resume Talks on Financial Overhaul [cq.com](#) - [thehill.com](#)

Graham's talks with White House on Gitmo frustrate House GOP [thehill.com](#)

Lautenberg, Battling Stomach Lymphoma, Leaves Hospital [rollcall.com](#)

Leahy: Patent reform agreement reached [thehill.com](#)

Leahy Withholds Details of Tentative Agreement on Patent Overhaul Measure [cq.com](#)

Lieberman Claims That Settlements Are Not A Major 'Obstacle To An Israeli-Palestinian Peace' [altnet.org](#)

POTUS vs. McConnell complaint [politico.com](#)

Schumer saves it for the elevator [politico.com](#)

SecNav tells Senate he supports DADT repeal [navytimes.com](#)

Sen. Lamar Alexander explains why there'll be no compromise [washingtonpost.com](#)

Senate Passes Tourism Bill; Bunning Blocks Benefits Extender [rollcall.com](#)

Senators blast NASA for lacking vision [Vitter-LA] [ibtimes.com](#)

Senators irked after hearing on Blackwater unit [marinecorpstimes.com](#)

#### THE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### HOUSE FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

**Complete Consideration of H.R. 2701** - Intelligence Authorization Act (Rep. Reyes - Intelligence) (Subject to a Rule)

#### Postponed Suspension Vote (1 Bill):

1. **H.Con.Res. 238** - Recognizing the difficult challenges Black veterans faced when returning home after serving in the Armed Forces, their heroic military sacrifices, and their patriotism in fighting for equal rights and for the dignity of a people and a Nation (Rep. Kissell - Veterans' Affairs)

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**February 26, 2010** House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health Hearing: Medical Radiation: An Overview Of The Issues. At the request of Congressman Frank Pallone, who chairs the Health Subcommittee, Kenneth Mizrach, Director, New Jersey Health Care System will testify as VA's lead witness and provide specifics about East Orange. Michael Hagan, M.D., Ph. D., National Director, Radiation Oncology Program, VHA, will accompany to provide the national perspective.

10:00 a.m.; 2123 Rayburn

**February 26, 2010** House Oversight and Government Reform marks up bills on federal file-sharing security ( HR 4098 ), contractors' tax status ( HR572 ) and simplifying government document language ( HR 946 ). 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn

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

Filner Calls for Improved Care for Veterans Suffering from Post Deployment Stress from Military and VA [veterans.house.gov](#)

Skelton Statement on New KC-X Tanker Request for Proposal [armedservices.house.gov](#)

McKeon Opening Statement for Hearing Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for the United States Army [republicans.armedservices.house.gov](#)

Report: Issa, Jordan Release Report on Administration's Failed Mortgage Modification Policies [republicans.oversight.house.gov](#)

Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Drinking Water: Risks to Human Health and the Environment [energycommerce.house.gov](#)

Chairmen Request Information From American Public Power Association [energycommerce.house.gov](#)

Buying Health Insurance Across State Lines Will Reduce Premium Costs [republicans.energycommerce.house.gov](#)

#### HOUSE LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Pelosi Statement on Michael Tilson Thomas of San Francisco Symphony Being Awarded National Medal of Arts [speaker.gov](#)

Pelosi on Repealing Antitrust Exemption: Health Insurance Companies Will Now Be Playing on the People's Field [speaker.gov](#)

Pelosi: 'He Loved This Congress. He Left Us at the Top of His Game. We'll Miss You, Jack Murtha' [speaker.gov](#)

GOP, Military Officials Support Democratic National Security Policies [majorityleader.gov](#)

Pres. vs Vice Pres: "Pure Theater" [republicanleader.house.gov](#)

Unacceptable? Speaker Pelosi Says 73 Percent Of Americans' Opinions Are "Unacceptable" [republicanleader.house.gov](#)

Fact Check: "Promises On Medicare" [republicanleader.house.gov](#)

Fact Check: "No One Has Talked About Reconciliation" [republicanleader.house.gov](#)

Fact Check: CBO On Premiums. CBO And Democrat Senator Says "It Is True That Some Persons" "Would Find Their Premiums" Going Up [republicanleader.house.gov](#)

Cantor talks Health Care Reform and the President's Health Care Summit on CNBC's "Squawk Box" [republicanwhip.house.gov](#)

#### PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Congressman Adler Supports Efforts to Bring Competition into Health Care Industry [adler.house.gov](#)

Congressman Adler Joins Local Fishermen during Rally in Washington [adler.house.gov](#)

Boehner: Who's Listening to the American People? (Op-Ed on AOL.com)

**NEW!** VA Begins Nationwide GI Bill Advertising Campaign to Reach Student Veterans and Schools - The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced a two-month, nationwide advertising campaign to assist student Veterans and servicemembers applying for the Post-9/11 GI Bill

**NEW!** VA Expands Evaluation of Technology Projects - The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced that all information technology (IT) projects at the Department will now be managed under its program management and accountability system (PMAS)

#### DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS: INSPECTOR GENERAL

**Report Number 09-03851-87**, Healthcare Inspection Alleged Quality of Care Issues Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

#### CENTERS for DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

No issues today

#### 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

No issues today

#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

#### INSTITUTE of MEDICINE

No issues today

#### INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER

No issues today

#### NATIONAL GUARD and RESERVE

Army: Guard equipment readiness still a work in progress [ng.mil](#)

Reserve Marines Produce Chosin Documentary [marines.mil](#)

South Dakota engineer platoon provides route security [ng.mil](#)

Youth ChalleNGe program nears 100,000 graduates [ng.mil](#)

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES of HEALTH

No issues today

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES of STANDARDS and TECHNOLOGY

No issues today

#### NATIONAL LABORATORIES

No issues today

#### NATIONAL OCEANIC and ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION & NATIONAL ACADEMIES

No issues today

#### 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

No issues today

#### UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

No issues today

#### US CERT - COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

No issues today

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★ FEDERAL JUDICIARY ★

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

**USCAVC Opinions**

#### EXTERNAL PRESS: FEDERAL COURTS

No issues today

#### STATE GOVERNMENTS

#### EXTERNAL PRESS

Northrop Grumman move raises stakes for D.C., Maryland, Virginia leaders [washingtonpost.com](#)

Spinning the stimulus [stateline.org](#)

The not-so-fast track for high-speed rail [stateline.org](#)

Vt. Senate blocks nuke plant license [stateline.org](#)

#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### HEALTH COMMISSION

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

Lincoln, Pryor, Boozman and Ross Announce Funds for First Responder Training and Equipment at Nine Arkansas Fire Departments [boozman.house.gov](http://boozman.house.gov)

Boyd Fights to Lower Health Insurance Costs by Enhancing Competition in the Insurance Marketplace [boyd.house.gov](http://boyd.house.gov)

Congresswoman Brown Passes House Resolution to Honor African American Contributions in the Transportation Sector [house.gov/corrinebrown](http://house.gov/corrinebrown)

Statement of the Honorable Corrine Brown, Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials [house.gov/corrinebrown](http://house.gov/corrinebrown)

Monday's Job Fair Offering over 1,000 Jobs; Congressman Buyer Urges Attendees to Visit Website for Job Descriptions [stevebuyer.house.gov](http://stevebuyer.house.gov)

Carter votes for health insurers to abide by same antitrust laws as the rest of the country [carter.house.gov](http://carter.house.gov)

Falls County Congressional Outreach Set for March 18 [carter.house.gov](http://carter.house.gov)

Crenshaw Honored by National Down Syndrome Society for his Leadership on Achieving a Better Life Experience Bill [crenshaw.house.gov](http://crenshaw.house.gov)

DeGette Commends Passage of Legislation to Increase Health Insurance Competition [degette.house.gov](http://degette.house.gov)

Edwards Supports Bipartisan Bill to Increase Competition in Health Insurance Market [edwards.house.gov](http://edwards.house.gov)

Grijalva Receives 100 Percent Score From League of Conservation Voters [grijalva.house.gov](http://grijalva.house.gov)

Veterans Affairs: "Excellent" Silver Cross Facility would "Meet Our Needs" [halvorson.house.gov](http://halvorson.house.gov)

Hare: Only Two Industries Not Covered by Federal Anti-Trust Laws—Major League Baseball and Health Insurance Companies [hare.house.gov](http://hare.house.gov)

Kennedy Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Invest in Children [patrickkennedy.house.gov](http://patrickkennedy.house.gov)

Congressional Delegation Announces \$560,000 for Fire Departments Throughout Rhode Island [patrickkennedy.house.gov](http://patrickkennedy.house.gov)

\$22.3 Million TIGER Grant Will Help Fuel Clean Energy Jobs in RI [patrickkennedy.house.gov](http://patrickkennedy.house.gov)

Nation's Largest Taxpayer Group Honors Congressman Lamborn with "Taxpayers' Friend Award" [lamborn.house.gov](http://lamborn.house.gov)

Congressman Larson to Participate in a Live Interactive Online Town Hall about the Fair Elections Now Act [larson.house.gov](http://larson.house.gov)

House Passes Michaud Backed Bill to Promote Competition in Health Insurance Marketplace [michaud.house.gov](http://michaud.house.gov)

Moran's Statement on Finalized Tanker Competition [jerrymoran.house.gov](http://jerrymoran.house.gov)

Following Letter from Nye, Pentagon Issues Statement About Military Spouse Benefit Program [nye.house.gov](http://nye.house.gov)

Nye Calls Meeting of Hampton Roads Military Affairs Commission [nye.house.gov](http://nye.house.gov)

House passes Perriello-Markey Bill to end Monopoly Protections for Health Insurers [perriello.house.gov](http://perriello.house.gov)

"Billy's Law" Gains House Approval [poe.house.gov](http://poe.house.gov)

Rodriguez votes for competition and fairness in the healthcare industry [rodriguez.house.gov](http://rodriguez.house.gov)

Rodriguez hears testimony on Veterans and Military Suicide Rates [rodriguez.house.gov](http://rodriguez.house.gov)

Space to EPA: Leave Southeastern Ohio Alone [space.house.gov](http://space.house.gov)

Stearns receives an 85-percent Rating from the National Taxpayers Union [stearns.house.gov](http://stearns.house.gov)

Teague, Lujan Cosponsor Bill to Strip Anti-Trust Exemption for Health Insurance Industry [teague.house.gov](http://teague.house.gov)

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Helsinki Commission Welcomes Executive Branch Appointees [csce.gov](http://csce.gov)

**INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION**

Action Plan to Unclog Deliveries of Lifesaving Radiation Sources [iaea.org](http://iaea.org)

**INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**

Europe: Learning Lessons from the Crisis [imf.org](http://imf.org)

IMF Appoints Mr. Shogo Ishii as Director of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific [imf.org](http://imf.org)

**UNITED NATIONS**

Former Rwandan colonel gets 25-year sentence from UN war crimes tribunal [un.org](http://un.org)

UN official counters negative media coverage of Haiti recovery effort [un.org](http://un.org)

**WORLD BANK**

IMF Chief Names Chinese Banker As His Special Advisor [worldbank.org](http://worldbank.org)

**EXTERNAL ARTICLES**

74% Think U.S. in a Recession [rasmussenreports.com](http://rasmussenreports.com)

Afghans drive a hard bargain with U.S. soldiers [armytimes.com](http://armytimes.com)

Airman dies in car wreck near Whiteman [airforcetimes.com](http://airforcetimes.com)

At health-care summit, Obama tells Republicans he's eager to move ahead [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

Biden to unveil new rules on US retirement savings [reuters.com](http://reuters.com)

Cliffs Notes on Obama's health care summit [baltimoresun.com](http://baltimoresun.com)

Creating a Safety Net That Works When the Economy Doesn't: The Role of the Food Stamp and TANF Programs [cbpp.org](http://cbpp.org)

DOD details strict flash drive rules: Devices no longer banned, but still controlled [gcn.com](http://gcn.com)

Effective prostate cancer treatment discovery [monash.edu.au](http://monash.edu.au)

From Nearly Dead To Nearly Done: How The White House Refocused On Health Care To Finish It Off [talkingpointsmemo.com](http://talkingpointsmemo.com)

Health Care Reform Emerges As New Olympian Challenge [publicintegrity.org](http://publicintegrity.org)

How Can Policymakers Cope with Ambiguity? Charles Manski explores the processes of making public policy based on limited information [northwestern.edu](http://northwestern.edu)

Income Trumps Health Status in Young Adults' Coverage [gallup.com](http://gallup.com)

Medical scan makers to install radiation controls: The dosing checks will alert operators whenever the machine's settings exceed recommended levels [latimes.com](http://latimes.com)

Multiple sclerosis, Italian researchers discover a possible onset mechanism for the disease [eurekalert.org](http://eurekalert.org)

Nanotechnologists From the University of Pennsylvania Collaborate to Form Near-Frictionless Diamond Material [upenn.edu](http://upenn.edu)

NSF plans grants for researchers to use cloud platforms [gcn.com](http://gcn.com)

Obama eyes Democrats-only endgame at healthcare summit [thehill.com](http://thehill.com)

Obama Gives Republicans Six Weeks on Health Reform [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)

Pentagon Weapons Test Report Harder to Get Since 9/11 [publicintegrity.org](http://publicintegrity.org)

Personalized medicine in warfarin therapy [eurekalert.org](http://eurekalert.org)

Spending Less Becoming New Norm for Many Americans [gallup.com](http://gallup.com)

Stocks dive at opening following jobless claims [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

U.S. would lose a cyber war, former intell chief warns [fcw.com](http://fcw.com)

VA pulls plug on failing IT projects, saves \$54M [fcw.com](http://fcw.com)

VA to Reopen Gulf War Vets' Files [military.com](http://military.com)

Vets deserve a piece of jobs bill, VFW says [navytimes.com](http://navytimes.com)

Work-share program that cuts hours vs. jobs could grow [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com)

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#### JOINT COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

**February 26, 2010** Joint Economic hearing on policies to create jobs. 10:30 a.m., 216 Hart

#### 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

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No issues today

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Campaign Legal Fees Increasing: New Disclosure Rules, OCE May Explain Rise [rollcall.com](http://rollcall.com)  
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#### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

**Coast Guard: Observations on the Requested Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, Past Performance, and Current Changes**  
[GAO-10-411T](http://GAO-10-411T), February 25, 2010  
**Coast Guard: Service Has Taken Steps to Address Historic Personnel Problems, but It Is Too Soon to Assess the Impact of These Efforts**  
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**Defense Acquisitions: Missile Defense Transition Provides Opportunity to Strengthen Acquisition Approach**  
[GAO-10-311](http://GAO-10-311), February 25, 2010  
**Native American Housing: GAO Survey of Tribal Housing Officials (GAO-10-373SP, February 2010), an E-supplement to GAO-10-326**  
[GAO-10-373SP](http://GAO-10-373SP), February 25, 2010  
**Native American Housing: Tribes Generally View Block Grant Program as Effective, but Tracking of Infrastructure Plans and Investments Needs Improvement**  
[GAO-10-326](http://GAO-10-326), February 25, 2010

#### GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

No issues today

#### FUTURE 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.)

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Using a Different Measure of Inflation for Indexing Federal Programs and the Tax Code [cbo.gov](http://cbo.gov)  
Budgetary Effects of an Alternative Policy Scenario Specified by Ranking Member Ryan [cbo.gov](http://cbo.gov)  
Monthly Budget Review [February 2010](http://February 2010)

#### CBO COST ESTIMATES

[S. 409, Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009](http://S. 409)  
[S. 2889, Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009](http://S. 2889)  
[S. 1147, Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009](http://S. 1147)  
[H.R. 4691, Temporary Extension Act of 2010](http://H.R. 4691)

#### CBO NEWS

No issues today

#### CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

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#### RECOVERY.GOV

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Harry Teague to Host Forum in Honor of Black History Month [teague.house.gov](http://teague.house.gov)  
Naval Air Station Jacksonville Celebrates Black History Month [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)

**THE TAXMAN COMMETH**

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