

A Bottle Battle On Capitol Hill

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The campaign by **House** Speaker Nancy Pelosi to "green the Capitol" -- or at least her half of it -- with more environmentally sensitive products and services has run head-on into two giants of consumerism: The Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo.

After more than a year of changes such as installing energy-efficient vending machines and buying locally grown produce and biodegradable cutlery for the cafeterias, **House** aides are looking into replacing the bottled water of companies such as Coke and Pepsi with water packaged in biodegradable containers.

Jeff Ventura, spokesman for **House** Chief Administrative Officer Daniel P. Beard, confirmed that his office "is currently exploring alternatives to bottled water, including using a vendor that provides water in compostable bottles. These alternatives are still being reviewed." He would not identify the potential vendors under consideration.

The soft drink industry says it's incensed. "Legislators are picking sound-bite environmentalism over sound public policy in a drive to appease liberal activist groups," Craig Stevens, vice president for communications at the American Beverage Association, the industry's trade group. Their arguments, he said, "simply don't hold water."

The group had much the same reaction last month when the U.S. Conference of Mayors urged municipal governments to phase out the use of bottled water except in emergencies. It costs too much, the mayors said, strains municipal water systems that supply much of the water and produces too much plastic waste.

Coke's contention, naturally enough, is that the **House** is better off sticking with standard-issue plastic bottles -- which, it of course emphasizes, can be recycled. "We support and applaud" the **House** leadership's concern for the environment, the company said in an e-mailed response. "In fact, we have offered to work with them to create a true closed-loop system for the recycling of 100 percent of the plastic bottles and aluminum cans we put into the Capitol using our recycling business, Coca-Cola Recycling."

Scientific note: Most plastic bottles are made of PET (polyethylene terephthalate) and can be recycled, although they're made from petroleum. Bottles that can be composted -- breaking down much like paper -- are most often made from corn resin, which is polylactic acid, abbreviated PLA.

Coke executives went on to say: "Composting a PLA bottle is not as environmentally friendly as recycling a PET plastic bottle. You lose the energy and raw materials that go into the PLA bottle when it's composted into the dirt vs. reclaiming all of the material and energy by recycling PET."

Not only that, Coke says a compostable bottle mistakenly dropped in a recycling bin will "ultimately contaminate the recycling stream."

Pelosi's environmental efforts were encountering some headwinds even before the bottle battle. Republicans have complained that the **House** was not getting as much from its seven-year contract with Restaurant Associates to run the cafeterias and carry-outs because the Speaker's staff requires the company to use some profits to buy locally produced foods and environmentally friendly supplies, both of which are more expensive.

One solution to the water issue would be for the **House** to stop selling bottled water altogether. One of the sponsors of the non-binding resolution the mayors adopted last month, Martin Chavez of Albuquerque, said he thinks federal offices should steer clear of bottled water and use municipal tap water instead, which, the mayors point out, is more thoroughly tested.

But the **House** is unlikely to drop bottled water. "Ongoing discussions are being held about how bottled water is provided," said Kyle Anderson, press director of the Committee on **House** Administration. "However, there are no plans to eliminate bottled water from **House** facilities."

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Greening Scheme Evokes Criticism

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House officials have committed to spending millions on greening efforts in the chamber's restaurants without Members' required stamp of approval, according to the ranking member on the **House** Administration Committee.

Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.) sent a letter to Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard on Wednesday, claiming that the **House's** contract with Restaurant Associates "underwent substantive changes in the time period between Committee approval and the contract's execution."

"As a result, the **House** has lost significant revenue to date and will forfeit millions of dollars of commissions over the length of the contract," he said.

The letter comes days after Beard's office announced that the **House** is set to make an annual profit of almost \$1 million from the cafeterias. But more than \$600,000 of that will be invested back into the restaurants to pay for greening efforts, such as biodegradable cups and local food.

That payback was never cleared with the committee.

By not getting the committee's approval, Beard violated **House** guidelines that require the CAO to clear any purchases that cost more than \$250,000, Ehlers spokeswoman Salley Collins said.

But **House** Administration Committee **spokesman** Kyle Anderson said the change wasn't a "purchase" because it wasn't paid out of the **House's** revolving fund. Instead, he said, it was a change that was "consistent" with the approved contract.

A statement from the Democratic side of the committee called such modifications "commonplace and within the purview of the CAO."

"The minority's ongoing opposition on this issue ignores the value of environmental efforts and greening initiatives, two factors that are central to the RA relationship," it reads. "Since they can't dispute the success of the **House's** new restaurants and the overall Capitol Greening Initiative, they've chosen to focus on contract details."

But it's more than details, Collins contends, pointing to the millions of dollars that will be spent on greening over RA's seven-year contract.

Because the committee was bypassed, Members have no idea how Restaurant Associates computes the cost of the greening effort or what the money specifically goes to, she said. For example: Is RA charging the **House** for the most cost-efficient biodegradable cups?

In his letter to Beard, Ehlers asked for a "comprehensive report about the execution and management of the contract" by July 31.

"At this point, the greening of the cafeterias is irrelevant," Collins said. "What concerns us is Mr. Beard's carte blanche approach to squandering millions of dollars without seeking approval from the oversight committee - those ultimately held accountable for spending at the end of the day."

Restaurant Associates took over the management of the **House** cafeterias in December with the promise of better food and more environmentally friendly practices. And like private vendors in the past, RA signed a contract ensuring that a certain percentage of their profit would go into the **House's** revolving fund.

But the **House** wanted more greening measures than any other cafeteria RA runs, such as composting, biodegradable utensils and local food. So the CAO and RA made an agreement: RA could subtract the cost of such measures from the profit they handed over to the **House**.

That agreement has ensured that the cafeterias are environmentally friendly without any extra money from taxpayers, said **Jeff Ventura, spokesman** for the CAO. In fact, he said, the **House** is making more profit from the cafeterias than it did before bringing in RA.

He called the agreement to pay RA for greening efforts an "administrative change" that allowed the **House** to install "a waste reduction program in our cafeterias that is a key element of the Speaker's Green the Capitol Initiative."

The cafeterias have undergone dramatic change. All cups and utensils are made from materials that break down easily, food is composted, and some of the produce and meat is bought locally.

But it all costs more than the cheap stuff.

In RA's first four and a half months, the **House** earned \$362,308. About \$227,000 of that went back to RA for the greening efforts, and another \$38,000 was subtracted to help pay for Quick Pay (a payment system for staffers).

That means about \$96,000 of the original \$362,000 went into the **House's** revolving fund, which is used to make various **House** improvements.

Still, it puts the projected annual **House** profit - after greening costs- at about \$256,000, or about \$100,000 more than the **House** received annually from the previous vendor, General Services Inc.

The CAO's office has emphasized this expected increase in profit.

But Collins questioned why the CAO didn't come to the committee to approve the plan, if only so Members could see for themselves whether it was effective and fiscally responsible.

"Had the CAO sought the required authorization before making unilateral changes, our Members would have ensured that any terms were structured to provide the best value for the **House**," she wrote in an e-mail.

"However, there is still a great deal of uncertainty regarding modifications."

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IN THE HOUSE
HOUSE; Greener cafeteria to bring in \$1M annually

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After getting a green makeover last year, the **House** cafeterias and other food service operations are expected to rake in even more green -- about \$1 million in profit annually, **House** officials announced yesterday.

The **House** will net about \$1 million in commissions each year of the total annual revenue of \$15.4 million, according to the Office of the **House** Chief Administrative Officer.

When Restaurant Associates overtook operations of the **House** eateries last December, they took some drastic steps to green the eateries: Styrofoam was banished; the salad bars were stocked with locally grown produce; conventional coffee was swapped for an organic, shade-grown blend; and much of the waste now heads to a composting facility instead of a landfill (E&E Daily, April 18).

Even after the costs of the green overhaul are accounted for, the food services are expected to make about \$102,000 more annually than under the former contractor, according to the CAO.

In part, that's because people aren't leaving the Hill for lunch as often, said CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura**.

"People know that the lunches are of a better quality than they were," which is attributable to the fact that they're using fresh food, Ventura said.

The CAO's office estimates that since the eateries' overhaul, the **House** has diverted about 200 tons of waste from landfills and estimates that it will keep more than 880 tons of waste from going to landfills annually.

House Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard said that was good for the environment and taxpayers. "Our relationship with Restaurant Associates allowed us to make impressive improvements to our cafeterias' food quality and greatly reduce the **House's** negative environmental impact, all while 'banking' more money than before," Beard said in a statement.

Yesterday's news could also give Restaurant Associates an edge in their bid to take over Senate food service operations.

The Senate Rules Committee, charged with overseeing Senate food service operations, voted to privatize its taxpayer-subsidized food services last month after it lost \$1.3 million in fiscal 2007 and was projected to lose another \$2 million this year (E&E Daily, June 5).

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Power Plant Needs Millions for Greening

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The acting Architect of the Capitol told a Senate committee on Wednesday that the Capitol Power Plant needs \$200 million in improvements to be run most cost-effectively.

Acting AOC Stephen Ayers told the Rules and Administration Committee that the improvements would allow the plant to make its own electricity and would save money in the long term, but committee members seemed unlikely to consider such a large funding request.

"Two hundred million is a tough sell," ranking member Bob Bennett (R-Utah) told Ayers.

The power plant heats and cools the Capitol complex, but the Capitol's electricity is provided by Pepco.

The committee hearing was held to discuss energy efficiency and reducing the Senate's carbon footprint. It follows the Green the Capitol Initiative on the **House** side.

Jeff Ventura, spokesman for **House** Chief Administration Officer Dan Beard, declined to compare the Senate's progress with the **House's**.

The 2007 energy bill requires the AOC to reduce the Capitol complex's energy consumption by 30 percent by 2015, and Ayers testified that the AOC is on target to meet that requirement.

He said energy consumption has been reduced by 6.7 percent since 2003.

The power plant uses coal, natural gas and fuel oil, and committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) asked Ayers to "look into whether we could reduce Senate greenhouse gas emissions at the Capitol Power Plant by changing the fuel mixture used," which Ayers quickly agreed to do.

He advocated for \$7 million in equipment improvements to increase the power plant's natural gas capacity, which he said is almost maxed out.

The AOC is striving to phase out coal and fuel oil in favor of more environmentally friendly natural gas.

Ayers pointed to a number of successes his office has had in greening the Senate, including replacing 4,000 light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs and saving more than 900 tons in carbon emissions.

Motion-sensitive lights have been installed, insulation has improved, water consumption has declined and a solar energy source was selected to light parking lot 18, north of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Ayers testified.

He said 2,300 tons of paper was recycled from the **House** and Senate office buildings in fiscal 2007.

Bennett and Feinstein congratulated Ayers on his success and pledged to work with colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, on which both serve, to secure funding for further greening initiatives.

A number of greening reports are in production at the Government Accountability Office.

"I doubt very much we will take action until we get all the facts," Feinstein said.

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Sharing Their Names. Members will soon know every other office that employs their "shared employees," those financial and technical staffers who work in several **House** offices.

The **House** Administration Committee recently directed Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard to produce the first quarterly report on that information, along with guidelines and rules for hiring and retaining shared employees.

Those steps are taken directly from a **House** Inspector General report that made several recommendations on how to improve control over shared employees. The use of such employees has increased in recent years, with many **House** offices using the employees on a part- time basis for financial and technical issues.

House IG James Cornell began investigating the issue after discovering that Laura Flores, an office manager for three offices, had billed the offices for supplies she had not purchased. She recently pleaded guilty to wire fraud and was sentenced to six months in prison.

The CAO has not yet come up with the timeline or format of the reports, said CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura**.

While it's unclear when the CAO will release the reports, it's sure to be just one of several planned changes. When Cornell testified at a hearing last month on his recommendations, Members said they would implement many of them.

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Doody's Done

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Doody's Done. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Dan Doody is resigning in June, leaving the **House** for an executive position at a government consulting firm.

CAO Dan Beard announced Doody's departure Monday evening in a letter to CAO staff. Doody's last day is June 20.

"Dan's service to the **House** ... was always marked by his notorious attention for detail, his unflagging work ethic and his commitment to making the CAO the kind of place for which we are proud," Beard wrote.

Doody's responsibilities are broad and integral, from helping handle the budget to overseeing operations. He is the No. 2 official at the CAO, which has a staff of 600 who handle everything from child care to vending services.

Ali Qureshi, director of CAO Advanced Business Solutions, will take over as acting deputy CAO.

"He's one of the most stand-up folks I ever met," said Qureshi, who has worked for the CAO for five years. "I emulate what Dan does. He has this unrealistic calm about himself."

Qureshi is making a bit of a jump. His current job focuses on IT issues, including oversight of the **House** servers and payroll systems. But in taking over for Doody, he will have a "broader responsibility," he said.

CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said the office hasn't yet established a timeline for a search for Doody's permanent replacement. But Qureshi said he is excited to at least temporarily take over the position - and will probably apply for the permanent job.

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TRANSPORTATION; House car leasing program to phase out gas guzzlers

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Members of the **House** participating in a congressional car leasing program may have to trade that little deuce coupe for a more fuel-efficient vehicle.

The 135 members that use the taxpayer-funded program will be required to choose a car from a list of hundreds of U.S.-EPA-approved vehicles after their current leases run out. The **House** Office of Administrative Counsel released the list last month, responding to a provision in the major energy bill President Bush signed in December.

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Mo.) first championed the language in 2005. "It is probably safe to say that most cars currently leased by members do not meet the standards laid out in the amendment," said Cleaver **spokesman** Sam Burnett. "Leases under the program are typically only two years ... so those with cars that do not qualify will have to switch when their current leases are up."

Cleaver does not lease a car under the program for transportation use, but he leases a Ford Econoline van as a mobile district office. The van has been modified to run on cooking oil and has extremely low carbon emissions, Burnett said.

Although the van is not on the official list of cars that qualify for the leasing program, Burnett said Cleaver hopes to work with the chief administrative officer and EPA to determine if it meets the new standards.

EPA has provided lawmakers with a very extensive list, said Office of Administrative Counsel **spokesman Jeff Ventura**. Vehicles on the list range from a Ford Taurus to an Audi TT Roadster, with no requirement for members of Congress to buy American.

"Given the sheer number of available cars ... anecdotally one could assume that the number of people entering lease agreements probably will not change," he added.

Between 80 and 100 lawmakers' leases will expire within the next six months, Ventura said.

One of the lawmakers who will be affected by the change is **House** Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.). A **spokesman** for the congressman, who drives a Cadillac DeVille, said Rangel would abide by the rules, whatever they are.

If a lawmaker does not choose a car on the EPA list, the office would refuse to process the payment for the lease out of the member's budget, Ventura said. Each member receives a budget of about \$1.5 million annually.

Ventura noted that the project is not part of the **House** Democrats' Green the Capitol initiative, though he said it is in line with the spirit of that program. He noted that EPA would be providing the list to other governmental organizations as well.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) uses a car provided by the Sergeant at Arms because she is second in line for succession to the presidency. However, she supports Cleaver's initiative.

The Senate does not have a similar leasing program, but Burnett said Cleaver hopes senators will follow **House** members' lead in using fuel-efficient vehicles.

"After 30 years as a minister, the congressman knows that people would much rather see a sermon in action than hear one from the pulpit," Burnett said. "Members of Congress in both chambers have talked about the virtue of energy efficient vehicles, and we think it is important we demonstrate our commitment to reducing greenhouse gases."

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U.S. Capitol going green

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Many voters remember how the Democrats came to power two years ago promising change on everything from Iraq to fighting terrorism to the minimum wage.

But congressional Democrats have also made changes in a more immediate, housekeeping sort of way, making the Capitol complex itself a greener, healthier and more nutritious place to work — to the applause of some and the annoyance of others.

Ornate hearing rooms now have motion-detector lights to save power. Electronic vending machines shut down at night to conserve energy. The cola in the soda machines is stored at a higher temperature at night. And smoking areas and sales of related products have been sharply cut back.

Most notably, the **House** cafeterias now serve healthier and more politically correct food, including fair-trade coffee, hormone-free meat, organic entrees and locally grown produce.

Plus, everything from plates to knives is biodegradable. A pulper shreds used containers and flatware and extracts excess water. It turns the waste into a “coleslaw” that weighs 70 percent less than it did before, and within 75 days decomposes.

Many of the changes are part of a Green the Capitol program created by **House** Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, with the goal of making the **House** carbon-neutral by year end. Last year the **House** produced 91,000 metric tons of carbon.

Advocates say Congress is setting a good example. **Jeff Ventura**, communications director for the **House**'s chief administrative officer, says the program could encourage Americans to live in healthier and more environmentally friendly ways.

If the **House** achieves carbon neutrality, which Ventura says it is on track to do, it would become one of the world's few carbon-neutral legislative bodies.

“The food service was one of our most titanic achievements,” he said.

In the Senate, the Rules Committee has mandated that all new appliances be Energy Star-certified. The Senate has also implemented a pilot program using office lights that automatically dim when it is sunny or no one is around.

Some Republicans complain that these environmental initiatives cost too much; Green the Capitol comes with a \$4 million annual price tag. Others say they are irrelevant or a distraction.

“Nancy Pelosi's focus on greening the Capitol seems a little hypocritical in light of her earlier demands to have a military 757 fly her home every weekend,” said Nicklaus Simpson, a **spokesman** for **House** Minority Whip and Missouri Republican Roy Blunt, in an e-mail statement. “Whether the Capitol carry-out uses ‘green’ spoons that dissolve in soup or green eggs and ham, what the speaker should be focused on is the reality that the American people are paying \$4 a gallon for gas.”

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A Clean Sweep Planned for House Hallways

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Within three months, the hallways in **House** office buildings will seem wider as a new policy is ejecting all those large laminated signs, unused tables and flag posts.

The policy went into effect on Friday afternoon, largely prohibiting signs, easels, electronic kiosks and sign-in tables from cluttering hallways. Flags no longer will be displayed in floor-based stands but rather in wall-mounted flag holders adjacent to the main door of each Member and committee office.

Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard and **House** Office Buildings Superintendent Frank Tiscione announced the policy change in a "Dear Colleague" letter to Members, committees, staffers and others. The pair will jointly share responsibility of implementing and enforcing the new policy.

"We have been directed by the Leadership to enforce this policy, which has been four years in the making," CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said in a statement. "It will ensure that the **House's** hallways remain safe for everyone, including those with disabilities -- and will be enforced with equity and without exception."

The transition will take place over the next three months, according to the letter.

After that period, items in hallways without permission will be removed, the policy states. Items will be held by the CAO for a short period of time -- usually three days -- and then disposed of. The policy does not apply to the cluttered hallways of the Capitol.

Security officials, disability groups and others have lodged complaints over all the stuff that has cluttered the hallways for years, something Beard and Tiscione noted in their letter.

"In an emergency evacuation, the many items placed in the hallways of **House** Office Buildings can interfere with the safe exit of Members, staff, and visitors, as well as pose tripping hazards for disabled persons on a daily basis," the letter said.

The policy's development stems from recommendations from the Office of Compliance and has been jointly recommended by **House** Administration Chairman Robert Brady (D-Pa.) and ranking member Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.).

House Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Livingood, Chief Fire Marshal Kenneth Lauziere and Capitol Police Chief Phillip Morse also have endorsed the plan.

But the policy could not go into effect until the **House** Building Commission, made up of Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) approved it.

There are exceptions to some of the prohibitions, however. Members can request that their flags continue to be displayed on floor-based stands, for example.

Temporary, extended and long-term storage also will be available for items approved by the CAO or superintendent. Authorization for storage will vary.

If a special event is being held in a committee or meeting room, for example, the host can place a table and chairs in the hallway to serve as a check-in point. But the table and chairs are limited to one hour before the event and must be removed immediately after it ends.

Extended storage will allow staffers to store items in a hallway for more than 24 hours but not longer than 30 days.

Typical authorization for this storage will be for office moves, repairs and renovations or furniture/equipment deliveries. All items must be stored to maintain a minimum width of 70 percent of the hallway or 48 inches, whichever is greater.

Long-term storage involves storage lasting more than 30 days. It will be granted on a limited basis, and all items "shall be de minimus in size and space consumed to the extent practical," according to the policy.

The fire marshal can terminate a long-term storage authorization at any time but must provide 24 hours advance notice to the affected office, the policy reads.

Caterers also will be affected by the new policy. They must check in with the CAO before an event and set up in an area designated by the agency, according to the policy, and they also are constrained by rules on hallway access.#/T

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Veto Days and Jedi Knights. Yoda, the Jedi master of the "Star Wars" franchise, is portrayed as a wise, deep-thinking philosopher. President Bush, on the other hand ... well, he's a self-

described "C-student."

Still, one of Bush's chief detractors on the Hill sees similarities between Yoda and the Decider, and he's not just talking about their protruding ears.

In a press release yesterday, Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.) likened Bush's statement Tuesday that he would veto a supplemental spending bill larger than \$108 billion to one of the Jedi master's sage decrees. Obey was incensed over Bush's refusal to allow a veterans benefit bill to be included in the war-funding legislation. "The President seems to think that he can issue pronouncements like the great Yoda, and that the American people and the Congress will comply with his insistence to provide billions for the war in Iraq, but table scraps - or less - for war fighters and workers at home," Obey said in the press release.

HOH took the liberty of imagining what Bush would sound like in Yoda-speak. We fed Bush's veto remarks to a translation program (yodaspeak.co.uk) that turns regular English into Yoda parlance, and these are the highlights:

"Work with Congress on these veterans' benefits, we will. Firm believer that we ought to treat our veterans with respect, I am. Of the union I talked about the idea of transferring in the state - to transfer educational benefits to a spouse or children - a soldier being able. Sent legislation to that effect up to Congress, we have; like for them to move on it quickly, we would. But \$108 billion, the \$108 billion is. Yes, hmmm."

Sounds like Obey is going to need the force to be with him.

50-Cent Phone Call. **House** Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) is proud of his rep as one of Congress' "Old Bulls," and the guy's suspenders apparently aren't his only old-school flourish.

Rangel was spotted Wednesday morning in the first floor of the Capitol having a pretty animated phone conversation on the pay phone on the first floor. Which brings up the question: Doesn't one of the chamber's highest-ranking Members have a cell phone, BlackBerry or some other high-tech gadget that would save him from having to resort to a communications method that's pretty much gone the way of the telegram?

Spokesman Emile Milne tells HOH that Rangel does, indeed, have a cell phone (although he doesn't use a BlackBerry), but the trouble is, he sometimes forgets it. "He doesn't always have it with him - sometimes he leaves it in the office," Milne says.

House Lightens Up. **House** staffers are finally seeing the (energy- efficient) light now that their old-school bulbs are being swapped for greener ones, but the effort it's taking to make the change has some folks wondering how much energy is really being saved with all the tinkering.

Architect of the Capitol employees have spent months switching incandescent light bulbs for the newer, greener compact fluorescent ones as part of the Green the Capitol Initiative aimed at making the **House** carbon-neutral by year's end.

With a bunch of the big lights already replaced, AOC staffers now are busy replacing the smaller ones, like those in staffers' desk lamps. One tipster tells HOH that an AOC worker came into his office a few days ago to switch the lights, even though none had burned out. Seems like a waste of cash, the staffer argued.

"Why not just stop buying the incandescent bulbs?" he said. "I can understand if they were 5,000 watt security lights that were burning tons of power, but these are little."

Under Green the Capitol goals, 12,000 bulbs of the **House's** 30,000 must be replaced by Sept. 30, according to AOC spokeswoman Eva Malecki. So far, 8,500 have been switched, she said.

Green the Capitol officials argue that in the long term, the **House** will save tons of money. A **spokesman** for Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard, who is overseeing the project, estimated the switch will save the **House** \$1.2 million in energy costs over a decade.

"These bulbs pay for themselves in under six months, and then they start paying us," **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said.

There's also a more practical reason for making the switch all at once, Ventura added. "Bulbs burn out at different times, and we can't be sending staff out every time a bulb burns out," he said. "Not when there are 30,000 light bulbs."

HOH is certain there's a how-many-AOC-staffers-does-it-take-to- change-a-light-bulb joke here somewhere; we're just not bright enough to find it.

McConnell's Horsing Around. For those trying to figure out where to put their money in this weekend's Kentucky Derby race, HOH brings you the pick of someone we figure has the inside track.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (of Kentucky, natch) has picked Colonel John, a California horse who is a leading contender, to win the annual hat-and-julep race. McConnell, of course, plans to attend the big race, **spokesman** Don Stewart said.

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Photo: A worker stacks biodegradable salad containers made of cornstarch in the cafeteria of the Longworth **House** Office Building, part of the "greening" of Capitol Hill. Photo for the Tribune by Jonathan Ernst

WASHINGTON

Many voters remember how the Democrats came to power two years ago promising change on everything from Iraq to fighting terrorism to the minimum wage.

But congressional Democrats have also made changes in a more immediate, housekeeping sort of way, making the Capitol complex itself a greener, healthier and more nutritious place to work -- to the applause of some and the annoyance of others.

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\ Buying out

Green the Capitol has faced criticism for purchasing carbon offsets on the Chicago Climate Exchange, which allows buyers to fund carbon-reduction projects rather than reduce their own carbon output.

Some question whether the Climate Exchange projects really benefited from the **House** funding. "We don't want to be in that game," said Ventura, adding that he hopes the **House** will soon be carbon neutral without resorting to the offsets.

Trying to quit

While Congress is getting greener, it is also trying to get less smoky. Sundry shops in the Capitol no longer sell cigarettes or chewing tobacco products. And shortly after taking over as speaker, Nancy Pelosi ejected smokers from the comfortable Speaker's Lobby. Now senators are exploring plans to nix smoking rooms in the Russell and Dirksen Senate Office Buildings.

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Lighting Practice caught off-guard by furor

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When the Lighting Practice Inc. won a \$671,900 contract to relight the U.S. Capitol Dome exterior in Washington, the small Center City design firm didn't envision it would soon be caught in a partisan maelstrom.

Some Republicans on Capitol Hill have questioned whether the Lighting Practice got the contract because it was in U.S. Rep. Robert A. Brady's Philadelphia district. Brady, a Democrat, is chairman of the **House** Administration Committee, which signs off on final contract awards.

But interviews with several officials, and a review of recent campaign-finance records, offer no evidence to support the suggestion. Instead, this tempest may amount to a cautionary tale for innovative local businesses that seek government contracts and try to play by the rules.

The company's founder, Al Borden, who was a lighting designer for theater companies and rock bands before starting his own architectural-lighting firm in 1989, said the Lighting Practice submitted a bid in November for "environmentally friendly" lighting as part of **House** Speaker Nancy Pelosi's "Green the Capitol" initiative.

"It was a normal, standard public process. We worked like dogs to put together the best proposal we could," said Borden, 55. "We think we won it on the merits."

The office of the **House** chief administrative officer sought bid proposals and awarded the contract, which was announced early last month. Brady's **House** committee signed off on it.

The Lighting Practice, which designed the lighting of City Hall, buildings on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and on the Avenue of the Arts, said it had no idea who was on the selection committee.

Borden said he had never met Brady. "I think I may have seen him on TV when he was running for mayor."

What a surprise, Borden said, when, on Tuesday, his firm got a call from a Washington reporter asking, "Was Robert Brady involved? We thought, Isn't this silly. Because we don't make political contributions. We're not political at all. We are just designers."

Indeed, a review of federal campaign contributions shows that neither Borden nor the principals of his company have donated to federal campaign committees or candidates, at least in the last decade, according to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics.

The lighting bid was issued by the **House** chief administrative officer, Daniel Beard. The recommendation of the executive director of the "Green the Capitol" office and a representative from the Architect of the Capitol was sent to Brady's **House** Administration Committee in a "normal procurement process," said Kyle Anderson, **spokesman** for the **House** committee of which Brady is chairman.

"The committee was not aware it was a Philadelphia firm until everything was submitted for final approval," Anderson said. Brady did not "steer anything." The bids ranged from \$521,307 to \$1.3 million, he said.

The selection committee rejected two lower bids, which were about \$100,000 less than the Lighting Practice's proposal, because of insufficient financial information, said **Jeff Ventura**, **spokesman** for the **House** chief administrative officer.

One lower bid had "inconsistencies" in line-item costs, while the other lacked proof of the company's financial stability, Ventura said.

"The idea that the Lighting Practice was given this contract based on being in Mr. Brady's district couldn't be further from the truth," Ventura said. "It's a very interesting coincidence, but nothing but a coincidence."

The Lighting Practice teamed up with two subcontractors on its proposal - Vitetta architects and engineers in Philadelphia, and Flack & Kurtz, a New York engineering firm. The subcontractors were not named in the bid proposal.

The Lighting Practice has 23 employees at the Public Ledger Building in Center City and two in Dallas. The firm had \$3.1 million in revenue last year.

"We are a legitimate company. We light up a lot of buildings," said Borden, who earned a bachelor's degree in theater from Temple University and a master's degree in theatrical-lighting design from New York University.

He began his lighting career working for theater companies, dance troupes and rock bands. "I did some rock concert kind of stuff. Ultimately, that was just not satisfying." Borden then did architectural-lighting design for two Philadelphia firms.

In 1989, he started the Lighting Practice and today has two partners, Helen K. Diemer and Michael A. Barber.

"We have projects all over the world - offices, hospitals, schools, museums, restaurants," Borden said.

Besides City Hall and buildings and monuments on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the Lighting Practice designed the lighting of the Terra Building on the Avenue of the Arts, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Fairmount Waterworks. The company is currently working on a lighting project at the National Zoo in Washington.

In October, the Lighting Practice saw a request for a proposal advertised in a government document that lists federal contract awards and procurement information.

"It was a very open process. A number of firms went after it," Borden said. "We had no knowledge of who was on the selection committee."

Vitetta president Alan Hoffmann said firms wanting to do work for the federal government frequently checked the electronic document FedBizOpps, which comes out five days a week. "It's a public document. It is something most firms who do federal work look at on a daily basis."

Hoffmann scoffed at the notion that Brady - or anyone - had a hand in steering the contract to the Philadelphia firm.

"We've teamed with the Lighting Practice on several other projects," including a county courthouse in San Antonio, Texas, Hoffmann said. "I would stand by this team's credentials. They are outstanding. Nobody steered anything. We are expertly qualified."

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PRESIDENT BUSH' S SCHEDULE

In Romania (all times are local)
8:50 a.m.: Delivers remarks. National Bank of Savings,
Bucharest, Romania. Open press.
11:55 a.m.: Meets with Romanian President Traian
Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool at
top.
1:25 p.m.: Participates in a joint media availability
with President Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun,
Romania. Pool coverage.
4:15 p.m.: Meets with NATO Secretary General Jaap de
Hoop Scheffer. JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, Bucharest,
Romania. Pool at bottom.
Note: The president and first lady overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia
and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY' S SCHEDULE

No public events are scheduled.

SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE' S SCHEDULE

On foreign travel with the president.

FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH' S SCHEDULE

In Romania with the president

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10 a.m.: The Commerce Dept. issues Factory Orders for February.

CONGRESS

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on "National Reconnaissance Office/Space Programs." Scott Large, director the Defense Department's National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Kehler, commander at the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and Deputy Air Force Undersecretary for Space Programs Gary Payton, testify. S-407, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Energy Department's budget request and justification for FY2009. Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond Orbach; Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner, for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and David Frantz, director of the Energy Department's Office of Loan Guarantee, testify. 124 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Defense Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2009 and the Future Years Defense Program. William Tobey, deputy administrator for defense nuclear nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration; and Joseph Benkert, principal deputy assistant secretary of for global security affairs at the Defense Department, testify. 232-A Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 2:30 p.m. -- Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee holds a hearing on Defense Department contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Technology James Finley; Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness Jackson Bell; Army Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson III, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; and Jeffrey Parsons, executive director of the Army Contracting Command, testify. 222 Russell

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS -- 10 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight on the Listing Decision for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act." Douglas Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation; Kassie Siegel, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate, Air, and Energy Program; and William Horn of Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, testify. 406 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-8832 or Pete Rafle (Boxer), 202-228-3102 or 202-302-7086

Note: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has been invited to testify at the hearing.

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Military Prospects." Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, president of BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, and adjunct professor of international affairs at the U.S. Military Academy, Arlington, Va.; retired Army Lt. Gen. William Odom, senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former director of the National Security Agency; Michele Flournoy, president of the Center for New American Security; and retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert Scales Jr., former commandant of the Army War College, and current CEO and president of Colgen, LP, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 2:30 p.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Political Prospects." Yahia Said, director for Middle East and North Africa at the Middle East at the Revenue Watch Institute, New York, N.Y.; Stephen Biddle, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; Nir Rosen, fellow at New York University's Center on Law and Security, New York, N.Y.; Patrick Clawson, deputy director for research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

JOINT ECONOMIC -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "The Economic Outlook." Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies. 106 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-5171

+SENATE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES -- 5:15 p.m. -- Meets to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules and procedures for the 110th Congress. The Capitol, room S-219

Contact: 202-224-6352 (Senate Rules Committee)

SENATE JUDICIARY -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security," focusing on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issues, and preparation for further implementation of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and REAL ID Act. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff testifies. 216 Hart

Contact: Erica Chabot, 202-224-7703 or David Carle (Leahy), 202-224-3693

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 11 a.m. -- Agriculture, Rural Development, **FDA**, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**)."
Jesse Goodman, director of the **FDA**'s Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research testifies. 2362-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Energy - Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors." Energy Undersecretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Robert Smolen, deputy NNSA administrator for defense programs; and Kirkland Donald, deputy NNSA administrator for naval reactors, testify. 2362-B Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security." Stephen Flynn, senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher Koch, president and CEO of the World Shipping Council; Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, director of the Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, testify. 2359 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 1:30 p.m. -- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Defense Budget." Defense Comptroller Tina Jones; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Installations and Environment Wayne Army, testify. H-143, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- 10 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. 2123 Rayburn

Contact: Jodi Seth (Dingell, 202-225-4071) or the Energy and Commerce Press Office, 202-225-5735

HOUSE (SELECT) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING -- 1:30 p.m. -- Meets to vote on whether to subpoena Environmental Protection Agency documents on the agency's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and hearing on "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." FAA Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment Dan Elwell; Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation; Tom Windmuller, senior vice president of the International Air Transport Association; James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association, testify. 1310 Longworth

Contact: 202-225-4012

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HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Subcommittee holds a hearing on "United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: An Underfunded International Mandate - the Role of the United States?" Assistant United Nations Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jane Lute; and Assistant Secretary of State Kristen Silverberg of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testify. 2175 Rayburn

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan." Retired Army Lt. Gen. David Barno, director of the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies; Seth Jones, political scientist at The RAND Corporation; and Mark Schneider, senior vice president of the International Crisis Group, testify. 210 Cannon

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE (SELECT) INTELLIGENCE -- 8:45 a.m. -- Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence Subcommittee closed briefing on "Hot Spots." H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- 10 a.m. -- Research and Science Education Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Science and Technology Cooperation." White **House** Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Marburger III; National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement; Nina Fedoroff, science and technology advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeff Miotke, for science, space and health in the Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael O'Brien, assistant administrator for external relations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, testify. 2318 Rayburn

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ADVISORIES

(CAMPAIGN/MCCAIN) ADVISORY -- Sen. John McCain

(R-Ariz.), the likely 2008 Republican presidential nominee, holds the following events in Annapolis on Wednesday, as part of McCain's "Service to America Tour."

Schedule

8:10 a.m.: Participates in Pledge of Allegiance ceremony. Chick and Ruth's Delly, 165 Main St., Annapolis, Md. Pool coverage.

9 a.m.: Delivers speech. Navy and Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Superintendent's Pavilion, 304 Farragut Road, Annapolis, Md.

Contact: 703-650-5550

ADDS JERRY BROWN

(CLIMATE/EPA/BROWN) ADVISORY -- At 1

p.m., California Attorney General Jerry Brown; James Mikey, chief of environmental protection in Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for the Sierra Club; and Joe Mendelson, legal director at the International Center for Technology Assessment, participate in a Sierra Club conference call to discuss "the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA."

Contact: Josh Dorner, 202-675-2384

Note: The dial-in number is 888-228-9795. The passcode is 41865689.

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(CAMPAIGN/CLINTON) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m. approx., The Clinton Campaign holds a conference call featuring various campaign policy advisers.

Contact: 703-875-1271

Note: RSVP to press@HillaryClinton.com for dial-in information.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

7 a.m. -- (FARMS/BEEF/SCHAFFER) CONFERENCE -- The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) holds its Legislative Conference. Third of four days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs Bruce Knight speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

11 a.m.: Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Contact: 202-347-0228

8 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/DURBIN/BAYH/GRAHAM) EVENT -- Senate Assistant Majority Whip Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), an Obama supporter; Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), a Clinton supporter; Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), a McCain supporter, participate in a National Journal/MSNBC "Super Surrogates," breakfast discussion. Other participants are: Ron Brownstein, political director for the Atlantic Media Company; Linda Douglass, contributing editor of National Journal; and Chuck Todd, NBC political director.

Location: Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, The Columbus Club

Contact: Davis Vanderwerff, 202-266-7144

ADDS 9AM EVENT WITH REP. WATERS

8:30 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/DEVELOPMENT) EVENT -- The

National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association (NACEDA) holds its Annual Capacity Building and Policy Summit. Third and final day.

Highlight

+9 a.m.: Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), delivers breakfast remarks. B-340 Rayburn **House** Office Building.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW (except as noted above)

Contact: Jane DeMarines, 703-741-0144 or Kim Hayes, 301-585-1131

Note: RSVP to Kim Hayes at khayes@naceda.org.

8:30 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/RESERVES) CONFERENCE -- The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a conference titled, "The Commission on the National Guard and Reserves Report: Where Do We Go From Here."

Highlights

8:45 a.m.: Former Defense secretary William Cohen speaks.

9:15 a.m.: Principle Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary John Winkler; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. David Fastabend, director of Strategy, Plans and Policy in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff; and retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, discuss "Senior Perspectives on the Operation Reserve and the AVF."

10:30 a.m.: Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness David Chu; Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve; Patricia Lewis, commissioner of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; former

Assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs Charlie Cragin; and Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, adjunct general for Oregon, discuss "Sustaining and Institutionalizing the Operational Reserve."

11:45 a.m.: Assistant Defense Secretary Paul McHale; Vice Adm. Harvey Johnson, deputy administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; and Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of U.S. Northern Command, discuss "The Role of the Defense Department in the Homeland."

2 p.m.: Richard Walsh, minority counsel of the Senate Armed Services Committee; Daniel Ginsberg of the office of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Joseph Cealencis, professional staff member of the **House** Homeland Security Committee; and John Grant professional staff member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee discuss "Congressional Views on the Operational Reserve."

Location: CSIS, 1800 K Street NW, B-1 Conference Level

Contact: Andrew Schwartz, 202-775-3242

Note: This is an invitation only event.

9 a.m. -- (SECURITY/THOMPSON) EVENT -- The **House**

Homeland Security Committee holds its Bioterrorism Technology Fair on the latest tools used in the detection and response of a bioterrorist attack, with **House** Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.)

Location: Foyer, Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Dena Graziano or Adam Comis, 202-225-9978

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GUTIERREZ) FORUM -- The Consumer Electronics Association holds its Washington Forum. First of two days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez delivers opening keynote remarks.

11 a.m.: Sage Chandler, senior director

of trade at the Consumer Electronics Association; Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Kathy Gornik, president of THIEL Audio Products Company; Robert Scott, director of International Programs at the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Smith, president and founder of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; and Sean Spicer, assistant U.S. trade representative of the Executive Office of the President, participate in a panel discussion on "What Trade Means in Real Life Terms to Real Life Businesses."

Noon: Tony Blankley, panelist on the McLaughlin Group and executive vice president of the PR firm Edelman; and Donna Brazile, founder and managing director of Brazile and Associates LLC and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, deliver keynote remarks.

2 p.m.: Shawn DuBravac, economist for the Consumer Electronics Association; Victor Fazio, senior adviser of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Rashi Glazer, co-director of the Management of Technology Program at the University of California, Berkeley and professor of Haas School of Business; Ed Gresser, director of the Trade and Global Markets Project of the Progressive Policy Institute; and Chris Padilla, undersecretary for international trade at the International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department, participate in a panel discussion on "Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics."

7:30 p.m.: Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.); and Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications, are honored at the Digital Patriots Dinner.

Location: J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue

Contact: 202-463-5074

9:30 a.m. -- (BUDGET/CONGRESS/GOP) EVENT -- The Council of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) holds its event to release its 2008 Congressional Pig Book, an annual report on pork-barrel spending in

the federal budget. Participants include Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.); Reps. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Price (R-Ga.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.); and CCAGW President Tom Schatz.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, 13th Floor, First Amendment Lounge

Contact: Leslie Paige, 202-467-5334 or Alexa Moutevelis, 202-467-5318

10 a.m. -- (CHENEY/IMPEACH) EVENT -- CODEPINK holds a "National Conversation on the Impeachment of Vice President Dick Cheney," as part of CODEPINK's "Hungry For Justice? Impeach Him FAST!" campaign.

Location: 2138 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-290-1301

10 a. m. -- (SCIENCE/VOLCANOS) EVENT -- The Alaska

Volcano Observatory, a joint program of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys hold a demonstration on how volcano scientists help the public be prepared to handle the threats of volcano eruptions.

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building

Contact: Charice Nassif Ransom, 703-648-4299 or Martha Stewart, 202-262-4112

10 a.m. -- (DC/BUSINESS/ECONOMY) EVENT -- Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, Dan Mesches, chairman of Destination D.C.; and William Hansbury, president and CEO of Destination D.C. speak at an event to discuss a new marketing campaign designed to grow and strengthen Washington's \$5.24 billion hospitality industry.

Location: Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh Street NW

Contact: Rebecca Pawlowski, 202-789-7099

10 a. m. -- (SCIENCE/RESEARCH/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Tom

Harkin (D-Iowa) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) participate in a Science Coalition event on "the importance of a strong American research enterprise to address issues in biomedical research, climate change research, and alternative energy development." Other speakers are: Henry Jacoby of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Brody, president of Johns **Hopkins** University; Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan; Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Roger Kornberg of Stanford University; Paul Alivisatos, acting deputy director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Steven Fluharty, vice provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Palazzo, provost of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Matthias Ruth of the University of Maryland.

Location: The Capitol, room S-207

Contact: Ashley Prime, 202-457-1110

10 a. m. -- (CAMPAIGN/POLL) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The

Quinnipiac University Polling Institute holds a news conference to release a new poll, conducted simultaneously in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, asking voter opinions of 2008 presidential candidates. Participants include Peter Brown and Clay Richards, assistant directors of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Street NW

Contact: Pat Smith, 212-843-8026

+10:30 a. m. -- (BLACKS/RIGHTS/KING) NEWS CONFERENCE --

Reps. John Lewis (D-Ga.), Deborah Pryce (R-Ohio) and Victor Snyder (D-Ark.); and United Negro College Fund President and CEO Michael Lomax hold a news conference on the On 40th Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and to discuss the Civil Rights Act Commemorative Coin bill.

Location: H-330, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joye Griffin, 703-205-3480, joye.griffin@unconf.org (UNCF)

10:45 a.m. -- (VIETNAM/BURIAL) EVENT -- Arlington National Cemetery holds a funeral and burial for Army Maj. Arthur Ecklund and Army Maj Perry Jefferson. On April 3, 1969, Ecklund and his U.S. Air Force observer, Jefferson, were flying a visual reconnaissance mission out of Phan Rang airbase. They left the base at in the morning on an O1G aircraft (serial #51-12078) and reported in by radio at 0730 hours giving their location, destination and information concerning a convoy they were going to check out. No further communication was heard, except for a signal "beeper." In 2001, a Vietnamese national living in California gave U.S. officials human remains that he said were found at a site where the two U.S. pilots crashed. Last December, the remains of Jefferson were identified nearly 40 years after he disappeared on a reconnaissance flight over Vietnam.

Location: Arlington National Cemetery

Contact: 202-685-4645 or 202-685-4644

Note: Press pick up on Memorial Drive is at 11:20 a.m. for gravesite.

11 a.m. -- (JOBS/WAGES/BLACKS) NEWS CONFERENCE --

William Spriggs, chairman of the Howard University Economics Department; and Steven Pitts of the Center for Labor Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, hold a news conference to discuss their new report, "Beyond the Mountaintop: King's Prescription for Poverty." Spriggs and Pitts maintain that after adjusted for inflation "the minimum wage is actually lower today than it was when Martin Luther King launched his campaign on behalf of poor people 40 years ago."

Location: The Service Employees International Union, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: Shonna Carter, 212-260-5000

11:30 a.m. -- (WORLD BANK/ZOELLICK) FORUM -- The Center for Global Development sponsors a forum with World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

Location: Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Consulate Ballroom

Contact: 202-416-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (AMTRAK/FUNDS/SENATE) EVENT -- The Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility hosts an event in support of funding for Amtrak "to support more reliable, frequent and higher speed rail service in the Northeast corridor."

Highlights

11:30 a.m.: Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.); and former Gov. Mark Schweiker (R-Pa.), chairman and CEO of the Council for Growth, speak.

Noon: Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) speak.

12:30 p.m.: Paul Choquette, chairman of Gilbane, Inc.; Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association; Stephen Rush, **spokesman** for Brandywine Realty Trust; Ciro Scalera, director of Public Affairs for Verizon; Donald Fry, president of the Greater Baltimore Committee; and Christopher Ward, managing director and secretary to the board of the General Contractors Association of New York.

1 p.m.: Alex Kummant, president and CEO of Amtrak, speaks.

Location: The Capitol, room S-115

Contact: Melissa Volin, 215-988-6919

+1:30 p.m. -- (PENTAGON/MULLEN) BRIEFING -- Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, holds a briefing.

Location: The Pentagon, Briefing Room 2E579

Contact: 703-697-5131

Note: Press without a Pentagon hard pass will be

picked up at the North Parking Entrance only. Arrive by 12:45 p.m.. Call for an escort.

2 p.m. -- (CLIMATE/AUTOS/BEGLEY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Actor Ed Begley Jr., Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard hold a news conference to unveil a new electric vehicle.

Location: Southeast Drive, New Jersey Avenue SW and Independence Avenue

Contact: Sandra Salstrom, 202-225-2611 or **Jeff Ventura**, 202-226-5680

Note: When entering the Capitol grounds on New Jersey Avenue SW, from Independence Avenue, walk through the barricades in front of the Capitol, past the guard **house** and turn right. The news conference will be on the sidewalk on Southeast Drive.

2 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/HOUSING/RIGHTS) EVENT -- Assistant HUD Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick delivers remarks on the importance of the Housing and Urban Development Department's (HUD) continuing fight against housing discrimination, at a ceremony to kick off HUD's Fair Housing Month.

Location: HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Departmental Conference Room, 10th Floor

Contact: Shantae Goodloe, 202-294-3903

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/AUTISM/**HOUSE**) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee Africa and Global Health Subcommittee; Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.); and Lee Grossman, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America, hold a news conference to discuss World Autism Awareness Day.

Location: Cannon Terrace, Cannon **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-225-3765

2 p.m. -- (STATE/WATER) FORUM -- The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) holds a forum on "Poverty Reduction and World Water Day," focusing on the importance of water in development assistance.

Location: The Capitol, room H-137

Contact: 202-521-3850

Note: RSVP to mccevents@mcc.gov.

2 p.m. -- (**HOUSE**/DEMS/INTEL) MEETING -- The Democratic members of the **House** (Select) Intelligence Committee hold a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

Location: H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

2:30 p.m. -- (ENERGY/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Bernie

Sanders (I-Vt.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.); and Cynthia McCollum, president of the National League of Cities, hold a news conference to discuss the results of a national effort to build support for funding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

Location: The Capitol, West Front Steps

Contact: Sherry Conway Appel, 202-626-3003

2:30 p.m. -- (**HOUSE**/GOP/PUTNAM) BRIEFING -- **House**
Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam (R-Fla.) and **House**
Minority Whip Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) hold a pen and pad briefing.
Location: The Capitol, room HC-9
Contact: Brian Schubert, 202-226-9000

4 p.m. -- (HEALTH/TECH/KENNEDY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The

Business Roundtable holds a news conference on the "Health IT Bill Now." Participants include Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.); Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications Inc.; and Ronald Williams, chairman, CEO, and president of Aetna Inc.

Location: S-115, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joe Crea, 202-496-3288; or Alberto Canal, 908-559-6367

6:30 p.m. -- (DARFUR/RICHARDSON) EVENT -- The ambassador of Finland Pekka Lintu hosts a reception and buffet dinner to honor Daoud Hari, author of "The Translator: A Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur." Hari worked as a guide and translator for several American journalists covering the conflict in Darfur. In August 2006, Daoud was arrested in Darfur, imprisoned for 35 days and charged with espionage; but after the personal involvement New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), he was eventually released. Hari and Gov. Richardson will reunite for the first time on Wednesday since Daoud's release.

Location: Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-298-5820

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PRESIDENT BUSH' S SCHEDULE

In Romania (all times are local)

8:50 a.m.: Delivers remarks. National Bank of Savings, Bucharest, Romania. Open press.

11:55 a.m.: Meets with Romanian President Traian Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool at top.

1:25 p.m.: Participates in a joint media availability with President Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool coverage.

4:15 p.m.: Meets with NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer. JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, Bucharest, Romania. Pool at bottom.

Note: The president and first lady overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY' S SCHEDULE

No public events are scheduled.

SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE' S SCHEDULE

On foreign travel with the president.

THERE WILL BE A MORNING PRESS GAGGLE with Sean

McCormack at 10:30 a.m. The pick up time for all press is 10:25 a.m. from room 2310/no late escort.

TBA: THERE WILL BE A DAILY PRESS BRIEFING

FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH'S SCHEDULE

In Romania with the president

Note: The first lady and the president overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10 a.m.: The Commerce Dept. issues Factory Orders for February.

10:30 a.m.: The Energy Information Administration issues weekly petroleum stocks and output data.

10:30 a.m.: The American Petroleum Institute issues weekly national petroleum report.

UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m.: U.N. Security Council holds consultations to discuss its work plan for April and the latest report on sanctions against North Korea.

12:30 p.m.: South African Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo, new Security Council president, briefs media on council's work program for April. Kumalo may reveal more details of plan for Security Council summit on April 17.

SUPREME COURT

Not in session.

CONGRESS

UPDATES

THE SENATE

Meets at 9:30 a.m. to resume consideration of the

motion to proceed to H.R.3221, the vehicle for the housing legislation.

Committees

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on "National Reconnaissance Office/Space Programs." Scott Large, director the Defense Department's National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Kehler, commander at the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and Deputy Air Force Undersecretary for Space Programs Gary Payton, testify. S-407, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Energy Department's budget request and justification for FY2009. Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond Orbach; Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner, for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and David Frantz, director of the Energy Department's Office of Loan Guarantee, testify. 124 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Labor, HHS, and Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Labor Relations Board Representation Elections and Initial Collective Bargaining Agreements: Safeguarding Workers' Rights?" National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Chairman Peter Schaumber; NLRB member Wilma Liebman; Gordon Lafer, associate professor of the University of Oregon's Labor Education and Research Center, Eugene, Ore.; and John Raudabaugh, partner at Baker & McKenzie, LLP, Chicago, Ill., testify. 138 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Defense Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2009 and the Future Years Defense Program. William Tobey, deputy administrator for defense nuclear nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration; and Joseph Benkert, principal deputy assistant secretary of for global security affairs at the Defense Department, testify. 232-A Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 2:30 p.m. -- Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee holds a hearing on Defense Department contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Technology James Finley; Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness Jackson Bell; Army Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson III, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; and Jeffrey Parsons, executive director of the Army Contracting Command, testify. 222 Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION -- 2:30 p.m. -- Meets to markup S.2688, the "Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act"; S.J.Res.28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; S.2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; H.R.3985, the "Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007"; H.R.802, the "Maritime Pollution Prevention Act"; and vote on the nomination of Robert Sturgell to be administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. 253 Russell

Contact: 202-224-0411 or Andy Davis (Inouye) 202-224-4546

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS -- 10 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight on the Listing Decision for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act." Douglas Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation; Kassie Siegel, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate, Air, and Energy Program; and William Horn of Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, testify. 406 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-8832 or Pete Rafle (Boxer), 202-228-3102 or 202-302-7086

Note: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has been invited to testify at the hearing.

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Military Prospects." Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, president of BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, and adjunct professor of international affairs at the U.S. Military Academy, Arlington, Va.; retired Army Lt. Gen. William Odom, senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former director of the National Security Agency; Michele Flournoy, president of the Center for New American Security; and retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert Scales Jr., former commandant of the Army War College, and current CEO and president of Colgen, LP, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 2:30 p.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Political Prospects." Yahia Said, director for Middle East and North Africa at the Middle East at the Revenue Watch Institute, New York, N.Y.; Stephen Biddle, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; Nir Rosen, fellow at New York University's Center on Law and Security, New York, N.Y.; Patrick Clawson, deputy director for research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS -- 11 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Nuclear Terrorism: Assessing the Threat to the Homeland." Homeland Security Chief Intelligence Officer Charles Allen; Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, director of the Energy Department's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence; Matthew Bunn of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs; and Gary Ackerman of the University of Maryland's National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, testify. 342 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-2627 or Sheila Menz (Lieberman), 202-224-1389 or Jen Burita (Collins), 202-224-4751

+SENATE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES -- 5:15 p.m. -- Meets to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules and procedures for the 110th Congress. The Capitol, room S-219

Contact: 202-224-6352 (Senate Rules Committee)

JOINT ECONOMIC -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "The Economic Outlook." Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies. 106 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-5171

SENATE JUDICIARY -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security," focusing on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issues, and preparation for further implementation of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and REAL ID Act. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff testifies. 216 Hart

Contact: Erica Chabot, 202-224-7703 or David Carle (Leahy), 202-224-3693

THE HOUSE

Meets at 10 a.m. to consider H.R.5501, the "Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008."

Committees

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the **House** of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on **House** Administration; legislation to permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the **House** of Representatives and in the **House** Staff Fitness Program to be made available to other federal employees who are assigned to official duty at the **House** of Representatives; H.R.5036, the "Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008"; H.R.281, the "Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007"; H.R.3032, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; and an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Alternate Ride Home. 1310 Longworth

Contact: Janice Crump, 202-225-2061

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 11 a.m. -- Agriculture, Rural Development, **FDA**, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**)."
Jesse Goodman, director of the **FDA**'s Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research testifies. 2362-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on FY2009 appropriations for the agencies under its jurisdiction. Public witnesses testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 3 p.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Legal Services Corporation (LSC)." LSC President Helaine Barnett and LSC Chairman Frank Strickland, testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Energy - Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors." Energy Undersecretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Robert Smolen, deputy NNSA administrator for defense programs; and Kirkland Donald, deputy NNSA administrator for naval reactors, testify. 2362-B Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Office of Personnel Management." Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer testifies. 2220 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security." Stephen Flynn, senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher Koch, president and CEO of the World Shipping Council; Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, director of the Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, testify. 2359 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Indian Health Service." Acting Indian Health Service Director Bob McSwain testifies. B-308 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 1:30 p.m. -- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Defense Budget." Defense Comptroller Tina Jones; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Installations and Environment Wayne Arny, testify. H-143, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Peacekeeping Activities and International Organizations." Assistant Secretary of State Kristen Silverberg of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testifies. 2358-C Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Highway and Transit Programs: Urgent Funding Needs." Assistant Transportation Secretary and CFO Phyllis Scheinberg; Federal Transit Administrator James Simpson; and Acting Federal Highway Administrator James Ray testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 2 p.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission." Jack Schenendorf, vice chairman of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission (NSTPRSC); and NSTPRSC Commissioners Frank Busalacchi, Steve Heminger, and Raymond Geddes testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- 10 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. 2123 Rayburn

Contact: Jodi Seth (Dingell, 202-225-4071) or the Energy and Commerce Press Office, 202-225-5735

HOUSE (SELECT) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING -- 1:30 p.m. -- Meets to vote on whether to subpoena Environmental Protection Agency documents on the agency's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and hearing on "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." FAA Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment Dan Elwell; Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation; Tom Windmuller, senior vice president of the International Air Transport Association; James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association, testify. 1310 Longworth

Contact: 202-225-4012

ADDS WITNESSES

International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology Subcommittee holds a hearing on proposed regulations to the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA). Louise Roseman, director of the Federal Reserve System's Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems; Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance Policy Valerie Abend; Harriet May, president and CEO of GECU, representing the Credit Union National Association; Wayne Abernathy, executive vice president for financial institutions policy and regulatory affairs at the American Bankers Association; Leigh Williams, BITS president at the Financial Services Roundtable; and Ted Teruo Kitada, senior company counsel in Wells Fargo & Co's Legal Group, testify. 2128 Rayburn

Contact: Heather Wong, 202-226-3314 or Steven Adamske, 202-225-7141 or 202-225-2685

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HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Subcommittee holds a hearing on "United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: An Underfunded International Mandate - the Role of the United States?" Assistant United Nations Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jane Lute; and Assistant Secretary of State Kristen Silverberg of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testify. 2175 Rayburn

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan." Retired Army Lt. Gen. David Barno, director of the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies; Seth Jones, political scientist at The RAND Corporation; and Mark Schneider, senior vice president of the International Crisis Group, testify. 210 Cannon

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE JUDICIARY -- 10:15 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R.4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R.5570, the "Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008"; H.R.2760, a private bill for the relief of Shigeru Yamada, to allow him permanent residence status; H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as non-immigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments; H.R.5569, to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R.5571, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; and H.R.1777, the "Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007." 2141 Rayburn

Contact: Melanie Roussel, 202-225-3951

HOUSE (SELECT) INTELLIGENCE -- 8:45 a.m. -- Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence Subcommittee closed briefing on "Hot Spots." H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; H.R.5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia; H.R.831, the "Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act"; and H.R.3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area. 1324 Longworth

Contact: Allyson Ivins Groff or Heather Warren, 202-226-9019

ADDS WITNESSES

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM -- 2 p.m. -- Information Policy, Census, and National Archives Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Federal Advisory Committee Act of 2008." Robin Nauaro, director of national resources and environment at the Government Accountability Office; Robert Flaak, director of the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat; Sidney Shapiro, associate dean for research and development at the Wake Forest School of Law, representing the Center for Progressive Reform; Frank Wilson, director of administration and management at the Defense Department, testify. 2154 Rayburn

Contact: Karen Lightfoot, 202-225-5051

HOUSE RULES -- 3:30 p.m. -- Meets to formulate a rule on H.R.4847, the "United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2007." H-313, U.S. Capitol

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- 10 a.m. -- Research and Science Education Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Science and Technology Cooperation." White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Marburger III; National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement; Nina Fedoroff, science and technology advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeff Miotke, for science, space and health in the Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael O'Brien, assistant administrator for external relations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, testify. 2318 Rayburn

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE -- 9 a.m. -- Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact," focusing on the impact on state and local jurisdictions. Reps. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Candice Miller (R-Mich.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif) and John Hall (D-N.Y.); Steven Stockton, deputy director of civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers; David Maurstad, assistant administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Mitigation Directorate; Les Stetman, executive director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Mo.; Larry Larson, executive director of the National Association of State Flood Plain Managers; and Chris Smith, president of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association, testify. 2167 Rayburn

Contact: Jim Berard, 202-225-6260

HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS -- 10 a.m. -- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Vision Issues." Retired Army Staff Sgt. Brian Pearce and Angela Pearce, of Mechanicsville, Va.; Glen Minney, retired hospital corpsman in the Navy's Fleet Marine Force, Frankfurt, Ohio; Thomas Zampieri, director of government relations for the Blinded Veterans Association; Randolph Marshall, professor of clinical neurology and director of Columbia University Medical Center's Division of Cerebrovascular Diseases, representing NovaVision, Inc.; Navroze Mehta, president and CEO of NovaVision, Inc.; Mary Warren, associate professor of occupational therapy and director of graduate certification in Low Vision Rehabilitation Program at University, representing Performance Enterprises and Dynavision 2000; Gayle Clarke, CEO of Neuro Vision Technology Pty. Ltd.; James Orcutt, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Health Administration; Barbara Sigford, national program director for physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Veterans Health Administration; Glenn Cockerham, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care System; Gregory Goodrich, research psychologist at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Col. Loree Sutton, director of the Defense Department's Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury; and Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, deputy surgeon general for force management and chief of the Army Nurse Corps at the Defense Department, testify. 334 Cannon

Contact: Kristal Dekleer, 202-225-9756

ADVISORIES

(CAMPAIGN/MCCAIN) ADVISORY -- Sen. John McCain

(R-Ariz.), the likely 2008 Republican presidential nominee, holds the following events in Annapolis on Wednesday, as part of McCain's "Service to America Tour."

Schedule

8:10 a.m.: Participates in Pledge of Allegiance ceremony. Chick and Ruth's Delly, 165 Main St., Annapolis, Md. Pool coverage.

9 a.m.: Delivers speech. Navy and Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Superintendent's Pavilion, 304 Farragut Road, Annapolis, Md.

Contact: 703-650-5550

(POVERTY/RACE) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., Catholic Charities USA holds its National Town Hall Meeting webcast to discuss race and poverty.

Contact: Shelley Borysiewicz, 703-236-6218, sborysiewicz@catholiccharitiesusa.org

Note: Webcast will be available online: <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/livetownhall>

ADDS JERRY BROWN

(CLIMATE/EPA/BROWN) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., California Attorney General Jerry Brown; James Mikey, chief of environmental protection in Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for the Sierra Club; and Joe Mendelson, legal director at the International Center for Technology Assessment, participate in a Sierra Club conference call to discuss "the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA."

Contact: Josh Dorner, 202-675-2384

Note: The dial-in number is 888-228-9795. The passcode is 41865689.

(CAMPAIGN/CLINTON) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m. approx., The Clinton Campaign holds a conference call featuring various campaign policy advisers.

Contact: 703-875-1271

Note: RSVP to press@HillaryClinton.com for dial-in information.

(HEALTH/EDUCATION/KIDS) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m., the Every Child Matters Education Fund holds a conference call to discuss a new report, "Geography Matters: Child Well-Being in the 50 States," which identifies a diverse set of child well-being standards, including lack of access to prenatal care, malnutrition, child abuse and teen incarceration. Participants include Michael Petit, author of "Geography Matters: Child Well-Being in the States" and founder of Every Child Matters; Berry Brazelton, founder of Brazelton Touchpoints Center and clinical professor of pediatrics emeritus at Harvard Medical School; and Elizabeth Clark, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers.

Contact: Ailis Aaron Wolf, 703-276-3265

Note: The dial-in number is 800-860-2442. The passcode is: "Geography Matters/Child Well-Being in the 50 States." An audio replay of the news event will be available at www.everychildmatters.org starting at 6:30 p.m. on April 2.

(HOUSING/SENATE) ADVISORY -- At 2 p.m., Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.) holds a conference call to discuss "the need to pass bipartisan legislation that provides real solutions to the nationwide housing crisis." Topics include the Senate's move to consider the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, "legislation that will keep families facing foreclosure in their homes, help other families avoid foreclosures in the future and help communities already harmed by foreclosure to recover."

Contact: Cody Wertz, 303-350-0032 or Stephanie Valencia, 202-228-3630

Note: The dial-in number is 1-866-909-2663. The meeting ID is 0431844.

+(HOUSE/BRALEY) ADVISORY -- At 2:15 p.m., Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) holds his weekly conference call with Iowa reporters.

Contact: Jeff Giertz, 202-226-4026

Note: The dial-in number is 1-866-704-2208. The passcode is 2414543.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

MORNING

7 a.m. -- (CHARITY/WOMEN) EVENT -- FedEx Special

Delivery and Dress for Success holds its day-long "Send a Suit" professional women's clothing drive on Capitol Hill, as a part of the "S.O.S.-Send One Suit-Week." FedEx Special Delivery will collect donations of gently used women's suits, and professional attire and accessories from D.C. residents, Capitol Hill staff and members of Congress for the Dress for Success store in D.C. Since 2006, these "Send A Suit" drives have collected more than 1,000 items of clothing.

Location: Capitol South Metro Station, First and D Streets SE

Contact: Whitney Sousa, 843-729-9382

7 a.m. -- (FARMS/BEEF/SCHAFFER) CONFERENCE -- The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) holds its Legislative Conference. Third of four days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs Bruce Knight speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

11 a.m.: Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Contact: 202-347-0228

8 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/ARMS/NUCLEAR) CONFERENCE -- The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics holds its 6th Annual U.S. Missile Defense Conference and Exhibit, which runs through April 3.

Location: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: Chris Taylor, 703-697-8001

8 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/DURBIN/BAYH/GRAHAM) EVENT -- Senate Assistant Majority Whip Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), an Obama supporter; Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), a Clinton supporter; Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), a McCain supporter, participate in a National Journal/MSNBC "Super Surrogates," breakfast discussion. Other participants are: Ron Brownstein, political director for the Atlantic Media Company; Linda Douglass, contributing editor of National Journal; and Chuck Todd, NBC political director.

Location: Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, The Columbus Club

Contact: Davis Vanderwerff, 202-266-7144

ADDS 9AM EVENT WITH REP. WATERS

8:30 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/DEVELOPMENT) EVENT -- The

National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association (NACEDA) holds its Annual Capacity Building and Policy Summit. Third and final day.

Highlight

+9 a.m.: Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), delivers breakfast remarks. B-340 Rayburn **House** Office Building.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW (except as noted above)

Contact: Jane DeMarines, 703-741-0144 or Kim Hayes, 301-585-1131

Note: RSVP to Kim Hayes at khayes@naceda.org.

+8:30 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/RESERVES) CONFERENCE -- The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a conference titled, "The Commission on the National Guard and Reserves Report: Where Do We Go From Here."

Highlights

8:45 a.m.: Former Defense secretary William Cohen speaks.

9:15 a.m.: Principle Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary John Winkler; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. David Fastabend, director of Strategy, Plans and Policy in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff; and retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, discuss "Senior Perspectives on the Operation Reserve and the AVF."

10:30 a.m.: Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness David Chu; Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve; Patricia Lewis, commissioner of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; former Assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs Charlie Cragin; and Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, adjunct general for Oregon, discuss "Sustaining and Institutionalizing the Operational Reserve."

11:45 a.m.: Assistant Defense Secretary Paul McHale; Vice Adm. Harvey Johnson, deputy administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; and Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of U.S. Northern Command, discuss "The Role of the Defense Department in the Homeland."

2 p.m.: Richard Walsh, minority counsel of the Senate Armed Services Committee; Daniel Ginsberg of the office of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Joseph Cealencis, professional staff member of the **House** Homeland Security Committee; and John Grant professional staff member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee discuss "Congressional Views on the Operational Reserve."

Location: CSIS, 1800 K Street NW, B-1 Conference Level

Contact: Andrew Schwartz, 202-775-3242

Note: This is an invitation only event.

+9 a. m. -- (GOVERNMENT/LIBRARIANS/TECH) SEMINAR --

Lexis Nexis holds a seminar called, "Web 2.0 in the Workplace and Beyond," with Karen Huffman, manager of Knowledge Initiatives at National Geographic and winner of the Society of Libraries and Information Services' 2007 Innovations in Technology Award.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW

Contact: Marie Kaddell, 202-857-8223

9 a. m. -- (SECURITY/THOMPSON) EVENT -- The **House**

Homeland Security Committee holds its Bioterrorism Technology Fair on the latest tools used in the detection and response of a bioterrorist attack, with **House** Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.)

Location: Foyer, Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Dena Graziano or Adam Comis, 202-225-9978

9 a. m. -- (DC/TRANSPORT/AIRPORTS) MEETING -- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors holds its monthly meeting.

Location: Reagan National Airport, 1 Aviation Circle, 2nd Floor, Board Room

Contact: Tara Hamilton, 703-417-8370 or Tom Sullivan, 703-417-8744

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GUTIERREZ) FORUM -- The Consumer Electronics Association holds its Washington Forum. First of two days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez delivers opening keynote remarks.

11 a.m.: Sage Chandler, senior director

of trade at the Consumer Electronics Association; Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Kathy Gornik, president of THIEL Audio Products Company; Robert Scott, director of International Programs at the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Smith, president and founder of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; and Sean Spicer, assistant U.S. trade representative of the Executive Office of the President, participate in a panel discussion on "What Trade Means in Real Life Terms to Real Life Businesses."

Noon: Tony Blankley, panelist on the McLaughlin Group and executive vice president of the PR firm Edelman; and Donna Brazile, founder and managing director of Brazile and Associates LLC and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, deliver keynote remarks.

2 p.m.: Shawn DuBravac, economist for the Consumer Electronics Association; Victor Fazio, senior adviser of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Rashi Glazer, co-director of the Management of Technology Program at the University of California, Berkeley and professor of Haas School of Business; Ed Gresser, director of the Trade and Global Markets Project of the Progressive Policy Institute; and Chris Padilla, undersecretary for international trade at the International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department, participate in a panel discussion on "Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics."

7:30 p.m.: Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.); and Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications, are honored at the Digital Patriots Dinner.

Location: J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue

Contact: 202-463-5074

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GOVERNMENT/INTERNET) CONFERENCE -- FOSE holds its 2008 Federal Office Systems Exposition and Conference. Second of three days.

Highlights

9 a.m.: David Pogue, New York Times columnist, delivers remarks on "Keeping Up With the Technology revolution-What's New and What's Next."

Location: Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

Contact: 800-746-0099

9 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The American Enterprise Institute's (AEI) Center for Regulatory and Market Studies hosts an event on "The Debate Over Network Management: An Economic Perspective."

Highlights

9:15 a.m.: Robert Crandall, senior fellow of the Brookings Institution; Nicholas Economides, executive director of the NET Institute; Jonathan Nuechterlein of the WilmerHale law firm; and Jon Peha, associate director of the Center for Wireless and Broadband Networking at Carnegie Mellon University, participate in a panel discussion on "Management of Wireline Networks."

Noon: Thomas Hazlett, director of the Information Economy Project at the National Center for Technology and Law, delivers luncheon remarks.

Location: AEI, 1150 17th Street NW, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor

Contact: Veronique Rodman, 202-862-4871, vrodman@aei.org

Note: Register online: <http://www.aei.org/event1682>

9 a.m. -- (FIREFIGHTERS/COMPETITION) EVENT -- The Congressional Fire Services Institute hosts the 20th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars with the Firefighter Combat Challenge and United Kingdom and United States Firefighters Tug of War Competition.

Highlights

9 a.m.: Combat Challenge.

12:15 p.m.: Tug of War Competition.

Location: National Mall, between Third and Fourth Streets and Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive

Contact: Kelly Hysan, 202-518-7521, kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk

9:30 a.m. -- (BUDGET/CONGRESS/GOP) EVENT -- The Council

of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) holds its event to release its 2008 Congressional Pig Book, an annual report on pork-barrel spending in the federal budget. Participants include Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.); Reps. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Price (R-Ga.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.); and CCAGW President Tom Schatz.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, 13th Floor, First Amendment Lounge

Contact: Leslie Paige, 202-467-5334 or Alexa Moutevelis, 202-467-5318

9:30 a.m. -- (FARMS/ANIMALS/HEALTH) BRIEFING -- The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production (PCIFAP) holds a briefing on "Farm Animal Welfare and its Connection to Public Health." Participants include Michael Blackwell, vice chairman of PCIFAP and president and CEO of Blackwell Consulting LLC; Bernard Rollin, member of PCIFAP; and Alan Goldberg, member of PCIFAP.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Ralph Loglisci, 202-223-2996, rloglisci@pcifap.org; or Jamie Shor, 202-628-7772, jshor@venturecommunications.com

9:30 a.m. -- (CONGO/WOMEN/RIGHTS) DISCUSSION -- The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Gender Based Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo-Causes and Consequences." Participants include Kristen Kim Bart, Gender-Based Violence Program officer at the International Rescue Committee; Denis Mukwege of Panzi Hospital in Bukavu; Patricia Morris, director of program development at Women for Women International; and Howard Wolpe, director of the Africa Program.

Location: Wilson Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

9:45 a.m. -- (HEALTH/TOBACCO/KIDS) EVENT -- The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids holds its 13th Annual Kick Butts Day.

Highlights

9:45 a.m.: Students at Browne Junior High School commit to be tobacco-free. Location: Browne Junior High School, 850 26th Street NE.

4:30 p.m.: D.C. Councilmember Marion Barry participates in a parade in Southeast D.C. to celebrate students' pledge to live a tobacco-free lifestyle. Location: Parade begins at "The Big Chair," 2101 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, and continues on Martin Luther King Avenue to Ballou High School Stadium on Fourth Street SE.

Contact: Tamara Parr, 202-745-5114; or Nicole Dueffert, 202-296-5469

+10 a.m. -- (CHENEY/IMPEACH) EVENT -- CODEPINK holds a "National Conversation on the Impeachment of Vice President Dick Cheney," as part of CODEPINK's "Hungry For Justice? Impeach Him FAST!" campaign.

Location: 2138 Rayburn **House** Office Building
Contact: 202-290-1301

10 a. m. -- (SCIENCE/VOLCANOS) EVENT -- The Alaska

Volcano Observatory, a joint program of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys hold a demonstration on how volcano scientists help the public be prepared to handle the threats of volcano eruptions.

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building

Contact: Charice Nassif Ransom, 703-648-4299 or Martha Stewart, 202-262-4112

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/MEDIA/RX/CONSUMERS) DISCUSSION -- Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) join Kim Witczak, founder of WoodyMatters, at a Consumers Union discussion to urge the Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) "to require all television drug advertising include information on how consumers can report serious drug reactions to the **FDA**."

Location: The Capitol, room HC-6
Contact: Susan Herold, 202-462-6262

10 a. m. -- (DC/BUSINESS/ECONOMY) EVENT - Washington

Mayor Adrian Fenty, Dan Mesches, chairman of Destination D.C.; and William Hansbury, president and CEO of Destination D.C. speak at an event to discuss a new marketing campaign designed to grow and strengthen Washington's \$5.24 billion hospitality industry.

Location: Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh Street NW
Contact: Rebecca Pawlowski, 202-789-7099

10 a. m. -- (CAMPAIGN/CONVENTIONS) CONFERENCE --

American University (AU) holds a 2008 National Party Conventions Conference. Participants include James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University's School of Public Affairs; Mike Berman, president of the Duberstein Group; Anthony Corrado, Brookings Institution fellow; Tad Devine, Democratic strategist; Ron Elving, NPR Washington editor; Dotty Lynch, former CBS News political director and executive in residence at AU's School of Communication; Billy Pitts, former **House** Rules Committee staff director and assistant parliamentarian at four Republican conventions; Costas Panagopoulos, author of "Rewiring Politics: Presidential Nominating Conventions in the Media Age"; and Brian Schaffner, assistant professor of political science at American University and research fellow at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

Location: AU, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Mary Graydon Center, Rooms 5 and 6

Contact: Jon Hussey, 202-885-5935, hussey@american.edu; 202-885-5950

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/RESEARCH/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) participate in a Science Coalition event on "the importance of a strong American research enterprise to address issues in biomedical research, climate change research, and alternative energy development." Other speakers are: Henry Jacoby of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Brody, president of Johns **Hopkins** University; Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan; Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Roger Kornberg of Stanford University; Paul Alivisatos, acting deputy director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Steven Fluharty, vice provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Palazzo, provost of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Matthias Ruth of the University of Maryland.

Location: The Capitol, room S-207
Contact: Ashley Prime, 202-457-1110

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/SENIORS/MEDICARE) RALLY -- The

American Medical Association holds a rally to "urge immediate action to preserve seniors' access to healthcare by stopping Medicare physician payment cuts," with AMA physicians.

Location: Upper Senate Park, Constitution Avenue, between Delaware and New Jersey Avenue

Contact: Katherine Hatwell, 202-789-7419

10 a.m. -- (LAW/BUSINESS/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform holds a news conference to discuss the impact of passing the "Arbitration Fairness Act," which would "invalidate hundreds of millions of consumer and employee contracts, leaving many consumers with no way to settle disputes except to try to navigate the court system on their own." Participants include Lisa Rickard, president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Peter Rutledge of Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Joel Benenson of the Benenson Strategy Group; and Bill McInturff of Public Opinion Strategies.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Larry Akey, 202-463-5824

10 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/POLL) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Quinnipiac University Polling Institute holds a news conference to release a new poll, conducted simultaneously in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, asking voter opinions of 2008 presidential candidates. Participants include Peter Brown and Clay Richards, assistant directors of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Street NW
Contact: Pat Smith, 212-843-8026

(HOUSING/SENATE) ADVISORY -- At 2 p.m., Sen. Ken

Salazar (D-Colo.) holds a conference call to discuss "the need to pass bipartisan legislation that provides real solutions to the nationwide housing crisis." Topics include the Senate's move to consider the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, "legislation that will keep families facing foreclosure in their homes, help other families avoid foreclosures in the future and help communities already harmed by foreclosure to recover."

Contact: Cody Wertz, 303-350-0032 or Stephanie Valencia, 202-228-3630

Note: The dial-in number is 1-866-909-2663. The meeting ID is 0431844.

+10:30 a.m. -- (BLACKS/RIGHTS/KING) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Reps. John Lewis (D-Ga.), Deborah Pryce (R-Ohio) and Victor Snyder (D-Ark.); and United Negro College Fund President and CEO Michael Lomax hold a news conference on the On 40th Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and to discuss the Civil Rights Act Commemorative Coin bill.

Location: H-330, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joye Griffin, 703-205-3480, joye.griffin@unconf.org (UNCF)

10:30 a.m. -- (TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCC) holds a event to launch a new national campaign, "Connect!," to promote the need for a national broadband policy. Participants include William Kovacs, vice president of environment, technology, and regulatory affairs at USCC; Brian Mefford, president and CEO of Connected Nation Inc.; and Leroy Watson, legislative director at National Grange.

Location: USCC, 1615 H Street NW, Amway-Emerson Room
Contact: 202-463-5682, press@uschamber.com

Note: Media credentials required; Media RSVP required to 202-463-5682 or press@uschamber.com

10:45 a.m. -- (VIETNAM/BURIAL) EVENT -- Arlington

National Cemetery holds a funeral and burial for Army Maj. Arthur Ecklund and Army Maj Perry Jefferson. On April 3, 1969, Ecklund and his U.S. Air Force observer, Jefferson, were flying a visual reconnaissance mission out of Phan Rang airbase. They left the base at in the morning on an O1G aircraft (serial #51-12078) and reported in by radio at 0730 hours giving their location, destination and information concerning a convoy they were going to check out. No further communication was heard, except for a signal "beeper." In 2001, a Vietnamese national living in California gave U.S. officials human remains that he said were found at a site where the two U.S. pilots crashed. Last December, the remains of Jefferson were identified nearly 40 years after he disappeared on a reconnaissance flight over Vietnam.

Location: Arlington National Cemetery

Contact: 202-685-4645 or 202-685-4644

Note: Press pick up on Memorial Drive is at 11:20 a.m. for gravesite.

ADDS DETAILS

+11 a.m. -- (AFGHAN/HUNTER) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep.

Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), ranking Republican on the **House** Armed Services Committee, holds a news conference to discuss the rules of engagement for U.S. Marines during their upcoming deployment to Southern Afghanistan.

Location: The Capitol, **House** Radio/TV Gallery

Contact: 202-225-5672

+11 a.m. -- (JOBS/WAGES/BLACKS) NEWS CONFERENCE --

William Spriggs, chairman of the Howard University Economics Department; and Steven Pitts of the Center for Labor Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, hold a news conference to discuss their new report, "Beyond the Mountaintop: King's Prescription for Poverty." Spriggs and Pitts maintain that after adjusted for inflation "the minimum wage is actually lower today than it was when Martin Luther King launched his campaign on behalf of poor people 40 years ago."

Location: The Service Employees International Union, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: Shonna Carter, 212-260-5000

11 a.m. -- (HEALTH/CARDIN) FORUM -- Erickson Health holds a forum featuring Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), who discusses pending legislation regarding preventive healthcare. Other speakers are: Ken Thorpe, executive director of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and former Clinton Administration health official; Nicole Tapay, senior health policy aide to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Piper Su, health policy director for Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.); and Ashley Ridlion, health policy legislative director for **House** Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio).

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9

Contact: Scott Sawicki, 410-402-2216

11 a.m. -- (SECURITY/ARMS/CHEMICAL) FORUM -- Global

Green USA holds its 11th Annual Legacy Forum on "Chemical Weapons and Global Security: Implementing the International Chemical Weapons Convention," with Rogelio Pffirter, director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Location: 1116 Longworth **House** Office Building

Contact: Cristian Ion, 202-222-0700, cion@globalgreen.org

11 a.m. -- (SECURITY/ARMS/CHEMICAL) FORUM -- The Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation and Global Green USA holds the 11th Annual Legacy Forum on "Chemical Weapons and Global Security: Implementing the International Chemical Weapons Convention," with Rogelio Pflirter, director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Location: 1116 Longworth **House** Office Building
Contact: Cristian Ion, 202-222-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (WORLD BANK/ZOELLICK) FORUM -- The Center for Global Development sponsors a forum with World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

Location: Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Consulate Ballroom
Contact: 202-416-0700

ADDS HIGHLIGHTS

11:30 a.m. -- (AMTRAK/FUNDS/SENATE) EVENT -- The

Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility hosts an event in support of funding for Amtrak "to support more reliable, frequent and higher speed rail service in the Northeast corridor."

Highlights

11:30 a.m.: Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.); and former Gov. Mark Schweiker (R-Pa.), chairman and CEO of the Council for Growth, speak.

Noon: Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) speak.

12:30 p.m.: Paul Choquette, chairman of Gilbane, Inc.; Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association; Stephen Rush, **spokesman** for Brandywine Realty Trust; Ciro Scalera, director of Public Affairs for Verizon; Donald Fry, president of the Greater Baltimore Committee; and Christopher Ward, managing director and secretary to the board of the General Contractors Association of New York.

1 p.m.: Alex Kummant, president and CEO of Amtrak, speaks.

Location: The Capitol, room S-115
Contact: Melissa Volin, 215-988-6919

11:30 a.m. -- (US-ASIA/CONGRESS) DISCUSSION -- The

Heritage Foundation holds a discussion on "Asia 2008: The View from Capitol Hill." Participants include Demetrios Marantis, chief international trade counsel for the Senate Finance Committee; Jonah Blank, professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Dennis Halpin, professional staff member of the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee; Dino Teppara, chief of staff for Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.); and Walter Lohman, director of the Asian Studies Center of the Heritage Foundation.

Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Lehrman Auditorium

Contact: 202-675-1752

AFTERNOON

Noon -- (FINANCE/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The New America

Foundation (NAF) holds a discussion on "Illusions and Delusions About the U.S. Economic Picture: What it Will Take to Strengthen America's 'Real Economy.'" Participants include Leon Hindry, managing director of InterMedia Partners and former CEO of AT&T Broadband and Yankee Entertainment and Sports Network; Bruce Stokes, international economics consultant at National Journal; Sherle Schwenninger, director of the Economic Growth Program of NAF; and Steve Clemons, director of the American Strategy Program of NAF and publisher of TheWashingtonNote.com.

Location: NAF, 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, 7th Floor
Contact: Liz Wu, 202-986-2760 ext. 315

Noon -- (IRAQ) DISCUSSION -- The Center for American

Progress (CAP) holds a discussion on "A View from the Ground in Iraq." Participants include Michael Ware, CNN's correspondent in Baghdad; Nir Rosen, fellow of the Center on Law and Security at New York University; and Brian Katulis, senior fellow at the Center for American Progress.

Location: The Center for American Progress (CAP), 1333 H Street NW, 10th Floor

Contact: 202-741-6246
Note: RSVP required.

Noon -- (AFRICA/OUTLOOK) FORUM -- The Cato Institute

holds a policy forum "Let Failing African Governments Collapse: A Radical Solution to Underdevelopment." Participants include Edward Luttwak, senior associate of the Center for International and Strategic Studies; George Ayittey, professor of economics at American University; Mauro De Lorenzo, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute; and Marian Tupy, policy analyst at the Cato Institute.

Location: Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, F.A. Hayek Auditorium

Contact: 202-789-5200

12:30 p.m. -- (RUSSIA/BUSINESS) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "How to Do Business in Russia," with former Assistant Secretary of State Toby Gati, for intelligence and research.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 812

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626
Note: RSVP to 202-663-5795 or egerasimov@jhu.edu

12:30 p.m. -- (NIGERIA/DEMOCRACY) DISCUSSION -- The

Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Nigeria: The 2007 General 'Elections' and the Future of Democracy," with Okechukwu Nwanguma, project officer for campaign operations and periodic reports at the Civil Liberties Organization in Lagos, Nigeria.

Location: SAIS, Bernstein-Offit Building, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 736

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626

12:30 p.m. -- (IRISH/TROUBLES) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Northern Ireland: Overcoming Conflict," with 16 SAIS students who spent one week in Northern Ireland.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Auditorium

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: The public should RSVP to 202-663-5745 or itlong@jhu.edu

UPDATES: EVENT IS OFF THE RECORD

12:45 p.m. -- (LATAM/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Current Changes for U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America." featuring a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Location: SAIS, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 517

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5734 or jzurek1@jhu.edu

+1:30 p.m. -- (PENTAGON/MULLEN) BRIEFING -- Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, holds a briefing.

Location: The Pentagon, Briefing Room 2E579

Contact: 703-697-5131

Note: Press without a Pentagon hard pass will be

picked up at the North Parking Entrance only. Arrive by 12:45 p.m.. Call for an escort.

1:30 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) holds a news conference to unveil a new economic study on the consumer electronics industry. Participants include CEA President and CEO Gary Shapiro; and CEA Economist Shawn DuBravac.

Location: Location Withheld

Contact: Katie Hallen, 202-679-2394

Note: RSVP to Katie Hallen.

1:45 p.m. -- (MEDIA/MURDOCH) DISCUSSION -- Georgetown

University's McDonough School of Business holds a discussion on "the changing news media landscape," with Robert Murdoch, chairman and CEO of News Corporation.

Location: Georgetown University, 37th and O Streets NW, Healy Hall, 3rd Floor

Contact: 202-687-4328

Note: Media should RSVP to Andy Pino at, 202-687-8610 or pinoa@georgetown.edu; Media will need valid credentials on campus.

2 p.m. -- (CLIMATE/AUTOS/BEGLEY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Actor Ed Begley Jr., Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard hold a news conference to unveil a new electric vehicle.

Location: Southeast Drive, New Jersey Avenue SW and Independence Avenue

Contact: Sandra Salstrom, 202-225-2611 or **Jeff Ventura**, 202-226-5680

Note: When entering the Capitol grounds on New Jersey Avenue SW, from Independence Avenue, walk through the barricades in front of the Capitol, past the guard **house** and turn right. The news conference will be on the sidewalk on Southeast Drive.

2 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/HOUSING/RIGHTS) EVENT -- Assistant HUD Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick delivers remarks on the importance of the Housing and Urban Development Department's (HUD) continuing fight against housing discrimination, at a ceremony to kick off HUD's Fair Housing Month.

Location: HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Departmental Conference Room, 10th Floor

Contact: Shantae Goodloe, 202-294-3903

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/AUTISM/**HOUSE**) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee Africa and Global Health Subcommittee; Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.); and Lee Grossman, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America, hold a news conference to discuss World Autism Awareness Day.

Location: Cannon Terrace, Cannon **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-225-3765

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/BREAST CANCER) DISCUSSION -- The Global Health Initiative of the Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Public Health Democracy: U.S. and Global Health Disparities in Breast Cancer." Participants include Doris Browne, program director of the Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Research Group at the Division of Cancer Prevention of the National Cancer Institute; Peter Greenwald, director of the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute; and Lucile Adams-Campbell, professor of medicine and director at the Howard University Cancer Center.

Location: WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

Note: RSVP required to globalhealth@wilsoncenter.org

2 p. m. -- (STATE/WATER) FORUM -- The Millennium

Challenge Corporation (MCC) holds a forum on "Poverty Reduction and World Water Day," focusing on the importance of water in development assistance.

Location: The Capitol, room H-137

Contact: 202-521-3850

Note: RSVP to mcevents@mcc.gov.

POSTPONED

2 p. m. -- (IRAQ/ECONOMY) DISCUSSION -- The National

Press Club Afternoon Newsmaker Program holds a discussion on "Iraq's Economic Surge and Recent Private Investments." Participants include Fawzi Hariri, Iraq's minister of industry and minerals; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Business Transformation Paul Brinkley.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Bob Webb, 703-329-1960 or Kevin Wensing, 703-695-7150

2 p.m. -- (**HOUSE**/DEMS/INTEL) MEETING -- The Democratic members of the **House** (Select) Intelligence Committee hold a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

Location: H-405, U. S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

+2:30 p. m. -- (ENERGY/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Bernie

Sanders (I-Vt.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.); and Cynthia McCollum, president of the National League of Cities, hold a news conference to discuss the results of a national effort to build support for funding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

Location: The Capitol, West Front Steps
Contact: Sherry Conway Appel, 202-626-3003

2:30 p. m. -- (**HOUSE**/GOP/PUTNAM) BRIEFING -- **House**
Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam (R-Fla.) and **House**
Minority Whip Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) hold a pen and pad briefing.

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9
Contact: Brian Schubert, 202-226-9000

2:30 p. m. -- (STATE/FINANCE) SEMINAR -- The George

Washington University's (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for International Economic Policy and the Economics Department hold a macro and international finance seminar with Vivian Yue, assistant professor of economics at New York University.

Location: GWU Elliott School, 2115 G Street NW, Monroe Hall, Room 321

Contact: 202-994-6240
Note: RSVP to iiep@gwu.edu

3 p. m. -- (STATE/DEVELOPMENT/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The

Brookings Institution holds a discussion on "Mobilizing Talent for Global Development." Participants include Neil Ruiz, nonresident fellow of global economy and development at the Brookings Institution; Andres Solimano, regional adviser of the United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; AnnaLee Saxenian, dean and professor of the School of Information at the University of California at Berkeley; Michael Clemons, research fellow at the Center for Global Development; and Danny Leipziger, vice president of the Poverty and Reduction Network at the World Bank.

Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-797-6105, communications@brookings.edu
Note: Register online: <http://www.brookings.edu>

3 p. m. -- (SCIENCE/NANOTECH) EVENT -- The Museum of

Science, Boston holds its NanoDays programs and demonstration, the first nationwide festival of educational programs about nanoscale science and engineering and its potential impact.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building
Contact: 617-443-9933

3:30 p. m. -- (CHINA/POLITICS/HISTORY) LECTURE --

American University (AU) holds its 11th Annual Warren S. Hunsberger lecture on "Chinese Politics-Out of Bad Things Come Good Things," with Roderick MacFarquhar, professor of history and political science at Harvard University.

Location: AU, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, SIS Lounge, SIS Building

Contact: Jon Hussey, 202-885-5935, hussey@american.edu (Media); 202-885-5950

4 p.m. -- (HEALTH/TECH/KENNEDY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Business Roundtable holds a news conference on the "Health IT Bill Now." Participants include Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.); Ivan Seidenberg,

chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications Inc.; and Ronald Williams, chairman, CEO, and president of Aetna Inc.

Location: S-115, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joe Crea, 202-496-3288; or Alberto Canal, 908-559-6367

5:15 p.m. -- (ARTS/BOOK) EVENT -- The Catholic University of America's Department of English holds a poetry and fiction reading event with Linda Pastan, author of "The Last Uncle"; and Kate Blackwell, author of "You Won't Remember This."

Location: Catholic University, 620 Michigan Avenue NE, Caldwell Auditorium

Contact: Katie Lee, 202-319-5600,

5:15 p.m. -- (CHINA/BOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a book discussion on "The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Money, Might, and Minds," with author David Lampton.

Location: SAIS, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Kenney Auditorium

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: RSVP to zji@jhu.edu

5:30 p.m. -- (RELIGION) EVENT -- Georgetown University holds a lecture on "The State of Religious Dialogue: 40 Years After Nostra Aetate," the Second Vatican Council's document on interreligious dialogue, with Sayyed Hossein Nasr, professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University.

Location: Georgetown University, 37th and O Streets NW, Healy Hall, Third Floor, Riggs Library

Contact: 202-687-4328

5:30 p.m. -- (NANOTECH/WYDEN) RECEPTION -- The Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies and the National Science Foundation hold a reception for the premiere of the three part television series, "Nanotechnology: The Power of Small," that will begin airing on local public broadcasting stations in April. Participants include Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Arden Bement, director of the National Science Foundation; and Andrew Maynard, chief science adviser of the Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies.

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

Note: RSVP required.

EVENING

+6: 30 p. m. -- (DARFUR/RICHARDSON) EVENT -- The

ambassador of Finland Pekka Lintu hosts a reception and buffet dinner to honor Daoud Hari, author of "The Translator: A Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur." Hari worked as a guide and translator for several American journalists covering the conflict in Darfur. In August 2006, Daoud was arrested in Darfur, imprisoned for 35 days and charged with espionage; but after the personal involvement New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), he was eventually released. Hari and Gov. Richardson will reunite for the first time on Wednesday since Daoud's release.

Location: Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-298-5820

6:30 p.m. -- (IRAN/OUTLOOK) FORUM -- The George Washington University (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs holds a Middle East Policy forum on "Iran Elections 2008: Domestic, Regional, and

International Consequences." Participants include Afshin Molavi, fellow at the New America Foundation; and Ray Takeyh, senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Location: GWU Elliott School, 1957 E Street NW, Lindner Family Commons

Contact: 202-994-6240
Note: RSVP to rsvpesia@gwu.edu

7 p.m. -- (SWEDEN/ARTS) EVENT -- **House** of Sweden holds a Discover Sweden event with exhibits, cultural events, seminars, activities for children, concerts and workshops.

Location: **House** of Sweden, 901 30th Street NW
Contact: 202-467-2600

7 p.m. -- (IRAQ/AFGHAN/VETS) EVENT -- The Center for

American Progress (CAP), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and the Film Sales Company hold a film screening and discussion on "Body of War," a documentary about "the truth of war today," with the film's subject, Tomas Young, a 25 year old Iraq war veteran who was paralyzed from a bullet to his spine after serving for less than a week. Participants include Todd Bowers, director of government affairs at Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Phil Donohue, co-director and executive producer of "Body of War"; Lawrence Korb, senior fellow at CAP; Ellen Spiro, co-director, co-producer, and cinematographer of "Body of War"; and Tomas Young, veteran of the Iraq War and subject in "Body of War."

Location: Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th Street NW

Contact: 202-741-6246
Note: RSVP required.

8 p.m. -- (MIDEAST) DISCUSSION -- The Al-Hewar Center holds a discussion (in Arabic) on "The Arab Summit and the Current Crises in the Middle East."

Location: Al-Hewar Center, 124 Park Street SE, Vienna, Va.
Contact: 703-281-6277

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10 a.m.: The Commerce Dept. issues Factory Orders for
February.
10:30 a.m.: The Energy Information Administration
issues weekly petroleum stocks and output data.
10:30 a.m.: The American Petroleum Institute issues

weekly national petroleum report.

CONGRESS

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on "National Reconnaissance Office/Space Programs." Scott Large, director the Defense Department's National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Kehler, commander at the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and Deputy Air Force Undersecretary for Space Programs Gary Payton, testify. S-407, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Energy Department's budget request and justification for FY2009. Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond Orbach; Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner, for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and David Frantz, director of the Energy Department's Office of Loan Guarantee, testify. 124 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Labor, HHS, and Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Labor Relations Board Representation Elections and Initial Collective Bargaining Agreements: Safeguarding Workers' Rights?" National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Chairman Peter Schaumber; NLRB member Wilma Liebman; Gordon Lafer, associate professor of the University of Oregon's

Labor Education and Research Center, Eugene, Ore.; and John Raudabaugh, partner at Baker & McKenzie, LLP, Chicago, Ill., testify. 138 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Defense Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2009 and the Future Years Defense Program. William Tobey, deputy administrator for defense nuclear nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration; and Joseph Benkert, principal deputy assistant secretary of for global security affairs at the Defense Department, testify. 232-A Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 2:30 p.m. -- Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee holds a hearing on Defense Department contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Technology James Finley; Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness Jackson Bell; Army Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson III, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; and Jeffrey Parsons, executive director of the Army Contracting Command, testify. 222 Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION -- 2:30 p.m. -- Meets to markup S.2688, the "Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act"; S.J.Res.28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; S.2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; H.R.3985, the "Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007"; H.R.802, the "Maritime Pollution Prevention Act"; and vote on the nomination of Robert Sturgell to be administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. 253 Russell

Contact: 202-224-0411 or Andy Davis (Inouye) 202-224-4546

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS -- 10 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight on the Listing Decision for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act." Douglas Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation; Kassie Siegel, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate, Air, and Energy Program; and William Horn of Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, testify. 406 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-8832 or Pete Rafle (Boxer), 202-228-3102 or 202-302-7086

Note: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has been invited to testify at the hearing.

JOINT ECONOMIC -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "The Economic Outlook." Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies. 106 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-5171

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the **House** of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on **House** Administration; legislation to permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the **House** of Representatives and in the **House** Staff Fitness Program to be made available to other federal employees who are assigned to official duty at the **House** of Representatives; H.R.5036, the "Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008"; H.R.281, the "Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007"; H.R.3032, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; and an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Alternate Ride Home. 1310 Longworth Contact: Janice Crump, 202-225-2061

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 11 a.m. -- Agriculture, Rural Development, **FDA**, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**)."
Jesse Goodman, director of the **FDA**'s Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research testifies. 2362-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on FY2009 appropriations for the agencies under its jurisdiction. Public witnesses testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 3 p.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Legal Services Corporation (LSC)." LSC President Helaine Barnett and LSC Chairman Frank Strickland, testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Energy - Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors." Energy Undersecretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Robert Smolen, deputy NNSA administrator for defense programs; and Kirkland Donald, deputy NNSA administrator for naval reactors, testify. 2362-B Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Office of Personnel Management." Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer testifies. 2220 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security." Stephen Flynn, senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher Koch, president and CEO of the World Shipping Council; Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, director of the Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, testify. 2359 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Indian Health Service." Acting Indian Health Service Director Bob McSwain testifies. B-308 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 1:30 p.m. -- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Defense Budget." Defense Comptroller Tina Jones; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Installations and Environment Wayne Army, testify. H-143, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Peacekeeping Activities and International Organizations." Assistant Secretary of State Kristen Silverberg of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testifies. 2358-C Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Highway and Transit Programs: Urgent Funding Needs." Assistant Transportation Secretary and CFO Phyllis Scheinberg; Federal Transit Administrator James Simpson; and Acting Federal Highway Administrator James Ray testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 2 p.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission." Jack Schenendorf, vice chairman of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission (NSTPRSC); and NSTPRSC Commissioners Frank Busalacchi, Steve Heminger, and Raymond Geddes testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- 10 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. 2123 Rayburn

Contact: Jodi Seth (Dingell, 202-225-4071) or the Energy and Commerce Press Office, 202-225-5735

HOUSE (SELECT) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING -- 1:30 p.m. -- Meets to vote on whether to subpoena Environmental Protection Agency documents on the agency's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and hearing on "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." FAA Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment Dan Elwell; Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation; Tom Windmuller, senior vice president of the International Air Transport Association; James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association, testify. 1310 Longworth

Contact: 202-225-4012

ADDS WITNESSES

HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology Subcommittee holds a hearing on proposed regulations to the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA). Louise Roseman, director of the Federal Reserve System's Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems; Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance Policy Valerie Abend; Harriet May, president and CEO of GECU, representing the Credit Union National Association; Wayne Abernathy, executive vice president for financial institutions policy and regulatory affairs at the American Bankers Association; Leigh Williams, BITS president at the Financial Services Roundtable; and Ted Teruo Kitada, senior company counsel in Wells Fargo & Co's Legal Group, testify. 2128 Rayburn

Contact: Heather Wong, 202-226-3314 or Steven Adamske, 202-225-7141 or 202-225-2685

HOUSE JUDICIARY -- 10:15 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R.4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R.5570, the "Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008"; H.R.2760, a private bill for the relief of Shigeru Yamada, to allow him permanent residence status; H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as non-immigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments; H.R.5569, to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R.5571, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; and H.R.1777, the "Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007." 2141 Rayburn

Contact: Melanie Roussel, 202-225-3951

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; H.R.5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia; H.R.831, the "Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act"; and H.R.3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area. 1324 Longworth

Contact: Allyson Ivins Groff or Heather Warren, 202-226-9019

ADDS WITNESSES

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM -- 2 p.m. -- Information Policy, Census, and National Archives Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Federal Advisory Committee Act of 2008." Robin Nauaro, director of national resources and environment at the Government Accountability Office; Robert Flaak, director of the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat; Sidney Shapiro, associate dean for research and development at the Wake Forest School of Law, representing the Center for Progressive Reform; Frank Wilson, director of administration and management at the Defense Department, testify. 2154 Rayburn

Contact: Karen Lightfoot, 202-225-5051

HOUSE RULES -- 3:30 p.m. -- Meets to formulate a rule on H.R.4847, the "United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2007." H-313, U.S. Capitol

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- 10 a.m. -- Research and Science Education Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Science and Technology Cooperation." White **House** Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Marburger III; National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement; Nina Fedoroff, science and technology advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeff Miotke, for science, space and health in the Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael O'Brien, assistant administrator for external relations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, testify. 2318 Rayburn

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE -- 9 a.m. -- Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact," focusing on the impact on state and local jurisdictions. Reps. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Candice Miller (R-Mich.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif) and John Hall (D-N.Y.); Steven Stockton, deputy director of civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers; David Maurstad, assistant administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Mitigation Directorate; Les Stetman, executive director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Mo.; Larry Larson, executive director of the National Association of State Flood Plain Managers; and Chris Smith, president of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association, testify. 2167 Rayburn

Contact: Jim Berard, 202-225-6260

HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS -- 10 a.m. -- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Vision Issues." Retired Army Staff Sgt. Brian Pearce and Angela Pearce, of Mechanicsville, Va.; Glen Minney, retired hospital corpsman in the Navy's Fleet Marine Force, Frankfurt, Ohio; Thomas Zampieri, director of government relations for the Blinded Veterans Association; Randolph Marshall, professor of clinical neurology and director of Columbia University Medical Center's Division of Cerebrovascular Diseases, representing NovaVision, Inc.; Navroze Mehta, president and CEO of NovaVision, Inc.; Mary Warren, associate professor of occupational therapy and director of graduate certification in Low Vision Rehabilitation Program at Universit, representing Performance Enterprises and Dynavision 2000; Gayle Clarke, CEO of Neuro Vision Technology Pty. Ltd.; James Orcutt, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Health Administration; Barbara Sigford, national program director for physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Veterans Health Administration; Glenn Cockerham, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care System; Gregory Goodrich, research psychologist at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Col. Loree Sutton, director of the Defense Department's Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury; and Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, deputy surgeon general for force management and chief of the Army Nurse Corps at the Defense Department, testify. 334 Cannon

Contact: Kristal Dekleer, 202-225-9756

ADVISORIES

(POVERTY/RACE) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., Catholic Charities USA holds its National Town Hall Meeting webcast to discuss race and poverty.

Contact: Shelley Borysiewicz, 703-236-6218, sborysiewicz@catholiccharitiesusa.org

Note: Webcast will be available online: <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/livetownhall>

ADDS JERRY BROWN

(CLIMATE/EPA/BROWN) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., California Attorney General Jerry Brown; James Mikey, chief of environmental protection in Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for the Sierra Club; and Joe Mendelson, legal director at the International Center for Technology Assessment, participate in a Sierra Club conference call to discuss "the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA."

Contact: Josh Dorner, 202-675-2384

Note: The dial-in number is 888-228-9795. The passcode is 41865689.

(HOUSING/SENATE) ADVISORY -- At 2 p.m., Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.) holds a conference call to discuss "the need to pass bipartisan legislation that provides real solutions to the nationwide housing crisis." Topics include the Senate's move to consider the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, "legislation that will keep families facing foreclosure in their homes, help other families avoid foreclosures in the future and help communities already harmed by foreclosure to recover."

Contact: Cody Wertz, 303-350-0032 or Stephanie Valencia, 202-228-3630

Note: The dial-in number is 1-866-909-2663. The meeting ID is 0431844.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

7 a.m. -- (FARMS/BEEF/SCHAFFER) CONFERENCE -- The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) holds its Legislative Conference. Third of four days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs Bruce Knight speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

11 a.m.: Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Contact: 202-347-0228

ADDS 9AM EVENT WITH REP. WATERS

8:30 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/DEVELOPMENT) EVENT -- The National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association (NACEDA) holds its Annual Capacity Building and Policy Summit. Third and final day.

Highlight

+9 a.m.: Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), delivers breakfast remarks. B-340 Rayburn **House** Office Building.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW (except as noted above)

Contact: Jane DeMarines, 703-741-0144 or Kim Hayes, 301-585-1131

Note: RSVP to Kim Hayes at khayes@naceda.org.

9 a.m. -- (DC/TRANSPORT/AIRPORTS) MEETING -- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors holds its monthly meeting.

Location: Reagan National Airport, 1 Aviation Circle, 2nd Floor, Board Room

Contact: Tara Hamilton, 703-417-8370 or Tom Sullivan, 703-417-8744

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GUTIERREZ) FORUM -- The Consumer Electronics Association holds its Washington Forum. First of two days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez delivers opening keynote remarks.

11 a.m.: Sage Chandler, senior director of trade at the Consumer Electronics Association; Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Kathy Gornik, president of THIEL Audio Products Company; Robert Scott, director of International Programs at the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Smith, president and founder of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; and Sean Spicer, assistant U.S. trade representative of the Executive Office of the President, participate in a panel discussion on "What Trade Means in Real Life Terms to Real Life Businesses."

Noon: Tony Blankley, panelist on the McLaughlin Group and executive vice president of the PR firm Edelman; and Donna Brazile, founder and managing director of Brazile and Associates LLC and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, deliver keynote remarks.

2 p.m.: Shawn DuBravac, economist for the Consumer Electronics Association; Victor Fazio, senior adviser of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Rashi Glazer, co-director of the Management of Technology Program at the University of California, Berkeley and professor of Haas School of Business; Ed Gresser, director of the Trade and Global Markets Project of the Progressive Policy Institute; and Chris Padilla, undersecretary for international trade at the International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department, participate in a panel discussion on "Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics."

7:30 p.m.: Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.); and Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications, are honored at the Digital Patriots Dinner.

Location: J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue

Contact: 202-463-5074

9 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The American Enterprise Institute's (AEI) Center for Regulatory and Market Studies hosts an event on "The Debate Over Network Management: An Economic Perspective."

Highlights

9:15 a.m.: Robert Crandall, senior fellow of the Brookings Institution; Nicholas Economides, executive director of the NET Institute; Jonathan Nuechterlein of the WilmerHale law firm; and Jon Peha, associate director of the Center for Wireless and Broadband Networking at Carnegie Mellon University, participate in a panel discussion on "Management of Wireline Networks."

Noon: Thomas Hazlett, director of the Information Economy Project at the National Center for Technology and Law, delivers luncheon remarks.

Location: AEI, 1150 17th Street NW, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor

Contact: Veronique Rodman, 202-862-4871, vrodman@aei.org

Note: Register online: <http://www.aei.org/event1682>

9:30 a.m. -- (BUDGET/CONGRESS/GOP) EVENT -- The Council of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) holds its event to release its 2008 Congressional Pig Book, an annual report on pork-barrel spending in the federal budget. Participants include Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.); Reps. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Price (R-Ga.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.); and CCAGW President Tom Schatz.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, 13th Floor, First Amendment Lounge

Contact: Leslie Paige, 202-467-5334 or Alexa Moutevelis, 202-467-5318

9:30 a.m. -- (FARMS/ANIMALS/HEALTH) BRIEFING -- The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production (PCIFAP) holds a briefing on "Farm Animal Welfare and its Connection to Public Health." Participants include Michael Blackwell, vice chairman of PCIFAP and president and CEO of Blackwell Consulting LLC; Bernard Rollin, member of PCIFAP; and Alan Goldberg, member of PCIFAP.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Ralph Loglisci, 202-223-2996, rloglisci@pcifap.org; or Jamie Shor, 202-628-7772, jshor@venturecommunications.com

9:45 a.m. -- (HEALTH/TOBACCO/KIDS) EVENT -- The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids holds its 13th Annual Kick Butts Day.

Highlights

9:45 a.m.: Students at Browne Junior High School commit to be tobacco-free. Location: Browne Junior High School, 850 26th Street NE.

4:30 p.m.: D.C. Councilmember Marion Barry participates in a parade in Southeast D.C. to celebrate students' pledge to live a tobacco-free lifestyle. Location: Parade begins at "The Big Chair," 2101 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, and continues on Martin Luther King Avenue to Ballou High School Stadium on Fourth Street SE.

Contact: Tamara Parr, 202-745-5114; or Nicole Dueffert, 202-296-5469

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/VOLCANOS) EVENT -- The Alaska Volcano Observatory, a joint program of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys hold a demonstration on how volcano scientists help the public be prepared to handle the threats of volcano eruptions.

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building

Contact: Charice Nassif Ransom, 703-648-4299 or Martha Stewart, 202-262-4112

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/MEDIA/RX/CONSUMERS) DISCUSSION -- Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) join Kim Witczak, founder of WoodyMatters, at a Consumers Union discussion to urge the Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) "to require all television drug advertising include information on how consumers can report serious drug reactions to the **FDA**."

Location: The Capitol, room HC-6

Contact: Susan Herold, 202-462-6262

10 a.m. -- (DC/BUSINESS/ECONOMY) EVENT - Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, Dan Mesches, chairman of Destination D.C.; and William Hansbury, president and CEO of Destination D.C. speak at an event to discuss a new marketing campaign designed to grow and strengthen Washington's \$5.24 billion hospitality industry.

Location: Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh Street NW

Contact: Rebecca Pawlowski, 202-789-7099

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/RESEARCH/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) participate in a Science Coalition event on "the importance of a strong American research enterprise to address issues in biomedical research, climate change research, and alternative energy development." Other speakers are: Henry Jacoby of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Brody, president of Johns **Hopkins** University; Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan; Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Roger Kornberg of Stanford University; Paul Alivisatos, acting deputy director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Steven Fluharty, vice provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Palazzo, provost of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Matthias Ruth of the University of Maryland.

Location: The Capitol, room S-207
Contact: Ashley Prime, 202-457-1110

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/SENIORS/MEDICARE) RALLY -- The

American Medical Association holds a rally to "urge immediate action to preserve seniors' access to healthcare by stopping Medicare physician payment cuts," with AMA physicians.

Location: Upper Senate Park, Constitution Avenue, between Delaware and New Jersey Avenue

Contact: Katherine Hatwell, 202-789-7419

10 a.m. -- (LAW/BUSINESS/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform holds a news conference to discuss the impact of passing the "Arbitration Fairness Act," which would "invalidate hundreds of millions of consumer and employee contracts, leaving many consumers with no way to settle disputes except to try to navigate the court system on their own." Participants include Lisa Rickard, president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Peter Rutledge of Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Joel Benenson of the Benenson Strategy Group; and Bill McInturff of Public Opinion Strategies.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Larry Akey, 202-463-5824

10:30 a.m. -- (TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCC) holds a event to launch a new national campaign, "Connect!," to promote the need for a national broadband policy. Participants include William Kovacs, vice president of environment, technology, and regulatory affairs at USCC; Brian Mefford, president and CEO of Connected Nation Inc.; and Leroy Watson, legislative director at National Grange.

Location: USCC, 1615 H Street NW, Amway-Emerson Room

Contact: 202-463-5682, press@uschamber.com

Note: Media credentials required; Media RSVP

required to 202-463-5682 or press@uschamber.com

+11 a.m. -- (JOBS/WAGES/BLACKS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- William Spriggs, chairman of the Howard University Economics Department; and Steven Pitts of the Center for Labor Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, hold a news conference to discuss their new report, "Beyond the Mountaintop: King's Prescription for Poverty." Spriggs and Pitts maintain that after adjusted for inflation "the minimum wage is actually lower today than it was when Martin Luther King launched his campaign on behalf of poor people 40 years ago."

Location: The Service Employees International Union, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: Shonna Carter, 212-260-5000

11 a.m. -- (HEALTH/CARDIN) FORUM -- Erickson Health holds a forum featuring Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), who discusses pending legislation regarding preventive healthcare. Other speakers are: Ken Thorpe, executive director of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and former Clinton Administration health official; Nicole Tapay, senior health policy aide to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Piper Su, health policy director for Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.); and Ashley Ridlion, health policy legislative director for **House** Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio).

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9

Contact: Scott Sawicki, 410-402-2216

11 a.m. -- (SECURITY/ARMS/CHEMICAL) FORUM -- The Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation and Global Green USA holds the 11th Annual Legacy Forum on "Chemical Weapons and Global Security: Implementing the International Chemical Weapons Convention," with Rogelio Pflirter, director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Location: 1116 Longworth **House** Office Building

Contact: Cristian Ion, 202-222-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (WORLD BANK/ZOELLICK) FORUM -- The Center for Global Development sponsors a forum with World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

Location: Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Consulate Ballroom

Contact: 202-416-0700

ADDS HIGHLIGHTS

11:30 a.m. -- (AMTRAK/FUNDS/SENATE) EVENT -- The Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility hosts an event in support of funding for Amtrak "to support more reliable, frequent and higher speed rail service in the Northeast corridor."

Highlights

11:30 a.m.: Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.); and former Gov. Mark Schweiker (R-Pa.), chairman and CEO of the Council for Growth, speak.

Noon: Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) speak.

12:30 p.m.: Paul Choquette, chairman of Gilbane, Inc.; Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association; Stephen Rush, **spokesman** for Brandywine Realty Trust; Ciro Scalera, director of Public Affairs for Verizon; Donald Fry, president of the Greater Baltimore Committee; and Christopher Ward, managing director and secretary to the board of the General Contractors Association of New York.

1 p.m.: Alex Kummant, president and CEO of Amtrak, speaks.

Location: The Capitol, room S-115

Contact: Melissa Volin, 215-988-6919

Noon -- (FINANCE/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The New America Foundation (NAF) holds a discussion on "Illusions and Delusions About the U.S. Economic Picture: What it Will Take to Strengthen America's 'Real Economy.'" Participants include Leon Hindry, managing director of InterMedia Partners and former CEO of AT&T Broadband and Yankee Entertainment and Sports Network; Bruce Stokes, international economics consultant at National Journal; Sherle Schwenninger, director of the Economic Growth Program of NAF; and Steve Clemons, director of the American Strategy Program of NAF and publisher of TheWashingtonNote.com.

Location: NAF, 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, 7th Floor

Contact: Liz Wu, 202-986-2760 ext. 315

12:30 p.m. -- (RUSSIA/BUSINESS) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "How to Do Business in Russia," with former Assistant Secretary of State Toby Gati, for intelligence and research.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 812

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5795 or egerasimov@jhu.edu

UPDATES: EVENT IS OFF THE RECORD

12:45 p.m. -- (LATAM/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Current Changes for U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America." featuring a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Location: SAIS, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 517

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5734 or jzurek1@jhu.edu

1:30 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) holds a news conference to unveil a new economic study on the consumer electronics industry. Participants include CEA President and CEO Gary Shapiro; and CEA Economist Shawn DuBravac.

Location: Location Withheld

Contact: Katie Hallen, 202-679-2394

Note: RSVP to Katie Hallen.

1:45 p.m. -- (MEDIA/MURDOCH) DISCUSSION -- Georgetown

University's McDonough School of Business holds a discussion on "the changing news media landscape," with Robert Murdoch, chairman and CEO of News Corporation.

Location: Georgetown University, 37th and O Streets NW, Healy Hall, 3rd Floor

Contact: 202-687-4328

Note: Media should RSVP to Andy Pino at, 202-687-8610 or pinoa@georgetown.edu; Media will need valid credentials on campus.

2 p.m. -- (CLIMATE/AUTOS/BEGLEY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Actor Ed Begley Jr., Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard hold a news conference to unveil a new electric vehicle.

Location: Southeast Drive, New Jersey Avenue SW and Independence Avenue

Contact: Sandra Salstrom, 202-225-2611 or **Jeff Ventura**, 202-226-5680

Note: When entering the Capitol grounds on New Jersey Avenue SW, from Independence Avenue, walk through the barricades in front of the Capitol, past the guard **house** and turn right. The news conference will be on the sidewalk on Southeast Drive.

2 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/HOUSING/RIGHTS) EVENT -- Assistant HUD Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick delivers remarks on the importance of the Housing and Urban Development Department's (HUD) continuing fight against housing discrimination, at a ceremony to kick off HUD's Fair Housing Month.

Location: HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Departmental Conference Room, 10th Floor

Contact: Shantae Goodloe, 202-294-3903

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/AUTISM/**HOUSE**) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee Africa and Global Health Subcommittee; Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.); and Lee Grossman, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America, hold a news conference to discuss World Autism Awareness Day.

Location: Cannon Terrace, Cannon **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-225-3765

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/BREAST CANCER) DISCUSSION -- The Global Health Initiative of the Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Public Health Democracy: U.S. and Global Health Disparities in Breast Cancer." Participants include Doris Browne, program director of the Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Research Group at the Division of Cancer Prevention of the National Cancer Institute; Peter Greenwald, director of the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute; and Lucile Adams-Campbell, professor of medicine and director at the Howard University Cancer Center.

Location: WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

Note: RSVP required to globalhealth@wilsoncenter.org

2 p.m. -- (STATE/WATER) FORUM -- The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) holds a forum on "Poverty Reduction and World Water Day," focusing on the importance of water in development assistance.

Location: The Capitol, room H-137

Contact: 202-521-3850

Note: RSVP to mcevents@mcc.gov.

2 p.m. -- (**HOUSE**/DEMS/INTEL) MEETING -- The Democratic members of the **House** (Select) Intelligence Committee hold a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

Location: H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

+2:30 p.m. -- (ENERGY/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Bernie

Sanders (I-Vt.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.); and Cynthia McCollum, president of the National League of Cities, hold a news conference to discuss the results of a national effort to build support for funding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

Location: The Capitol, West Front Steps

Contact: Sherry Conway Appel, 202-626-3003

2:30 p.m. -- (STATE/FINANCE) SEMINAR -- The George

Washington University's (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for International Economic Policy and the Economics Department hold a macro and international finance seminar with Vivian Yue, assistant professor of economics at New York University.

Location: GWU Elliott School, 2115 G Street NW, Monroe Hall, Room 321

Contact: 202-994-6240

Note: RSVP to iiep@gwu.edu

3 p.m. -- (STATE/DEVELOPMENT/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Brookings Institution holds a discussion on "Mobilizing Talent for Global Development." Participants include Neil Ruiz, nonresident fellow of global economy and development at the Brookings Institution; Andres Solimano, regional adviser of the United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; AnnaLee Saxenian, dean and professor of the School of Information at the University of California at Berkeley; Michael Clemons, research fellow at the Center for Global Development; and Danny Leipziger, vice president of the Poverty and Reduction Network at the World Bank.

Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-797-6105, communications@brookings.edu

Note: Register online: <http://www.brookings.edu>

4 p.m. -- (HEALTH/TECH/KENNEDY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Business Roundtable holds a news conference on the "Health IT Bill Now." Participants include Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.); Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications Inc.; and Ronald Williams, chairman, CEO, and president of Aetna Inc.

Location: S-115, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joe Crea, 202-496-3288; or Alberto Canal, 908-559-6367

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PRESIDENT BUSH'S SCHEDULE

In Romania (all times are local)

8:50 a.m.: Delivers remarks. National Bank of Savings, Bucharest, Romania. Open press.

11:55 a.m.: Meets with Romanian President Traian Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool at top.

1:25 p.m.: Participates in a joint media availability with President Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool coverage.

4:15 p.m.: Meets with NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer. JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, Bucharest, Romania. Pool at bottom.

Note: The president and first lady overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY'S SCHEDULE

No public events are scheduled.

SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE'S SCHEDULE

On foreign travel with the president.

THERE WILL BE A MORNING PRESS GAGGLE with Sean McCormack at 10:30 a.m. The pick up time for all press is 10:25 a.m. from room 2310/no late escort.

TBA: THERE WILL BE A DAILY PRESS BRIEFING

FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH' S SCHEDULE

In Romania with the president

Note: The first lady and the president overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10 a.m.: The Commerce Dept. issues Factory Orders for February.

10:30 a.m.: The Energy Information Administration issues weekly petroleum stocks and output data.

10:30 a.m.: The American Petroleum Institute issues weekly national petroleum report.

UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m.: U.N. Security Council holds consultations to discuss its work plan for April and the latest report on sanctions against North Korea.

12:30 p.m.: South African Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo, new Security Council president, briefs media on council's work program for April. Kumalo may reveal more details of plan for Security Council summit on April 17.

SUPREME COURT

Not in session.

CONGRESS

THE SENATE

In session.

Committees

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on "National Reconnaissance Office/Space Programs." Scott Large, director the Defense Department's National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Kehler, commander at the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and Deputy Air Force Undersecretary for Space Programs Gary Payton, testify. S-407, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Energy Department's budget request and justification for FY2009. Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond Orbach; Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner, for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and David Frantz, director of the Energy Department's Office of Loan Guarantee, testify. 124 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Labor, HHS, and Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Labor Relations Board Representation Elections and Initial Collective Bargaining Agreements: Safeguarding Workers' Rights?" National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Chairman Peter Schaumber; NLRB member Wilma Liebman; Gordon Lafer, associate professor of the University of Oregon's Labor Education and Research Center, Eugene, Ore.; and John Raudabaugh, partner at Baker & McKenzie, LLP, Chicago, Ill., testify. 138 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Defense Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2009 and the Future Years Defense Program. William Tobey, deputy administrator

for defense nuclear nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration; and Joseph Benkert, principal deputy assistant secretary of for global security affairs at the Defense Department, testify. 232-A Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 2:30 p.m. -- Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee holds a hearing on Defense Department contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Technology James Finley; Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness Jackson Bell; Army Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson III, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; and Jeffrey Parsons, executive director of the Army Contracting Command, testify. 222 Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION -- 2:30 p.m. -- Meets to markup S.2688, the "Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act"; S.J.Res.28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; S.2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; H.R.3985, the "Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007"; H.R.802, the "Maritime Pollution Prevention Act"; and vote on the nomination of Robert Sturgell to be administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. 253 Russell

Contact: 202-224-0411 or Andy Davis (Inouye) 202-224-4546

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS -- 10 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight on the Listing Decision for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act." Douglas Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation; Kassie Siegel, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate, Air, and Energy Program; and William Horn of Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, testify. 406 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-8832 or Pete Raffle (Boxer), 202-228-3102 or 202-302-7086

Note: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has been invited to testify at the hearing.

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Military Prospects." Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, president of BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, and adjunct professor of international affairs at the U.S. Military Academy, Arlington, Va.; retired Army Lt. Gen. William Odom, senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former director of the National Security Agency; Michele Flournoy, president of the Center for New American Security; and retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert Scales Jr., former commandant of the Army War College, and current CEO and president of Colgen, LP, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 2:30 p.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Political Prospects." Yahia Said, director for Middle East and North Africa at the Middle East at the Revenue Watch Institute, New York, N.Y.; Stephen Biddle, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; Nir Rosen, fellow at New York University's Center on Law and Security, New York, N.Y.; Patrick Clawson, deputy director for research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS -- 11 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Nuclear Terrorism: Assessing the Threat to the Homeland." Homeland Security Chief Intelligence Officer Charles Allen; Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, director of the Energy Department's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence; Matthew Bunn of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs; and Gary Ackerman of the University of Maryland's National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, testify. 342 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-2627 or Sheila Menz (Lieberman), 202-224-1389 or Jen Burita (Collins), 202-224-4751

+SENATE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES -- 5:15 p.m. -- Meets to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules and procedures for the 110th Congress. The Capitol, room S-219

Contact: 202-224-6352 (Senate Rules Committee)

JOINT ECONOMIC -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "The Economic Outlook." Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies. 106 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-5171

SENATE JUDICIARY -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security," focusing on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issues, and preparation for further implementation of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and REAL ID Act. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff testifies. 216 Hart

Contact: Erica Chabot, 202-224-7703 or David Carle (Leahy), 202-224-3693

THE HOUSE

Meets at 10 a.m. to consider H.R.5501, the "Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008."

Committees

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the **House** of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on **House** Administration; legislation to permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the **House** of Representatives and in the **House** Staff Fitness Program to be made available to other federal employees who are assigned to official duty at the **House** of Representatives; H.R.5036, the "Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008"; H.R.281, the "Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007"; H.R.3032, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; and an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Alternate Ride Home. 1310 Longworth

Contact: Janice Crump, 202-225-2061

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 11 a.m. -- Agriculture, Rural Development, **FDA**, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**)." Jesse Goodman, director of the **FDA**'s Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research testifies. 2362-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on FY2009 appropriations for the agencies under its jurisdiction. Public witnesses testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 3 p.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Legal Services Corporation (LSC)." LSC President Helaine Barnett and LSC Chairman Frank Strickland, testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Energy - Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors." Energy Undersecretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Robert Smolen, deputy NNSA administrator for defense programs; and Kirkland Donald, deputy NNSA administrator for naval reactors, testify. 2362-B Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Office of Personnel Management." Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer testifies. 2220 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security." Stephen Flynn, senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher Koch, president and CEO of the World Shipping Council; Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, director of the Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, testify. 2359 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Indian Health Service." Acting Indian Health Service Director Bob McSwain testifies. B-308 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 1:30 p.m. -- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Defense Budget." Defense Comptroller Tina Jones; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Installations and Environment Wayne Army, testify. H-143, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Peacekeeping Activities and International Organizations." Assistant Secretary of State Kristen Silverberg of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testifies. 2358-C Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Highway and Transit Programs: Urgent Funding Needs." Assistant Transportation Secretary and CFO Phyllis Scheinberg; Federal Transit Administrator James Simpson; and Acting Federal Highway Administrator James Ray testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 2 p.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission." Jack Schenendorf, vice chairman of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission (NSTPRSC); and NSTPRSC Commissioners Frank Busalacchi, Steve Heminger, and Raymond Geddes testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- 10 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. 2123 Rayburn

Contact: Jodi Seth (Dingell, 202-225-4071) or the Energy and Commerce Press Office, 202-225-5735

HOUSE (SELECT) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING -- 1:30 p.m. -- Meets to vote on whether to subpoena Environmental Protection Agency documents on the agency's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and hearing on "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." FAA Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment Dan Elwell; Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation; Tom Windmuller, senior vice president of the International Air Transport Association; James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association, testify. 1310 Longworth

Contact: 202-225-4012

ADDS WITNESSES

HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology Subcommittee holds a hearing on proposed regulations to the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA). Louise Roseman, director of the Federal Reserve System's Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems; Deputy Assistant Treasury Secretary for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance Policy Valerie Abend; Harriet May, president and CEO of GECU, representing the Credit Union National Association; Wayne Abernathy, executive vice president for financial institutions policy and regulatory affairs at

the American Bankers Association; Leigh Williams, BITS president at the Financial Services Roundtable; and Ted Teruo Kitada, senior company counsel in Wells Fargo & Co's Legal Group, testify. 2128 Rayburn

Contact: Heather Wong, 202-226-3314 or Steven Adamske, 202-225-7141 or 202-225-2685

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Funding for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: What is the U.S. Responsibility?" Assistant United Nations Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jane Lute and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State James Warlick, of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testify. 2200 Rayburn

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan." Retired Army Lt. Gen. David Barno, director of the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies; Seth Jones, political scientist at The RAND Corporation; and Mark Schneider, senior vice president of the International Crisis Group, testify. 210 Cannon

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE JUDICIARY -- 10:15 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R.4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R.5570, the "Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008"; H.R.2760, a private bill for the relief of Shigeru Yamada, to allow him permanent residence status; H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as non-immigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments; H.R.5569, to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R.5571, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; and H.R.1777, the "Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007." 2141 Rayburn

Contact: Melanie Roussell, 202-225-3951

HOUSE (SELECT) INTELLIGENCE -- 8:45 a.m. -- Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence Subcommittee closed briefing on "Hot Spots." H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; H.R.5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia; H.R.831, the "Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act"; and H.R.3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area. 1324 Longworth

Contact: Allyson Ivins Groff or Heather Warren, 202-226-9019

ADDS WITNESSES

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM -- 2 p.m. -- Information Policy, Census, and National Archives Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Federal Advisory Committee Act of 2008." Robin Nauaro, director of national resources and environment at the Government Accountability Office; Robert Flaak, director of the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat; Sidney Shapiro, associate dean for research and development at the Wake Forest School of Law, representing the Center for Progressive Reform; Frank Wilson, director of administration and management at the Defense Department, testify. 2154 Rayburn

Contact: Karen Lightfoot, 202-225-5051

HOUSE RULES -- 3:30 p.m. -- Meets to formulate a rule on H.R.4847, the "United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2007." H-313, U.S. Capitol

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- 10 a.m. -- Research and Science Education Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Science and Technology Cooperation." White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Marburger III; National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement; Nina Fedoroff, science and technology advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeff Miotke, for science, space and health in the Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael O'Brien, assistant administrator for external relations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, testify. 2318 Rayburn

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE -- 9 a.m. -- Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact," focusing on the impact on state and local jurisdictions. Reps. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Candice Miller (R-Mich.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif) and John Hall (D-N.Y.); Steven Stockton, deputy director of civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers; David Maurstad, assistant administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Mitigation Directorate; Les Stetman, executive director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Mo.; Larry Larson, executive director of the National Association of State Flood Plain Managers; and Chris Smith, president of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association, testify. 2167 Rayburn

Contact: Jim Berard, 202-225-6260

HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS -- 10 a.m. -- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Vision Issues." Retired Army Staff Sgt. Brian Pearce and Angela Pearce, of Mechanicsville, Va.; Glen Minney, retired hospital corpsman in the Navy's Fleet Marine Force, Frankfurt, Ohio; Thomas Zampieri, director of government relations for the Blinded Veterans Association; Randolph Marshall, professor of clinical neurology and director of Columbia University Medical Center's Division of Cerebrovascular Diseases, representing NovaVision, Inc.; Navroze Mehta, president and CEO of NovaVision, Inc.; Mary Warren, associate professor of occupational therapy and director of graduate certification in Low Vision Rehabilitation Program at Universit, representing Performance Enterprises and Dynavision 2000; Gayle Clarke, CEO of Neuro Vision Technology Pty. Ltd.; James Orcutt, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Health Administration; Barbara Sigford, national program director for physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Veterans Health Administration; Glenn Cockerham, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care System; Gregory Goodrich, research psychologist at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Col. Loree Sutton, director of the Defense Department's Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury; and Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, deputy surgeon general for force management and chief of the Army Nurse Corps at the Defense Department, testify. 334 Cannon

Contact: Kristal Dekleer, 202-225-9756

ADVISORIES

(CAMPAIGN/MCCAIN) ADVISORY -- Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), the likely 2008 Republican presidential nominee, holds the following events in Annapolis on Wednesday, as part of McCain's "Service to America Tour."

Schedule

8:10 a.m.: Participates in Pledge of Allegiance ceremony. Chick and Ruth's Delly, 165 Main St., Annapolis, Md. Pool coverage.

9 a.m.: Delivers speech. Navy and Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Superintendent's Pavilion, 304 Farragut Road, Annapolis, Md.

Contact: 703-650-5550

(POVERTY/RACE) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., Catholic Charities USA holds its National Town Hall Meeting webcast to discuss race and poverty.

Contact: Shelley Borysiewicz, 703-236-6218, sborysiewicz@catholiccharitiesusa.org

Note: Webcast will be available online: <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/livetownhall>

ADDS JERRY BROWN

(CLIMATE/EPA/BROWN) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., California Attorney General Jerry Brown; James Mikey, chief of environmental protection in Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for the Sierra Club; and Joe Mendelson, legal director at the International Center for Technology Assessment, participate in a Sierra Club conference call to discuss "the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA."

Contact: Josh Dorner, 202-675-2384

Note: The dial-in number is 888-228-9795. The passcode is 41865689.

(CAMPAIGN/CLINTON) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m. approx., The Clinton Campaign holds a conference call featuring various campaign policy advisers.

Contact: 703-875-1271

Note: RSVP to press@HillaryClinton.com for dial-in information.

(HEALTH/EDUCATION/KIDS) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m., the Every Child Matters Education Fund holds a conference call to discuss a new report, "Geography Matters: Child Well-Being in the 50 States," which identifies a diverse set of child well-being standards, including lack of access to prenatal care, malnutrition, child abuse and teen incarceration. Participants include Michael Petit, author of "Geography Matters: Child Well-Being in the States" and founder of Every Child Matters; Berry Brazelton, founder of Brazelton Touchpoints Center and clinical professor of pediatrics emeritus at Harvard Medical School; and Elizabeth Clark, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers.

Contact: Ailis Aaron Wolf, 703-276-3265

Note: The dial-in number is 800-860-2442. The passcode is: "Geography Matters/Child Well-Being in the 50 States." An audio replay of the news event will be available at www.everychildmatters.org starting at 6:30 p.m. on April 2.

(HOUSING/SENATE) ADVISORY -- At 2 p.m., Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.) holds a conference call to discuss "the need to pass bipartisan legislation that provides real solutions to the nationwide housing crisis." Topics include the Senate's move to consider the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008, "legislation that will keep families facing foreclosure in their homes, help other families avoid foreclosures in the future and help communities already harmed by foreclosure to recover."

Contact: Cody Wertz, 303-350-0032 or Stephanie Valencia, 202-228-3630

Note: The dial-in number is 1-866-909-2663. The meeting ID is 0431844.

+(HOUSE/BRALEY) ADVISORY -- At 2:15 p.m., Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) holds his weekly conference call with Iowa reporters.

Contact: Jeff Giertz, 202-226-4026

Note: The dial-in number is 1-866-704-2208. The passcode is 2414543.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

MORNING

7 a.m. -- (CHARITY/WOMEN) EVENT -- FedEx Special Delivery and Dress for Success holds its day-long "Send a Suit" professional women's clothing drive on Capitol Hill, as a part of the "S.O.S.-Send One Suit-Week." FedEx Special Delivery will collect donations of gently used women's suits, and professional attire and accessories from D.C. residents, Capitol Hill staff and members of Congress for the Dress for Success store in D.C. Since 2006, these "Send A Suit" drives have collected more than 1,000 items of clothing.

Location: Capitol South Metro Station, First and D Streets SE

Contact: Whitney Sousa, 843-729-9382

7 a.m. -- (FARMS/BEEF/SCHAFFER) CONFERENCE -- The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) holds its Legislative Conference. Third of four days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs Bruce Knight speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

11 a.m.: Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Contact: 202-347-0228

8 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/ARMS/NUCLEAR) CONFERENCE -- The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics holds its 6th Annual U.S. Missile Defense Conference and Exhibit, which runs through April 3.

Location: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: Chris Taylor, 703-697-8001

8 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/DURBIN/BAYH/GRAHAM) EVENT -- Senate Assistant Majority Whip Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), an Obama supporter; Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), a Clinton supporter; Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), a McCain supporter, participate in a National Journal/MSNBC "Super Surrogates," breakfast discussion. Other participants are: Ron Brownstein, political director for the Atlantic Media Company; Linda Douglass, contributing editor of National Journal; and Chuck Todd, NBC political director.

Location: Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, The Columbus Club

Contact: Davis Vanderwerff, 202-266-7144

ADDS 9AM EVENT WITH REP. WATERS

8:30 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/DEVELOPMENT) EVENT -- The

National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association (NACEDA) holds its Annual Capacity Building and Policy Summit. Third and final day.

Highlight

+9 a.m.: Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), delivers breakfast remarks. B-340 Rayburn **House** Office Building.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW (except as noted above)

Contact: Jane DeMarines, 703-741-0144 or Kim Hayes, 301-585-1131

Note: RSVP to Kim Hayes at khayes@naceda.org.

+8:30 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/RESERVES) CONFERENCE -- The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a conference titled, "The Commission on the National Guard and Reserves Report: Where Do We Go From Here."

Highlights

8:45 a.m.: Former Defense secretary William Cohen speaks.

9:15 a.m.: Principle Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary John Winkler; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. David Fastabend, director of Strategy, Plans and Policy in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff; and retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, discuss "Senior Perspectives on the Operation Reserve and the AVF."

10:30 a.m.: Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness David Chu; Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve; Patricia Lewis, commissioner of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; former Assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs Charlie Cragin; and Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, adjunct general for Oregon, discuss "Sustaining and Institutionalizing the Operational Reserve."

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11:45 a.m.: Assistant Defense Secretary Paul McHale; Vice Adm. Harvey Johnson, deputy administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; and Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of U.S. Northern Command, discuss "The Role of the Defense Department in the Homeland."

2 p.m.: Richard Walsh, minority counsel of the Senate Armed Services Committee; Daniel Ginsberg of the office of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Joseph Cealencis, professional staff member of the **House** Homeland Security Committee; and John Grant professional staff member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee discuss "Congressional Views on the Operational Reserve."

Location: CSIS, 1800 K Street NW, B-1 Conference Level

Contact: Andrew Schwartz, 202-775-3242

Note: This is an invitation only event.

+9 a. m. -- (GOVERNMENT/LIBRARIANS/TECH) SEMINAR --

Lexis Nexis holds a seminar called, "Web 2.0 in the Workplace and Beyond," with Karen Huffman, manager of Knowledge Initiatives at National Geographic and winner of the Society of Libraries and Information Services' 2007 Innovations in Technology Award.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW

Contact: Marie Kaddell, 202-857-8223

9 a. m. -- (SECURITY/THOMPSON) EVENT -- The **House**

Homeland Security Committee holds its Bioterrorism Technology Fair on the latest tools used in the detection and response of a bioterrorist attack, with **House** Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.)

Location: Foyer, Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Dena Graziano or Adam Comis, 202-225-9978

9 a. m. -- (DC/TRANSPORT/AIRPORTS) MEETING -- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors holds its monthly meeting.

Location: Reagan National Airport, 1 Aviation Circle, 2nd Floor, Board Room

Contact: Tara Hamilton, 703-417-8370 or Tom

Sullivan, 703-417-8744

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GUTIERREZ) FORUM -- The Consumer Electronics Association holds its Washington Forum. First of two days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez delivers opening keynote remarks.

11 a.m.: Sage Chandler, senior director of trade at the Consumer Electronics Association; Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Kathy Gornik, president of THIEL Audio Products Company; Robert Scott, director of International Programs at the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Smith, president and founder of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; and Sean Spicer, assistant U.S. trade representative of the Executive Office of the President, participate in a panel discussion on "What Trade Means in Real Life Terms to Real Life Businesses."

Noon: Tony Blankley, panelist on the McLaughlin Group and executive vice president of the PR firm Edelman; and Donna Brazile, founder and managing director of Brazile and Associates LLC and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, deliver keynote remarks.

2 p.m.: Shawn DuBravac, economist for the Consumer Electronics Association; Victor Fazio, senior adviser of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Rashi Glazer, co-director of the Management of Technology Program at the University of California, Berkeley and professor of Haas School of Business; Ed Gresser, director of the Trade and Global Markets Project of the Progressive Policy Institute; and Chris Padilla, undersecretary for international trade at the International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department, participate in a panel discussion on "Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics."

7:30 p.m.: Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.); and Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications, are honored at the Digital Patriots Dinner.

Location: J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue

Contact: 202-463-5074

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GOVERNMENT/INTERNET) CONFERENCE -- FOSE holds its 2008 Federal Office Systems Exposition and Conference. Second of three days.

Highlights

9 a.m.: David Pogue, New York Times columnist, delivers remarks on "Keeping Up With the Technology revolution-What's New and What's Next."

Location: Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

Contact: 800-746-0099

9 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The American Enterprise Institute's (AEI) Center for Regulatory and Market Studies hosts an event on "The Debate Over Network Management: An Economic Perspective."

Highlights

9:15 a.m.: Robert Crandall, senior fellow of the Brookings Institution; Nicholas Economides, executive director of the NET Institute; Jonathan Nuechterlein of the WilmerHale law firm; and Jon Peha, associate director of the Center for Wireless and Broadband Networking at Carnegie Mellon University, participate in a panel discussion on "Management of Wireline Networks."

Noon: Thomas Hazlett, director of the Information Economy Project at the National Center for Technology and Law, delivers luncheon remarks.

Location: AEI, 1150 17th Street NW, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor

Contact: Veronique Rodman, 202-862-4871, vrodman@aei.org

Note: Register online: <http://www.aei.org/event1682>

9 a.m. -- (FIREFIGHTERS/COMPETITION) EVENT -- The Congressional Fire Services Institute hosts the 20th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars with the Firefighter Combat Challenge and United Kingdom and United States Firefighters Tug of War Competition.

Highlights

9 a.m.: Combat Challenge.

12:15 p.m.: Tug of War Competition.

Location: National Mall, between Third and Fourth Streets and Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive

Contact: Kelly Hysan, 202-518-7521,

kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk

9:30 a.m. -- (BUDGET/CONGRESS/GOP) EVENT -- The Council of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) holds its event to release its 2008 Congressional Pig Book, an annual report on pork-barrel spending in the federal budget. Participants include Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.); Reps. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Price (R-Ga.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.); and CCAGW President Tom Schatz.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, 13th Floor, First Amendment Lounge

Contact: Leslie Paige, 202-467-5334 or Alexa Moutevelis, 202-467-5318

9:30 a.m. -- (FARMS/ANIMALS/HEALTH) BRIEFING -- The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production (PCIFAP) holds a briefing on "Farm Animal Welfare and its Connection to Public Health." Participants include Michael Blackwell, vice chairman of PCIFAP and president and CEO of Blackwell Consulting LLC; Bernard Rollin, member of PCIFAP; and Alan Goldberg, member of PCIFAP.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Ralph Loglisci, 202-223-2996, rloglisci@pcifap.org; or Jamie Shor, 202-628-7772, jshor@venturecommunications.com

9:30 a.m. -- (CONGO/WOMEN/RIGHTS) DISCUSSION -- The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Gender Based Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo-Causes and Consequences." Participants include Kristen Kim Bart, Gender-Based Violence Program officer at the International Rescue Committee; Denis Mukwege of Panzi Hospital in Bukavu; Patricia Morris, director of program development at Women for Women International; and Howard Wolpe, director of the Africa Program.

Location: Wilson Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

9:45 a.m. -- (HEALTH/TOBACCO/KIDS) EVENT -- The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids holds its 13th Annual Kick Butts Day.

Highlights

9:45 a.m.: Students at Browne Junior High School commit to be tobacco-free. Location: Browne Junior High School, 850 26th Street NE.

4:30 p.m.: D.C. Councilmember Marion Barry participates in a parade in Southeast D.C. to celebrate students' pledge to live a tobacco-free lifestyle. Location: Parade begins at "The Big Chair," 2101 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, and continues on Martin Luther King Avenue to Ballou High School Stadium on Fourth Street SE.

Contact: Tamara Parr, 202-745-5114; or Nicole Dueffert, 202-296-5469

+10 a.m. -- (CHENEY/IMPEACH) EVENT -- CODEPINK holds a "National Conversation on the Impeachment of Vice President Dick Cheney," as part of CODEPINK's "Hungry For Justice? Impeach Him FAST!" campaign.

Location: 2138 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-290-1301

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/VOLCANOS) EVENT -- The Alaska Volcano Observatory, a joint program of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys hold a demonstration on how volcano scientists help the public be prepared to handle the threats of volcano eruptions.

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building

Contact: Charice Nassif Ransom, 703-648-4299 or Martha Stewart, 202-262-4112

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/MEDIA/RX/CONSUMERS) DISCUSSION -- Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) join Kim Witczak, founder of WoodyMatters, at a Consumers Union discussion to urge the Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) "to require all television drug advertising include information on how consumers can report serious drug reactions to the **FDA**."

Location: The Capitol, room HC-6

Contact: Susan Herold, 202-462-6262

10 a.m. -- (DC/BUSINESS/ECONOMY) EVENT - Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, Dan Mesches, chairman of Destination D.C.; and William Hansbury, president and CEO of Destination D.C. speak at an event to discuss a new marketing campaign designed to grow and strengthen Washington's \$5.24 billion hospitality industry.

Location: Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh Street NW

Contact: Rebecca Pawlowski, 202-789-7099

10 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/CONVENTIONS) CONFERENCE -- American University (AU) holds a 2008 National Party Conventions Conference. Participants include James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University's School of Public Affairs; Mike Berman, president of the Duberstein Group; Anthony Corrado, Brookings Institution fellow; Tad Devine, Democratic strategist; Ron Elving, NPR Washington editor; Dotty Lynch, former CBS News political director and executive in residence at AU's School of Communication; Billy Pitts, former **House** Rules Committee staff director and assistant parliamentarian at four Republican conventions; Costas Panagopoulos, author of "Rewiring Politics: Presidential Nominating Conventions in the Media Age"; and Brian Schaffner, assistant professor of political science at American University and research fellow at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

Location: AU, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Mary Graydon Center, Rooms 5 and 6

Contact: Jon Hussey, 202-885-5935, hussey@american.edu; 202-885-5950

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/RESEARCH/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) participate in a Science Coalition event on "the importance of a strong American research enterprise to address issues in biomedical research, climate change research, and alternative energy development." Other speakers are: Henry Jacoby of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Brody, president of Johns **Hopkins** University; Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan; Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Roger Kornberg of Stanford University; Paul Alivisatos, acting deputy director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Steven Fluharty, vice provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Palazzo, provost of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Matthias Ruth of the University of Maryland.

Location: The Capitol, room S-207
Contact: Ashley Prime, 202-457-1110

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/SENIORS/MEDICARE) RALLY -- The

American Medical Association holds a rally to "urge immediate action to preserve seniors' access to healthcare by stopping Medicare physician payment cuts," with AMA physicians.

Location: Upper Senate Park, Constitution Avenue, between Delaware and New Jersey Avenue

Contact: Katherine Hatwell, 202-789-7419

10 a.m. -- (LAW/BUSINESS/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform holds a news conference to discuss the impact of passing the "Arbitration Fairness Act," which would "invalidate hundreds of millions of consumer and employee contracts, leaving many consumers with no way to settle disputes except to try to navigate the court system on their own." Participants include Lisa Rickard, president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Peter Rutledge of Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Joel Benenson of the Benenson Strategy Group; and Bill McInturff of Public Opinion Strategies.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Larry Akey, 202-463-5824

10 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/POLL) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Quinnipiac University Polling Institute holds a news conference to release a new poll, conducted simultaneously in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, asking voter

opinions of 2008 presidential candidates. Participants include Peter Brown and Clay Richards, assistant directors of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Street NW

Contact: Pat Smith, 212-843-8026

10:30 a.m. -- (TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCC) holds a event to launch a new national campaign, "Connect!," to promote the need for a national broadband policy. Participants include William Kovacs, vice president of environment, technology, and regulatory affairs at USCC; Brian Mefford, president and CEO of Connected Nation Inc.; and Leroy Watson, legislative director at National Grange.

Location: USCC, 1615 H Street NW, Amway-Emerson Room

Contact: 202-463-5682, press@uschamber.com
Note: Media credentials required; Media RSVP

required to 202-463-5682 or press@uschamber.com

10:45 a.m. -- (VIETNAM/BURIAL) EVENT -- Arlington National Cemetery holds a funeral and burial for Army Maj. Arthur Ecklund and Army Maj Perry Jefferson. On April 3, 1969, Ecklund and his U.S. Air Force observer, Jefferson, were flying a visual reconnaissance mission out of Phan Rang airbase. They left the base at in the morning on an O1G aircraft (serial #51-12078) and reported in by radio at 0730 hours giving their location, destination and information concerning a convoy they were going to check out. No further communication was heard, except for a signal "beeper". In 2001, a Vietnamese national living in California gave U.S. officials human remains that he said were found at a site where the two U.S. pilots crashed. Last December, the remains of Jefferson were identified nearly 40 years after he disappeared on a reconnaissance flight over Vietnam.

Location: Arlington National Cemetery
Contact: 202-685-4645 or 202-685-4644
Note: Press pick up on Memorial Drive is at 11:20

a.m. for gravesite.

ADDS DETAILS

+11 a.m. -- (AFGHAN/HUNTER) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), ranking Republican on the **House** Armed Services Committee, holds a news conference to discuss the rules of engagement for U.S. Marines during their upcoming deployment to Southern Afghanistan.

Location: The Capitol, **House** Radio/TV Gallery

Contact: 202-225-5672

+11 a.m. -- (JOBS/WAGES/BLACKS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- William Spriggs, chairman of the Howard University Economics Department; and Steven Pitts of the Center for Labor Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, hold a news conference to discuss their new report, "Beyond the Mountaintop: King's Prescription for Poverty." Spriggs and Pitts maintain that after adjusted for inflation "the minimum wage is actually lower today than it was when Martin Luther King launched his campaign on behalf of poor people 40 years ago."

Location: The Service Employees International Union, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: Shonna Carter, 212-260-5000

11 a.m. -- (HEALTH/CARDIN) FORUM -- Erickson Health holds a forum featuring Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), who discusses pending legislation regarding preventive healthcare. Other speakers are: Ken Thorpe, executive director of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and former Clinton Administration health official; Nicole Tapay, senior health policy aide to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Piper Su, health policy director for Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.); and Ashley Ridlion, health policy legislative director for **House** Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio).

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9

Contact: Scott Sawicki, 410-402-2216

11 a.m. -- (SECURITY/ARMS/CHEMICAL) FORUM -- Global Green USA holds its 11th Annual Legacy Forum on "Chemical Weapons and Global Security: Implementing the International Chemical Weapons Convention," with Rogelio Pfirter, director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Location: 1116 Longworth **House** Office Building

Contact: Cristian Ion, 202-222-0700, cion@globalgreen.org

11 a.m. -- (SECURITY/ARMS/CHEMICAL) FORUM -- The Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation and Global Green USA holds the 11th Annual Legacy Forum on "Chemical Weapons and Global Security: Implementing the International Chemical Weapons Convention," with Rogelio Pfirter, director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Location: 1116 Longworth **House** Office Building

Contact: Cristian Ion, 202-222-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (WORLD BANK/ZOELLICK) FORUM -- The Center for Global Development sponsors a forum with World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

Location: Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Consulate Ballroom

Contact: 202-416-0700

ADDS HIGHLIGHTS

11:30 a.m. -- (AMTRAK/FUNDS/SENATE) EVENT -- The Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility hosts an event in support of funding for Amtrak "to support more reliable, frequent and higher speed rail service in the Northeast corridor."

Highlights

11:30 a.m.: Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.); and former Gov. Mark Schweiker (R-Pa.), chairman and CEO of the Council for Growth, speak.

Noon: Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) speak.

12:30 p.m.: Paul Choquette, chairman of Gilbane, Inc.; Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association; Stephen Rush, **spokesman** for Brandywine Realty Trust; Ciro Scalera, director of Public Affairs for Verizon; Donald Fry, president of the Greater Baltimore Committee; and Christopher Ward, managing director and secretary to the board of the General Contractors Association of New York.

1 p.m.: Alex Kummant, president and CEO of Amtrak, speaks.

Location: The Capitol, room S-115

Contact: Melissa Volin, 215-988-6919

11:30 a.m. -- (US-ASIA/CONGRESS) DISCUSSION -- The Heritage Foundation holds a discussion on "Asia 2008: The View from Capitol Hill." Participants include Demetrios Marantis, chief international trade counsel for the Senate Finance Committee; Jonah Blank, professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Dennis Halpin, professional staff member of the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee; Dino Teppara, chief of staff for Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.); and Walter Lohman, director of the Asian Studies Center of the Heritage Foundation.

Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Lehrman Auditorium

Contact: 202-675-1752

AFTERNOON

Noon -- (FINANCE/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The New America Foundation (NAF) holds a discussion on "Illusions and Delusions About the U.S. Economic Picture: What it Will Take to Strengthen America's 'Real Economy.'" Participants include Leon Hindry, managing director of InterMedia Partners and former CEO of AT&T Broadband and Yankee Entertainment and Sports Network; Bruce Stokes, international economics consultant at National Journal; Sherle Schwenninger, director of the Economic Growth Program of NAF; and Steve Clemons, director of the American Strategy Program of NAF and publisher of TheWashingtonNote.com.

Location: NAF, 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, 7th Floor

Contact: Liz Wu, 202-986-2760 ext. 315

Noon -- (IRAQ) DISCUSSION -- The Center for American

Progress (CAP) holds a discussion on "A View from the Ground in Iraq." Participants include Michael Ware, CNN's correspondent in Baghdad; Nir Rosen, fellow of the Center on Law and Security at New York University; and Brian Katulis, senior fellow at the Center for American Progress.

Location: The Center for American Progress (CAP), 1333 H Street NW, 10th Floor

Contact: 202-741-6246

Note: RSVP required.

Noon -- (AFRICA/OUTLOOK) FORUM -- The Cato Institute holds a policy forum "Let Failing African Governments Collapse: A Radical Solution to Underdevelopment." Participants include Edward Luttwak, senior associate of the Center for International and Strategic Studies; George Ayittey, professor of economics at American University; Mauro De Lorenzo, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute; and Marian Tupy, policy analyst at the Cato Institute.

Location: Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, F.A. Hayek Auditorium

Contact: 202-789-5200

12:30 p.m. -- (RUSSIA/BUSINESS) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "How to Do Business in Russia," with former Assistant Secretary of State Toby Gati, for intelligence and research.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 812

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5795 or egerasimov@jhu.edu

12:30 p.m. -- (NIGERIA/DEMOCRACY) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Nigeria: The 2007 General 'Elections' and the Future of Democracy," with Okechukwu Nwanguma, project officer for campaign operations and periodic reports at the Civil Liberties Organization in Lagos, Nigeria.

Location: SAIS, Bernstein-Offit Building, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 736

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626

12:30 p.m. -- (IRISH/TROUBLES) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Northern Ireland: Overcoming Conflict," with 16 SAIS students who spent one week in Northern Ireland.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Auditorium

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: The public should RSVP to 202-663-5745 or itlong@jhu.edu

UPDATES: EVENT IS OFF THE RECORD

12:45 p.m. -- (LATAM/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Current Changes for U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America." featuring a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Location: SAIS, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 517

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5734 or jzurek1@jhu.edu

+1:30 p.m. -- (PENTAGON/MULLEN) BRIEFING -- Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, holds a briefing.

Location: The Pentagon, Briefing Room 2E579

Contact: 703-697-5131

Note: Press without a Pentagon hard pass will be

picked up at the North Parking Entrance only. Arrive by 12:45 p.m.. Call for an escort.

1:30 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) holds a news conference to unveil a new economic study on the consumer electronics industry. Participants include CEA President and CEO Gary Shapiro; and CEA Economist Shawn DuBravac.

Location: Location Withheld

Contact: Katie Hallen, 202-679-2394

Note: RSVP to Katie Hallen.

1:45 p.m. -- (MEDIA/MURDOCH) DISCUSSION -- Georgetown

University's McDonough School of Business holds a discussion on "the changing news media landscape," with Robert Murdoch, chairman and CEO of News Corporation.

Location: Georgetown University, 37th and O Streets NW, Healy Hall, 3rd Floor

Contact: 202-687-4328

Note: Media should RSVP to Andy Pino at, 202-687-8610 or pinoa@georgetown.edu; Media will need valid credentials on campus.

2 p.m. -- (CLIMATE/AUTOS/BEGLEY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Actor Ed Begley Jr., Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard hold a news conference to unveil a new electric vehicle.

Location: Southeast Drive, New Jersey Avenue SW and Independence Avenue

Contact: Sandra Salstrom, 202-225-2611 or **Jeff Ventura**, 202-226-5680

Note: When entering the Capitol grounds on New Jersey Avenue SW, from Independence Avenue, walk through the barricades in front of the Capitol, past the guard **house** and turn right. The news conference will be on the sidewalk on Southeast Drive.

2 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/HOUSING/RIGHTS) EVENT -- Assistant HUD Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick delivers remarks on the importance of the Housing and Urban Development Department's (HUD) continuing fight against housing discrimination, at a ceremony to kick off HUD's Fair Housing Month.

Location: HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Departmental Conference Room, 10th Floor

Contact: Shantae Goodloe, 202-294-3903

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/AUTISM/**HOUSE**) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee Africa and Global Health Subcommittee; Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.); and Lee Grossman, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America, hold a news conference to discuss World Autism Awareness Day.

Location: Cannon Terrace, Cannon **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-225-3765

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/BREAST CANCER) DISCUSSION -- The Global Health Initiative of the Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Public Health Democracy: U.S. and Global Health Disparities in Breast Cancer." Participants include Doris Browne, program director of the Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Research Group at the Division of Cancer Prevention of the National Cancer Institute; Peter Greenwald, director of the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute; and Lucile Adams-Campbell, professor of medicine and director at the Howard University Cancer Center.

Location: WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

Note: RSVP required to globalhealth@wilsoncenter.org

2 p.m. -- (STATE/WATER) FORUM -- The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) holds a forum on "Poverty Reduction and World Water Day," focusing on the importance of water in development assistance.

Location: The Capitol, room H-137

Contact: 202-521-3850

Note: RSVP to mcevents@mcc.gov.

POSTPONED

2 p. m. -- (IRAQ/ECONOMY) DISCUSSION -- The National

Press Club Afternoon Newsmaker Program holds a discussion on "Iraq's Economic Surge and Recent Private Investments." Participants include Fawzi Hariri, Iraq's minister of industry and minerals; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Business Transformation Paul Brinkley.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Bob Webb, 703-329-1960 or Kevin Wensing, 703-695-7150

2 p.m. -- (**HOUSE**/DEMS/INTEL) MEETING -- The Democratic members of the **House** (Select) Intelligence Committee hold a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

Location: H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

+2:30 p.m. -- (ENERGY/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.); and Cynthia McCollum, president of the National League of Cities, hold a news conference to discuss the results of a national effort to build support for funding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

Location: The Capitol, West Front Steps

Contact: Sherry Conway Appel, 202-626-3003

2:30 p. m. -- (**HOUSE**/GOP/PUTNAM) BRIEFING -- **House** Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam (R-Fla.) and **House** Minority Whip Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) hold a pen and pad briefing.

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9
Contact: Brian Schubert, 202-226-9000

2:30 p.m. -- (STATE/FINANCE) SEMINAR -- The George

Washington University's (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for International Economic Policy and the Economics Department hold a macro and international finance seminar with Vivian Yue, assistant professor of economics at New York University.

Location: GWU Elliott School, 2115 G Street NW, Monroe Hall, Room 321

Contact: 202-994-6240

Note: RSVP to iiiep@gwu.edu

3 p.m. -- (STATE/DEVELOPMENT/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Brookings Institution holds a discussion on "Mobilizing Talent for Global Development." Participants include Neil Ruiz, nonresident fellow of global economy and development at the Brookings Institution; Andres Solimano, regional adviser of the United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; AnnaLee Saxenian, dean and professor of the School of Information at the University of California at Berkeley; Michael Clemons, research fellow at the Center for Global Development; and Danny Leipziger, vice president of the Poverty and Reduction Network at the World Bank.

Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-797-6105, communications@brookings.edu

Note: Register online: <http://www.brookings.edu>

3 p.m. -- (SCIENCE/NANOTECH) EVENT -- The Museum of Science, Boston holds its NanoDays programs and demonstration, the first nationwide festival of educational programs about nanoscale science and engineering and its potential impact.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: 617-443-9933

3:30 p.m. -- (CHINA/POLITICS/HISTORY) LECTURE -- American University (AU) holds its 11th Annual Warren S. Hunsberger lecture on "Chinese Politics-Out of Bad Things Come Good Things," with Roderick MacFarquhar, professor of history and political science at Harvard University.

Location: AU, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, SIS Lounge, SIS Building

Contact: Jon Hussey, 202-885-5935, hussey@american.edu (Media); 202-885-5950

4 p.m. -- (HEALTH/TECH/KENNEDY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Business Roundtable holds a news conference on the "Health IT Bill Now." Participants include Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.); Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications Inc.; and Ronald Williams, chairman, CEO, and president of Aetna Inc.

Location: S-115, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joe Crea, 202-496-3288; or Alberto Canal, 908-559-6367

5:15 p.m. -- (ARTS/BOOK) EVENT -- The Catholic University of America's Department of English holds a poetry and fiction reading event with Linda Pastan, author of "The Last Uncle"; and Kate Blackwell, author of "You Won't Remember This."

Location: Catholic University, 620 Michigan Avenue NE, Caldwell Auditorium

Contact: Katie Lee, 202-319-5600,

5:15 p.m. -- (CHINA/BOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a book discussion on "The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Money, Might, and Minds," with author David Lampton.

Location: SAIS, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Kenney Auditorium

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: RSVP to zji@jhu.edu

5:30 p.m. -- (RELIGION) EVENT -- Georgetown University holds a lecture on "The State of Religious Dialogue: 40 Years After Nostra Aetate," the Second Vatican Council's document on interreligious dialogue, with Sayyed Hossein Nasr, professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University.

Location: Georgetown University, 37th and O Streets NW, Healy Hall, Third Floor, Riggs Library

Contact: 202-687-4328

5:30 p.m. -- (NANOTECH/WYDEN) RECEPTION -- The Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies and the National Science Foundation hold a reception for the premiere of the three part television series, "Nanotechnology: The Power of Small," that will begin airing on local public broadcasting stations in April. Participants include Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Arden Bement, director of the National Science Foundation; and Andrew Maynard, chief science adviser of the Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies.

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

Note: RSVP required.

EVENING

+6:30 p.m. -- (DARFUR/RICHARDSON) EVENT -- The ambassador of Finland Pekka Lintu hosts a reception and buffet dinner to honor Daoud Hari, author of "The Translator: A Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur." Hari worked as a guide and translator for several American journalists covering the conflict in Darfur. In August 2006, Daoud was arrested in Darfur, imprisoned for 35 days and charged with espionage; but after the personal involvement New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), he was eventually released. Hari and Gov. Richardson will reunite for the first time on Wednesday since Daoud's release.

Location: Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-298-5820

6:30 p.m. -- (IRAN/OUTLOOK) FORUM -- The George Washington University (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs holds a Middle East Policy forum on "Iran Elections 2008: Domestic, Regional, and International Consequences." Participants include Afshin Molavi, fellow at the New America Foundation; and Ray Takeyh, senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Location: GWU Elliott School, 1957 E Street NW, Lindner Family Commons

Contact: 202-994-6240

Note: RSVP to rsvpesia@gwu.edu

7 p.m. -- (SWEDEN/ARTS) EVENT -- **House** of Sweden holds a Discover Sweden event with exhibits, cultural events, seminars, activities for children, concerts and workshops.

Location: **House** of Sweden, 901 30th Street NW
Contact: 202-467-2600

7 p.m. -- (IRAQ/AFGHAN/VETS) EVENT -- The Center for

American Progress (CAP), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and the Film Sales Company hold a film screening and discussion on "Body of War," a documentary about "the truth of war today," with the film's subject, Tomas Young, a 25 year old Iraq war veteran who was paralyzed from a bullet to his spine after serving for less than a week. Participants include Todd Bowers, director of government affairs at Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Phil Donohue, co-director and executive producer of "Body of War"; Lawrence Korb, senior fellow at CAP; Ellen Spiro, co-director, co-producer, and cinematographer of "Body of War"; and Tomas Young, veteran of the Iraq War and subject in "Body of War."

Location: Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th Street NW

Contact: 202-741-6246

Note: RSVP required.

8 p.m. -- (MIDEAST) DISCUSSION -- The Al-Hewar Center holds a discussion (in Arabic) on "The Arab Summit and the Current Crises in the Middle East."

Location: Al-Hewar Center, 124 Park Street SE, Vienna, Va.

Contact: 703-281-6277

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PRESIDENT BUSH'S SCHEDULE

In Romania (all times are local)
8:50 a.m.: Delivers remarks. National Bank of Savings,
Bucharest, Romania. Open press.
11:55 a.m.: Meets with Romanian President Traian
Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool at
top.
1:25 p.m.: Participates in a joint media availability
with President Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun,
Romania. Pool coverage.
4:15 p.m.: Meets with NATO Secretary General Jaap de
Hoop Scheffer. JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, Bucharest,
Romania. Pool at bottom.
Note: The president and first lady overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia
and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY'S SCHEDULE

No public events are scheduled.

SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE'S SCHEDULE

On foreign travel with the president.

FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH'S SCHEDULE

In Romania with the president
Note: The first lady and the president overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10 a.m.: The Commerce Dept. issues Factory Orders for February.

CONGRESS

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on "National Reconnaissance Office/Space Programs." Scott Large, director the Defense Department's National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Kehler, commander at the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and Deputy Air Force Undersecretary for Space Programs Gary Payton, testify. S-407, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Energy Department's budget request and justification for FY2009. Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond Orbach; Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner, for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and David Frantz, director of the Energy Department's Office of Loan Guarantee, testify. 124 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Defense Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2009 and the Future Years Defense Program. William Tobey, deputy administrator for defense nuclear nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration; and Joseph Benkert, principal deputy assistant secretary of for global security affairs at the Defense Department, testify. 232-A Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 2:30 p.m. -- Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee holds a hearing on Defense Department contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Technology James Finley; Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness Jackson Bell; Army Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson III, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; and Jeffrey Parsons, executive director of the Army Contracting Command, testify. 222 Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS -- 10 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight on the Listing Decision for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act." Douglas Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation; Kassie Siegel, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate, Air, and Energy Program; and William Horn of Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, testify. 406 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-8832 or Pete Rafle (Boxer), 202-228-3102 or 202-302-7086

Note: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has been invited to testify at the hearing.

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Military Prospects." Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, president of BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, and adjunct professor of international affairs at the U.S. Military Academy, Arlington, Va.; retired Army Lt. Gen. William Odom, senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former director of the National Security Agency; Michele Flournoy, president of the Center for New American Security; and retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert Scales Jr., former commandant of the Army War College, and current CEO and president of Colgen, LP, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 2:30 p.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Political Prospects." Yahia Said, director for Middle East and North Africa at the Middle East at the Revenue Watch Institute, New York, N.Y.; Stephen Biddle, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; Nir Rosen, fellow at New York University's Center on Law and Security, New York, N.Y.; Patrick Clawson, deputy director for research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

JOINT ECONOMIC -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "The Economic Outlook." Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies. 106 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-5171

SENATE JUDICIARY -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security," focusing on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issues, and preparation for further implementation of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and REAL ID Act. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff testifies. 216 Hart

Contact: Erica Chabot, 202-224-7703 or David Carle (Leahy), 202-224-3693

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 11 a.m. -- Agriculture, Rural Development, **FDA**, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**)." Jesse Goodman, director of the **FDA**'s Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research testifies. 2362-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Energy - Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors." Energy Undersecretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Robert Smolen, deputy NNSA administrator for defense programs; and Kirkland Donald, deputy NNSA administrator for naval reactors, testify. 2362-B Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security." Stephen Flynn, senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher Koch, president and CEO of the World Shipping Council; Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, director of the Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, testify. 2359 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 1:30 p.m. -- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Defense Budget." Defense Comptroller Tina Jones; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Installations and Environment Wayne Army, testify. H-143, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- 10 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. 2123 Rayburn

Contact: Jodi Seth (Dingell, 202-225-4071) or the Energy and Commerce Press Office, 202-225-5735

HOUSE (SELECT) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING -- 1:30 p.m. -- Meets to vote on whether to subpoena Environmental Protection Agency documents on the agency's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and hearing on "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." FAA Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment Dan Elwell; Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation; Tom Windmuller, senior vice president of the International Air Transport Association; James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association, testify. 1310 Longworth

Contact: 202-225-4012

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Funding for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: What is the U.S. Responsibility?" Assistant United Nations Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jane Lute and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State James Warlick, of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testify. 2200 Rayburn

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan." Retired Army Lt. Gen. David Barno, director of the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies; Seth Jones, political scientist at The RAND Corporation; and Mark Schneider, senior vice president of the International Crisis Group, testify. 210 Cannon

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE (SELECT) INTELLIGENCE -- 8:45 a.m. -- Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence Subcommittee closed briefing on "Hot Spots." H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- 10 a.m. -- Research and Science Education Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Science and Technology Cooperation." White **House** Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Marburger III; National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement; Nina Fedoroff, science and technology advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeff Miotke, for science, space and health in the Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael O'Brien, assistant administrator for external relations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, testify. 2318 Rayburn

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

ADVISORIES

(CAMPAIGN/MCCAIN) ADVISORY -- Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), the likely 2008 Republican presidential nominee, holds the following events in Annapolis on Wednesday, as part of McCain's "Service to America Tour."

Schedule

8:10 a.m.: Participates in Pledge of Allegiance ceremony. Chick and Ruth's Delly, 165 Main St., Annapolis, Md. Pool coverage.

9 a.m.: Delivers speech. Navy and Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Superintendent's Pavilion, 304 Farragut Road, Annapolis, Md.

Contact: 703-650-5550

ADDS JERRY BROWN
(CLIMATE/EPA/BROWN) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., California

Attorney General Jerry Brown; James Mikey, chief of environmental protection in Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for the Sierra Club; and Joe Mendelson, legal director at the International Center for Technology Assessment, participate in a Sierra Club conference call to discuss "the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA."

Contact: Josh Dorner, 202-675-2384

Note: The dial-in number is 888-228-9795. The passcode is 41865689.

(CAMPAIGN/CLINTON) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m. approx., The Clinton Campaign holds a conference call featuring various campaign policy advisers.

Contact: 703-875-1271

Note: RSVP to press@HillaryClinton.com for dial-in information.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

7 a.m. -- (FARMS/BEEF/SCHAFFER) CONFERENCE -- The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) holds its Legislative Conference. Third of four days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs Bruce Knight speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

11 a.m.: Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Contact: 202-347-0228

8 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/DURBIN/BAYH/GRAHAM) EVENT -- Senate Assistant Majority Whip Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), an Obama supporter; Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), a Clinton supporter; Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), a McCain supporter, participate in a National Journal/MSNBC "Super Surrogates," breakfast discussion. Other participants are: Ron Brownstein, political director for the Atlantic Media Company; Linda Douglass, contributing editor of National Journal; and Chuck Todd, NBC political director.

Location: Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, The Columbus Club

Contact: Davis Vanderwerff, 202-266-7144

ADDS 9AM EVENT WITH REP. WATERS
8:30 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/DEVELOPMENT) EVENT -- The

National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association (NACEDA) holds its Annual Capacity Building and Policy Summit. Third and final day.

Highlight

+9 a.m.: Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), delivers breakfast remarks. B-340 Rayburn **House** Office Building.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW (except as noted above)

Contact: Jane DeMarines, 703-741-0144 or Kim Hayes, 301-585-1131

Note: RSVP to Kim Hayes at khayes@naceda.org.

8:30 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/RESERVES) CONFERENCE -- The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) holds a conference titled, "The Commission on the National Guard and Reserves Report: Where Do We Go From Here."

Highlights

8:45 a.m.: Former Defense secretary William Cohen speaks.

9:15 a.m.: Principle Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary John Winkler; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. David Fastabend, director of Strategy, Plans and Policy in the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff; and retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, discuss "Senior Perspectives on the Operation Reserve and the AVF."

10:30 a.m.: Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness David Chu; Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve; Patricia Lewis, commissioner of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; former Assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs Charlie Cragin; and Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, adjunct general for Oregon, discuss "Sustaining and Institutionalizing the Operational Reserve."

11:45 a.m.: Assistant Defense Secretary Paul McHale; Vice Adm. Harvey Johnson, deputy administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves; and Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of U.S. Northern Command, discuss "The Role of the Defense Department in the Homeland."

2 p.m.: Richard Walsh, minority counsel of the Senate Armed Services Committee; Daniel Ginsberg of the office of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Joseph Cealencis, professional staff member of

the **House** Homeland Security Committee; and John Grant professional staff member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee discuss "Congressional Views on the Operational Reserve."

Location: CSIS, 1800 K Street NW, B-1 Conference Level

Contact: Andrew Schwartz, 202-775-3242
Note: This is an invitation only event.

9 a.m. -- (SECURITY/THOMPSON) EVENT -- The **House**

Homeland Security Committee holds its Bioterrorism Technology Fair on the latest tools used in the detection and response of a bioterrorist attack, with **House** Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.)

Location: Foyer, Rayburn **House** Office Building
Contact: Dena Graziano or Adam Comis, 202-225-9978

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GUTIERREZ) FORUM -- The Consumer Electronics Association holds its Washington Forum. First of two days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez delivers opening keynote remarks.
11 a.m.: Sage Chandler, senior director

of trade at the Consumer Electronics Association; Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Kathy Gornik, president of THIEL Audio Products Company; Robert Scott, director of International Programs at the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Smith, president and founder of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; and Sean Spicer, assistant U.S. trade representative of the Executive Office of the President, participate in a panel discussion on "What Trade Means in Real Life Terms to Real Life Businesses."

Noon: Tony Blankley, panelist on the McLaughlin Group and executive vice president of the PR firm Edelman; and Donna Brazile, founder and managing director of Brazile and Associates LLC and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, deliver keynote remarks.

2 p.m.: Shawn DuBravac, economist for the Consumer Electronics Association; Victor Fazio, senior adviser of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Rashi Glazer, co-director of the Management of Technology Program at the University of California, Berkeley and professor of Haas School of Business; Ed Gresser, director of the Trade and Global Markets Project of the Progressive Policy Institute; and Chris Padilla, undersecretary for international trade at the International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department, participate in a panel discussion on "Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics."

7:30 p.m.: Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.); and Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications, are honored at the Digital Patriots Dinner.

Location: J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue

Contact: 202-463-5074

9:30 a.m. -- (BUDGET/CONGRESS/GOP) EVENT -- The Council of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) holds its event to release its 2008 Congressional Pig Book, an annual report on pork-barrel spending in the federal budget. Participants include Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.); Reps. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Price (R-Ga.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.); and CCAGW President Tom Schatz.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, 13th Floor, First Amendment Lounge

Contact: Leslie Paige, 202-467-5334 or Alexa Moutevelis, 202-467-5318

10 a.m. -- (CHENEY/IMPEACH) EVENT -- CODEPINK holds a "National Conversation on the Impeachment of Vice President Dick Cheney," as part of CODEPINK's "Hungry For Justice? Impeach Him FAST!" campaign.

Location: 2138 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-290-1301

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/VOLCANOS) EVENT -- The Alaska Volcano Observatory, a joint program of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys hold a demonstration on how volcano scientists help the public be prepared to handle the threats of volcano eruptions.

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building

Contact: Charice Nassif Ransom, 703-648-4299 or Martha Stewart, 202-262-4112

10 a.m. -- (DC/BUSINESS/ECONOMY) EVENT -- Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, Dan Mesches, chairman of Destination D.C.; and William Hansbury, president and CEO of Destination D.C. speak at an event to discuss a new marketing campaign designed to grow and strengthen Washington's \$5.24 billion hospitality industry.

Location: Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh Street NW

Contact: Rebecca Pawlowski, 202-789-7099

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/RESEARCH/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) participate in a Science Coalition event on "the importance of a strong American research enterprise to address issues in biomedical research, climate change research, and alternative energy development." Other speakers are: Henry Jacoby of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Brody, president of Johns **Hopkins** University; Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan; Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Roger Kornberg of Stanford University; Paul Alivisatos, acting deputy director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Steven Fluharty, vice provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Palazzo, provost of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Matthias Ruth of the University of Maryland.

Location: The Capitol, room S-207
Contact: Ashley Prime, 202-457-1110

10 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/POLL) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The

Quinnipiac University Polling Institute holds a news conference to release a new poll, conducted simultaneously in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, asking voter opinions of 2008 presidential candidates. Participants include Peter Brown and Clay Richards, assistant directors of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Street NW

Contact: Pat Smith, 212-843-8026

10:45 a.m. -- (VIETNAM/BURIAL) EVENT -- Arlington National Cemetery holds a funeral and burial for Army Maj. Arthur Ecklund and Army Maj Perry Jefferson. On April 3, 1969, Ecklund and his U.S. Air Force observer, Jefferson, were flying a visual reconnaissance mission out of Phan Rang airbase. They left the base at in the morning on an O1G aircraft (serial #51-12078) and reported in by radio at 0730 hours giving their location, destination and information concerning a convoy they were going to check out. No further communication was heard, except for a signal "beeper". In 2001, a Vietnamese national living in California gave U.S. officials human remains that he said were found at a site where the two U.S. pilots crashed. Last December, the remains of Jefferson were identified nearly 40 years after he disappeared on a reconnaissance flight over Vietnam.

Location: Arlington National Cemetery
Contact: 202-685-4645 or 202-685-4644
Note: Press pick up on Memorial Drive is at 11:20

a.m. for gravesite.

11 a.m. -- (JOBS/WAGES/BLACKS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- William Spriggs, chairman of the Howard University Economics Department; and Steven Pitts of the Center for Labor Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, hold a news conference to discuss their new report, "Beyond the Mountaintop: King's Prescription for Poverty." Spriggs and Pitts maintain that after adjusted for inflation "the minimum wage is actually lower today than it was when Martin Luther King launched his campaign on behalf of poor people 40 years ago."

Location: The Service Employees International Union, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: Shonna Carter, 212-260-5000

11:30 a.m. -- (WORLD BANK/ZOELLICK) FORUM -- The Center for Global Development sponsors a forum with World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

Location: Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Consulate Ballroom

Contact: 202-416-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (AMTRAK/FUNDS/SENATE) EVENT -- The Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility hosts an event in support of funding for Amtrak "to support more reliable, frequent and higher speed rail service in the Northeast corridor."

Highlights

11:30 a.m.: Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.); and former Gov. Mark Schweiker (R-Pa.), chairman and CEO of the Council for Growth, speak.

Noon: Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) speak.

12:30 p.m.: Paul Choquette, chairman of Gilbane, Inc.; Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association; Stephen Rush, **spokesman** for Brandywine Realty Trust; Ciro Scalera, director of Public Affairs for Verizon; Donald Fry, president of the Greater Baltimore Committee; and Christopher Ward, managing director and secretary to the board of the General Contractors Association of New York.

1 p.m.: Alex Kummant, president and CEO of Amtrak, speaks.

Location: The Capitol, room S-115

Contact: Melissa Volin, 215-988-6919

2 p.m. -- (CLIMATE/AUTOS/BEGLEY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Actor Ed Begley Jr., Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard hold a news conference to unveil a new electric vehicle.

Location: Southeast Drive, New Jersey Avenue SW and Independence Avenue

Contact: Sandra Salstrom, 202-225-2611 or **Jeff Ventura**, 202-226-5680

Note: When entering the Capitol grounds on New Jersey Avenue SW, from Independence Avenue, walk through the barricades in front of the Capitol, past the guard **house** and turn right. The news conference will be on the sidewalk on Southeast Drive.

2 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/HOUSING/RIGHTS) EVENT -- Assistant HUD Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick delivers remarks on the importance of the Housing and Urban Development Department's (HUD) continuing fight against housing discrimination, at a ceremony to kick off HUD's Fair Housing Month.

Location: HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Departmental Conference Room, 10th Floor

Contact: Shantae Goodloe, 202-294-3903

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/AUTISM/**HOUSE**) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee Africa and Global Health Subcommittee; Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.); and Lee

Grossman, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America, hold a news conference to discuss World Autism Awareness Day.

Location: Cannon Terrace, Cannon **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-225-3765

2 p.m. -- (STATE/WATER) FORUM -- The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) holds a forum on "Poverty Reduction and World Water Day," focusing on the importance of water in development assistance.

Location: The Capitol, room H-137

Contact: 202-521-3850

Note: RSVP to mccevents@mcc.gov.

2 p. m. -- (**HOUSE**/DEMS/INTEL) MEETING -- The Democratic members of the **House** (Select) Intelligence Committee hold a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

Location: H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

2:30 p. m. -- (ENERGY/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Bernie

Sanders (I-Vt.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.); and Cynthia McCollum, president of the National League of Cities, hold a news conference to discuss the results of a national effort to build support for funding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

Location: The Capitol, West Front Steps

Contact: Sherry Conway Appel, 202-626-3003

2:30 p. m. -- (**HOUSE**/GOP/PUTNAM) BRIEFING -- **House** Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam (R-Fla.) and **House** Minority Whip Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) hold a pen and pad briefing.

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9

Contact: Brian Schubert, 202-226-9000

4 p. m. -- (HEALTH/TECH/KENNEDY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The

Business Roundtable holds a news conference on the "Health IT Bill Now." Participants include Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.); Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications Inc.; and Ronald Williams, chairman, CEO, and president of Aetna Inc.

Location: S-115, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joe Crea, 202-496-3288; or Alberto Canal, 908-559-6367

6:30 p.m. -- (DARFUR/RICHARDSON) EVENT -- The ambassador of Finland Pekka Lintu hosts a reception and buffet dinner to honor Daoud Hari, author of "The Translator: A Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur." Hari worked as a guide and translator for several American journalists covering the conflict in Darfur. In August 2006, Daoud was arrested in Darfur, imprisoned for 35 days and charged with espionage; but after the personal involvement New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), he was eventually released. Hari and Gov. Richardson will reunite for the first time on Wednesday since Daoud's release.

Location: Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-298-5820

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10 a.m.: The Commerce Dept. issues Factory Orders for
February.
10:30 a.m.: The Energy Information Administration
issues weekly petroleum stocks and output data.
10:30 a.m.: The American Petroleum Institute issues

weekly national petroleum report.

CONGRESS

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on "National Reconnaissance Office/Space Programs." Scott Large, director the Defense Department's National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Kehler, commander at the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and Deputy Air Force Undersecretary for Space Programs Gary Payton, testify. S-407, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Energy Department's budget request and justification for FY2009. Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond Orbach; Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner, for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and David Frantz, director of the Energy Department's Office of Loan Guarantee, testify. 124 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Labor, HHS, and Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Labor Relations Board Representation Elections and Initial Collective Bargaining Agreements: Safeguarding Workers' Rights?" National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Chairman Peter Schaumber; NLRB member Wilma Liebman; Gordon Lafer, associate professor of the University of Oregon's

Labor Education and Research Center, Eugene, Ore.; and John Raudabaugh, partner at Baker & McKenzie, LLP, Chicago, Ill., testify. 138 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION -- 2:30 p.m. -- Meets to markup S.2688, the "Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act"; S.J.Res.28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; S.2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; H.R.3985, the "Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007"; H.R.802, the "Maritime Pollution Prevention Act"; and vote on the nomination of Robert Sturgell to be administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. 253 Russell

Contact: 202-224-0411 or Andy Davis (Inouye) 202-224-4546

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS -- 10 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight on the Listing Decision for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act." Douglas Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation; Kassie Siegel, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate, Air, and Energy Program; and William Horn of Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, testify. 406 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-8832 or Pete Raffle (Boxer), 202-228-3102 or 202-302-7086

Note: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has been invited to testify at the hearing.

JOINT ECONOMIC -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "The Economic Outlook." Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies. 106 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-5171

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the **House** of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on **House** Administration; legislation to permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the **House** of Representatives and in the **House** Staff Fitness Program to be made available to other federal employees who are assigned to official duty at the **House** of Representatives; H.R.5036, the "Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008"; H.R.281, the "Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007"; H.R.3032, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; and an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Alternate Ride Home. 1310 Longworth

Contact: Janice Crump, 202-225-2061

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 11 a.m. -- Agriculture, Rural Development, **FDA**, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**)."
Jesse Goodman, director of the **FDA**'s Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research testifies. 2362-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on FY2009 appropriations for the agencies under its jurisdiction. Public witnesses testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 3 p.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Legal Services Corporation (LSC)." LSC President Helaine Barnett and LSC Chairman Frank Strickland, testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Energy - Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors." Energy Undersecretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Robert Smolen, deputy NNSA administrator for defense programs; and Kirkland Donald, deputy NNSA administrator for naval reactors, testify. 2362-B Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Office of Personnel Management." Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer testifies. 2220 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security." Stephen Flynn, senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher Koch, president and CEO of the World Shipping Council; Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, director of the Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, testify. 2359 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Indian Health Service." Acting Indian Health Service Director Bob McSwain testifies. B-308 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 1:30 p.m. -- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Defense Budget." Defense Comptroller Tina Jones; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Installations and Environment Wayne Army, testify. H-143, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Peacekeeping Activities and International Organizations." Assistant Secretary of State Kristen Silverberg of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testifies. 2358-C Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Highway and Transit Programs: Urgent Funding Needs." Assistant Transportation Secretary and CFO Phyllis Scheinberg; Federal Transit Administrator James Simpson; and Acting Federal Highway Administrator James Ray testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 2 p.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission." Jack Schenendorf, vice chairman of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission (NSTPRSC); and NSTPRSC Commissioners Frank Busalacchi, Steve Heminger, and Raymond Geddes testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- 10 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. 2123 Rayburn

Contact: Jodi Seth (Dingell, 202-225-4071) or the Energy and Commerce Press Office, 202-225-5735

HOUSE (SELECT) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING -- 1:30 p.m. -- Meets to vote on whether to subpoena Environmental Protection Agency documents on the agency's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and hearing on "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." FAA Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment Dan Elwell; Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation; Tom Windmuller, senior vice president of the International Air Transport Association; James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association, testify. 1310 Longworth

Contact: 202-225-4012

HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology Subcommittee holds a hearing on proposed regulations to the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA). Witnesses TBA. 2128 Rayburn

Contact: Heather Wong, 202-226-3314 or Steven Adamske, 202-225-7141 or 202-225-2685

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Funding for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: What is the U.S. Responsibility?" Assistant United Nations Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jane Lute and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State James Warlick, of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testify. 2200 Rayburn

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE JUDICIARY -- 10:15 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R.4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R.5570, the "Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008"; H.R.2760, a private bill for the relief of Shigeru Yamada, to allow him permanent residence status; H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as non-immigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments; H.R.5569, to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R.5571, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; and H.R.1777, the "Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007." 2141 Rayburn

Contact: Melanie Roussell, 202-225-3951

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; H.R.5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia; H.R.831, the "Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act"; and H.R.3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area. 1324 Longworth

Contact: Allyson Ivins Groff or Heather Warren, 202-226-9019

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM -- 2 p.m. -- Information Policy, Census, and National Archives Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Federal Advisory Committee Act of 2008." Witnesses TBA. 2154 Rayburn

Contact: Karen Lightfoot, 202-225-5051

HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- 10 a.m. -- Research and Science Education Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Science and Technology Cooperation." White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Marburger III; National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement; Nina Fedoroff, science and technology advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeff Miotke, for science, space and health in the Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael O'Brien, assistant administrator for external relations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, testify. 2318 Rayburn

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE -- 9 a.m. -- Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact," focusing on the impact on state and local jurisdictions. Reps. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Candice Miller (R-Mich.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif) and John Hall (D-N.Y.); Steven Stockton, deputy director of civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers; David Maurstad, assistant administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Mitigation Directorate; Les Stetman, executive director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Mo.; Larry Larson, executive director of the National Association of State Flood Plain Managers; and Chris Smith, president of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association, testify. 2167 Rayburn

Contact: Jim Berard, 202-225-6260

ADVISORIES

(LAW/ENVIRONMENT/EPA) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., the Sierra Club holds a conference call briefing to discuss the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA. Participants include James Mikey, chief of environmental protection in Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for the Sierra Club; and Joe Mendelson, legal director at the International Center for Technology Assessment.

Contact: Josh Dorner, 202-675-2384

Note: The dial-in number is 888-228-9795. The passcode is 41865689

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

7 a.m. -- (FARMS/BEEF/SCHAFFER) CONFERENCE -- The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) holds its Legislative Conference. Third of four days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs Bruce Knight speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

11 a.m.: Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Contact: 202-347-0228

8:30 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/DEVELOPMENT) EVENT -- The National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association (NACEDA) holds its Annual Capacity Building and Policy Summit. Third and final day.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Contact: Jane DeMarines, 703-741-0144, jdemarines2naceda.org; or Kim Hayes, 301-585-1131, khayes@naceda.org

Note: Media should register to Kim Hayes at 301-585-1131 or khayes@naceda.org

9 a.m. -- (DC/TRANSPORT/AIRPORTS) MEETING -- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors holds its monthly meeting.

Location: Reagan National Airport, 1 Aviation Circle, 2nd Floor, Board Room

Contact: Tara Hamilton, 703-417-8370 or Tom Sullivan, 703-417-8744

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GUTIERREZ) FORUM -- The Consumer Electronics Association holds its Washington Forum. First of two days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez delivers opening keynote remarks.

11 a.m.: Sage Chandler, senior director of trade at the Consumer Electronics Association; Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Kathy Gornik, president of THIEL Audio Products Company; Robert Scott, director of International Programs at the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Smith, president and founder of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; and Sean Spicer, assistant U.S. trade representative of the Executive Office of the President, participate in a panel discussion on "What Trade Means in Real Life Terms to Real Life Businesses."

Noon: Tony Blankley, panelist on the McLaughlin Group and executive vice president of the PR firm Edelman; and Donna Brazile, founder and managing director of Brazile and Associates LLC and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, deliver keynote remarks.

2 p.m.: Shawn DuBravac, economist for the Consumer Electronics Association; Victor Fazio, senior adviser of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Rashi Glazer, co-director of the Management of Technology Program at

the University of California, Berkeley and professor of Haas School of Business; Ed Gresser, director of the Trade and Global Markets Project of the Progressive Policy Institute; and Chris Padilla, undersecretary for international trade at the International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department, participate in a panel discussion on "Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics."

7:30 p.m.: Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.); and Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications, are honored at the Digital Patriots Dinner.

Location: J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue

Contact: 202-463-5074

9 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The American Enterprise Institute's (AEI) Center for Regulatory and Market Studies hosts a event on "The Debate Over Network Management: An Economic Perspective."

Highlights

9:15 a.m.: Robert Crandall, senior fellow of the Brookings Institution; Nicholas Economides, executive director of the NET Institute; Jonathan Nuechterlein of the WilmerHale law firm; and Jon Peha, associate director of the Center for Wireless and Broadband Networking at Carnegie Mellon University, participate in a panel discussion on "Management of Wireline Networks."

Noon: Thomas Hazlett, director of the Information Economy Project at the National Center for Technology and Law, delivers luncheon remarks.

Location: AEI, 1150 17th Street NW, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor

Contact: Veronique Rodman, 202-862-4871, vrodman@aei.org

Note: Register online: <http://www.aei.org/event1682>

9:30 a.m. -- (BUDGET/CONGRESS/GOP) EVENT -- The Council of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) holds its event to release its 2008 Congressional Pig Book, an annual report on pork-barrel spending in the federal budget. Participants include Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.); Reps. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Price (R-Ga.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.); and CCAGW President Tom Schatz.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, 13th Floor, First Amendment Lounge

Contact: Leslie Paige, 202-467-5334 or Alexa Moutevelis, 202-467-5318

9:30 a.m. -- (FARMS/ANIMALS/HEALTH) BRIEFING -- The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production (PCIFAP) holds a briefing on "Farm Animal Welfare and its Connection to Public Health." Participants include Michael Blackwell, vice chairman of PCIFAP and president and CEO of Blackwell Consulting LLC; Bernard Rollin, member of PCIFAP; and Alan Goldberg, member of PCIFAP.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Ralph Loglisci, 202-223-2996, rloglisci@pcifap.org; or Jamie Shor, 202-628-7772, jshor@venturecommunications.com

9:45 a.m. -- (HEALTH/TOBACCO/KIDS) EVENT -- The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids holds its 13th Annual Kick Butts Day.

Highlights

9:45 a.m.: Students at Browne Junior High School commit to be tobacco-free. Location: Browne Junior High School, 850 26th Street NE.

4:30 p.m.: D.C. Councilmember Marion Barry participates in a parade in Southeast D.C. to celebrate students' pledge to live a tobacco-free lifestyle. Location: Parade begins at "The Big Chair," 2101 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, and continues on Martin Luther King Avenue to Ballou High School Stadium on Fourth Street SE.

Contact: Tamara Parr, 202-745-5114; or Nicole Dueffert, 202-296-5469

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/VOLCANOS) EVENT -- The Alaska Volcano Observatory, a joint program of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys hold a demonstration on how volcano scientists help the public be prepared to handle the threats of volcano eruptions.

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building

Contact: Charice Nassif Ransom, 703-648-4299 or Martha Stewart, 202-262-4112

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/MEDIA/RX/CONSUMERS) DISCUSSION -- Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) join Kim Witzak, founder of WoodyMatters, at a Consumers Union discussion to urge the Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) "to require all television drug advertising include information on how consumers can report serious drug reactions to the **FDA**."

Location: The Capitol, room HC-6

Contact: Susan Herold, 202-462-6262

10 a.m. -- (DC/BUSINESS/ECONOMY) EVENT - Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, Dan Mesches, chairman of Destination D.C.; and William Hansbury, president and CEO of Destination D.C. speak at an event to discuss a new marketing campaign designed to grow and strengthen Washington's \$5.24 billion hospitality industry.

Location: Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh Street NW

Contact: Rebecca Pawlowski, 202-789-7099

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/RESEARCH/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) participate in a Science Coalition event on "the importance of a strong American research enterprise to address issues in biomedical research, climate change research, and alternative energy development." Other speakers are: Henry Jacoby of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Brody, president of Johns **Hopkins** University; Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan; Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Roger Kornberg of Stanford University; Paul Alivisatos, acting deputy director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Steven Fluharty, vice provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Palazzo, provost of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Matthias Ruth of the University of Maryland.

Location: The Capitol, room S-207
Contact: Ashley Prime, 202-457-1110

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/SENIORS/MEDICARE) RALLY -- The

American Medical Association holds a rally to "urge immediate action to preserve seniors' access to healthcare by stopping Medicare physician payment cuts," with AMA physicians.

Location: Upper Senate Park, Constitution Avenue, between Delaware and New Jersey Avenue

Contact: Katherine Hatwell, 202-789-7419

10 a.m. -- (LAW/BUSINESS/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform holds a news conference to discuss the impact of passing the "Arbitration Fairness Act," which would "invalidate hundreds of millions of consumer and employee contracts, leaving many consumers with no way to settle disputes except to try to navigate the court system on their own." Participants include Lisa Rickard, president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Peter Rutledge of Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Joel Benenson of the Benenson Strategy Group; and Bill McInturff of Public Opinion Strategies.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Larry Akey, 202-463-5824

11 a.m. -- (HEALTH/CARDIN) FORUM -- Erickson Health holds a forum featuring Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), who discusses pending legislation regarding preventive healthcare. Other speakers are: Ken Thorpe, executive director of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and former Clinton Administration health official; Nicole Tapay, senior health policy aide to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Piper Su, health policy director for Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.); and Ashley Ridlion, health policy legislative director for **House** Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio).

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9

Contact: Scott Sawicki, 410-402-2216

11:30 a.m. -- (WORLD BANK/ZOELLICK) FORUM -- The Center for Global Development sponsors a forum with World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

Location: Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Consulate Ballroom

Contact: 202-416-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (AMTRAK/FUNDS/CONGRESS) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Carper (D-Del.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.); Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.); join former Gov. Mark Schweiker (R-Pa.), chairman and CEO of the Council for Growth, participate in a Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility event in support of funding for Amtrak "to support more reliable, frequent and higher speed rail service in the Northeast corridor." Other speakers are: Paul Choquette Jr., chairman of Gilbane, Inc.; Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association; Stephen Rush, **spokesman** for Brandywine Realty Trust; Ciro Scalera, director of Public Affairs for Verizon; Donald Fry, president of the Greater Baltimore Committee; and Christopher Ward, managing director and secretary to the board of the General Contractors Association of New York.

Location: The Capitol, room S-115
Contact: Melissa Volin, 215-988-6919

Noon -- (FINANCE/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The New America

Foundation (NAF) holds a discussion on "Illusions and Delusions About the U.S. Economic Picture: What it Will Take to Strengthen America's 'Real Economy.'" Participants include Leon Hindry, managing director of InterMedia Partners and former CEO of AT&T Broadband and Yankee Entertainment and Sports Network; Bruce Stokes, international economics consultant at National Journal; Sherle Schwenninger, director of the Economic Growth Program of NAF; and Steve Clemons, director of the American Strategy Program of NAF and publisher of TheWashingtonNote.com.

Location: NAF, 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, 7th Floor

Contact: Liz Wu, 202-986-2760 ext. 315

12:30 p.m. -- (RUSSIA/BUSINESS) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "How to Do Business in Russia," with former Assistant Secretary of State Toby Gati, for intelligence and research.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 812

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5795 or egerasimov@jhu.edu

1:30 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) holds a news conference to unveil a new economic study on the consumer electronics industry. Participants include CEA President and CEO Gary Shapiro; and CEA Economist Shawn DuBravac.

Location: Location Withheld
Contact: Katie Hallen, 202-679-2394
Note: RSVP to Katie Hallen.

2 p. m. -- (CLIMATE/AUTOS/BEGLEY) NEWS CONFERENCE --

Actor Ed Begley Jr., Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard hold a news conference to unveil a new electric vehicle.

Location: Southeast Drive, New Jersey Avenue SW and Independence Avenue

Contact: Sandra Salstrom, 202-225-2611 or **Jeff Ventura**, 202-226-5680

Note: When entering the Capitol grounds on New Jersey Avenue SW, from Independence Avenue, walk through the barricades in front of the Capitol, past the guard **house** and turn right. The news conference will be on the sidewalk on Southeast Drive.

2 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/HOUSING/RIGHTS) EVENT -- Assistant HUD Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick delivers remarks on the importance of the Housing and Urban Development Department's (HUD) continuing fight against housing discrimination, at a ceremony to kick off HUD's Fair Housing Month.

Location: HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Departmental Conference Room, 10th Floor

Contact: Shantae Goodloe, 202-294-3903

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/AUTISM/**HOUSE**) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee Africa and Global Health Subcommittee; Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.); and Lee Grossman, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America, hold a news conference to discuss World Autism Awareness Day.

Location: Cannon Terrace, Cannon **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-225-3765

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/BREAST CANCER) DISCUSSION -- The Global Health Initiative of the Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Public Health Democracy: U.S. and Global Health Disparities in Breast Cancer." Participants include Doris Browne, program director of the Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Research Group at the Division of Cancer Prevention of the National Cancer Institute; Peter Greenwald, director of the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute; and Lucile Adams-Campbell, professor of medicine and director at the Howard University Cancer Center.

Location: WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

Note: RSVP required to globalhealth@wilsoncenter.org

2 p.m. -- (STATE/WATER) FORUM -- The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) holds a forum on "Poverty Reduction and World Water Day," focusing on the importance of water in development assistance.

Location: The Capitol, room H-137
Contact: 202-521-3850
Note: RSVP to mcevents@mcc.gov.

POSTPONED

2 p.m. -- (IRAQ/ECONOMY) DISCUSSION -- The National

Press Club Afternoon Newsmaker Program holds a discussion on "Iraq's Economic Surge and Recent Private Investments." Participants include Fawzi Hariri, Iraq's minister of industry and minerals; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Business Transformation Paul Brinkley.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Bob Webb, 703-329-1960 or Kevin Wensing, 703-695-7150

2 p.m. -- (**HOUSE/DEMS/INTEL**) MEETING -- The Democratic members of the **House** (Select) Intelligence Committee hold a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

Location: H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

2:30 p.m. -- (STATE/FINANCE) SEMINAR -- The George Washington University's (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for International Economic Policy and the Economics Department hold a macro and international finance seminar with Vivian Yue, assistant professor of economics at New York University.

Location: GWU Elliott School, 2115 G Street NW, Monroe Hall, Room 321

Contact: 202-994-6240

Note: RSVP to iiep@gwu.edu

3 p.m. -- (STATE/DEVELOPMENT/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Brookings Institution holds a discussion on "Mobilizing Talent for Global Development." Participants include Neil Ruiz, nonresident fellow of global economy and development at the Brookings Institution; Andres Solimano, regional adviser of the United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; AnnaLee Saxenian, dean and professor of the School of Information at the University of California at Berkeley; Michael Clemons, research fellow at the Center for Global Development; and Danny Leipziger, vice president of the Poverty and Reduction Network at the World Bank.

Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-797-6105, communications@brookings.edu

Note: Register online: <http://www.brookings.edu>

3 p.m. -- (SCIENCE/NANOTECH) EVENT -- The Museum of Science, Boston holds its NanoDays programs and demonstration, the first nationwide festival of educational programs about nanoscale science and engineering and its potential impact.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: 617-443-9933

4 p.m. -- (HEALTH/TECH/KENNEDY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Business Roundtable holds a news conference on the "Health IT Bill Now." Participants include Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.); Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications Inc.; and Ronald Williams, chairman, CEO, and president of Aetna Inc.

Location: S-115, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joe Crea, 202-496-3288; or Alberto Canal, 908-559-6367

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PRESIDENT BUSH'S SCHEDULE (early schedule)

In Romania (all times are local)

8:50 a.m.: Delivers remarks. National Bank of Savings, Bucharest, Romania. Open press.

11:55 a.m.: Meets with Romanian President Traian Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool at top.

1:25 p.m.: Participates in a joint media availability with President Basescu. Protocol Villas Neptun-Olimp, Neptun, Romania. Pool coverage.

4:15 p.m.: Meets with NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer. JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, Bucharest, Romania. Pool at bottom.

Note: The president and first lady overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY'S SCHEDULE

No public events are scheduled.

SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE'S SCHEDULE

On foreign travel with the president.

FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH'S SCHEDULE (early schedule)

In Romania with the president

Note: The first lady and the president overnight in

Bucharest, Romania. They are on foreign travel, which includes scheduled visits to Ukraine, Romania, Croatia and a tentative stop in Russia, through April 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10 a.m.: The Commerce Dept. issues Factory Orders for February.

10:30 a.m.: The Energy Information Administration issues weekly petroleum stocks and output data.

10:30 a.m.: The American Petroleum Institute issues weekly national petroleum report.

SUPREME COURT
Not in session.

CONGRESS

THE SENATE

In session.

Committees

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Defense Subcommittee holds a closed hearing on "National Reconnaissance Office/Space Programs." Scott Large, director the Defense Department's National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Kehler, commander at the Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; and Deputy Air Force Undersecretary for Space Programs Gary Payton, testify. S-407, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Energy Department's budget request and justification for FY2009. Energy Undersecretary for Science Raymond Orbach; Assistant Energy Secretary Alexander Karsner, for energy efficiency and renewable energy; and David Frantz, director of the Energy Department's Office of Loan Guarantee, testify. 124 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10:30 a.m. -- Labor, HHS, and Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Labor Relations Board Representation Elections and Initial Collective Bargaining Agreements: Safeguarding Workers' Rights?" National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Chairman Peter Schaumber; NLRB member Wilma Liebman; Gordon Lafer, associate professor of the University of Oregon's Labor Education and Research Center, Eugene, Ore.; and John Raudabaugh, partner at Baker & McKenzie, LLP, Chicago, Ill., testify. 138 Dirksen

Contact: Jesse Jacobs, 202-224-3904

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Defense Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2009 and the Future Years Defense Program. William Tobey, deputy administrator for defense nuclear nonproliferation at the National Nuclear Security Administration; and Joseph Benkert, principal deputy assistant secretary of for global security affairs at the Defense Department, testify. 232-A Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE ARMED SERVICES -- 2:30 p.m. -- Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee holds a hearing on Defense Department contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Technology James Finley; Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness Jackson Bell; Army Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson III, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; and Jeffrey Parsons, executive director of the Army Contracting Command, testify. 222 Russell

Contact: 202-224-3871 or Tara Andringa (Levin), 202-228-3685

SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION -- 2:30 p.m. -- Meets to markup S.2688, the "Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act"; S.J.Res.28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; S.2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; H.R.3985, the "Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007"; H.R.802, the "Maritime Pollution Prevention Act"; and vote on the nomination of Robert Sturgell to be administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. 253 Russell

Contact: 202-224-0411 or Andy Davis (Inouye) 202-224-4546

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS -- 10 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight on the Listing Decision for the Polar Bear Under the Endangered Species Act." Douglas Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation; Kassie Siegel, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate, Air, and Energy Program; and William Horn of Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, testify. 406 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-8832 or Pete Rafle (Boxer), 202-228-3102 or 202-302-7086

Note: Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne has been invited to testify at the hearing.

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Military Prospects." Retired Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey, president of BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, and adjunct professor of international affairs at the U.S. Military Academy, Arlington, Va.; retired Army Lt. Gen. William Odom, senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and former director of the National Security Agency; Michele Flournoy, president of the Center for New American Security; and retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert Scales Jr., former commandant of the Army War College, and current CEO and president of Colgen, LP, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 2:30 p.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Iraq After the Surge: Political Prospects." Yahia Said, director for Middle East and North Africa at the Middle East at the Revenue Watch Institute, New York, N.Y.; Stephen Biddle, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations; Nir Rosen, fellow at New York University's Center on Law and Security, New York, N.Y.; Patrick Clawson, deputy director for research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, testify. 419 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-4651 or Elizabeth Alexander (Biden), 202-224-5042

SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS -- 11 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Nuclear Terrorism: Assessing the Threat to the Homeland." Homeland Security Chief Intelligence Officer Charles Allen; Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, director of the Energy Department's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence; Matthew Bunn of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs; and Gary Ackerman of the University of Maryland's National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, testify. 342 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-2627 or Sheila Menz (Lieberman), 202-224-1389 or Jen Burita (Collins), 202-224-4751

JOINT ECONOMIC -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "The Economic Outlook." Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies. 106 Dirksen

Contact: 202-224-5171

SENATE JUDICIARY -- 9:30 a.m. -- Holds a hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security," focusing on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issues, and preparation for further implementation of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and REAL ID Act. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff testifies. 216 Hart

Contact: Erica Chabot, 202-224-7703 or David Carle (Leahy), 202-224-3693

THE HOUSE

Meets at 10 a.m. to consider H.R.5501, the "Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008."

Committees

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the **House** of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on **House** Administration; legislation to permit membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the **House** of Representatives and in the **House** Staff Fitness Program to be made available to other federal employees who are assigned to official duty at the **House** of Representatives; H.R.5036, the "Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008"; H.R.281, the "Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007"; H.R.3032, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; and an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Alternate Ride Home. 1310 Longworth

Contact: Janice Crump, 202-225-2061

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 11 a.m. -- Agriculture, Rural Development, **FDA**, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**)." Jesse Goodman, director of the **FDA**'s Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research testifies. 2362-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on FY2009 appropriations for the agencies under its jurisdiction. Public witnesses testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 3 p.m. -- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Legal Services Corporation (LSC)." LSC President Helaine Barnett and LSC Chairman Frank Strickland, testify. H-309, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Energy - Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors." Energy Undersecretary for Nuclear Security Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA); Robert Smolen, deputy NNSA administrator for defense programs; and Kirkland Donald, deputy NNSA administrator for naval reactors, testify. 2362-B Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Office of Personnel Management." Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer testifies. 2220 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security." Stephen Flynn, senior fellow for national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations; Christopher Koch, president and CEO of the World Shipping Council; Jayson Ahern, deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, director of the Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, testify. 2359 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Indian Health Service." Acting Indian Health Service Director Bob McSwain testifies. B-308 Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 1:30 p.m. -- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Defense Budget." Defense Comptroller Tina Jones; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Installations and Environment Wayne Army, testify. H-143, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Peacekeeping Activities and International Organizations." Assistant Secretary of State Kristen Silverberg of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testifies. 2358-C Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 10 a.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Highway and Transit Programs: Urgent Funding Needs." Assistant Transportation Secretary and CFO Phyllis Scheinberg; Federal Transit Administrator James Simpson; and Acting Federal Highway Administrator James Ray testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS -- 2 p.m. -- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission." Jack Schenendorf, vice chairman of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission (NSTPRSC); and NSTPRSC Commissioners Frank Busalacchi, Steve Heminger, and Raymond Geddes testify. 2358-A Rayburn

Contact: Kirsten Brost, 202-225-2771

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE -- 10 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. 2123 Rayburn

Contact: Jodi Seth (Dingell, 202-225-4071) or the Energy and Commerce Press Office, 202-225-5735

HOUSE (SELECT) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING -- 1:30 p.m. -- Meets to vote on whether to subpoena Environmental Protection Agency documents on the agency's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and hearing on "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." FAA Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment Dan Elwell; Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation; Tom Windmuller, senior vice president of the International Air Transport Association; James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association, testify. 1310 Longworth

Contact: 202-225-4012

HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 10 a.m. -- Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology Subcommittee holds a hearing on proposed regulations to the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA). Witnesses TBA. 2128 Rayburn

Contact: Heather Wong, 202-226-3314 or Steven Adamske, 202-225-7141 or 202-225-2685

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Funding for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: What is the U.S. Responsibility?" Assistant United Nations Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jane Lute and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State James Warlick, of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, testify. 2200 Rayburn

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- 2 p.m. -- Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan." Retired Army Lt. Gen. David Barno, director of the National Defense University's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies; Seth Jones, political scientist at The RAND Corporation; and Mark Schneider, senior vice president of the International Crisis Group, testify. 210 Cannon

Contact: Lynne Weil or Melissa Silverman, 202-225-5021

HOUSE JUDICIARY -- 10:15 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R.4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R.5570, the "Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008"; H.R.2760, a private bill for the relief of Shigeru Yamada, to allow him permanent

residence status; H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as nonimmigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments; H.R.5569, to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R.5571, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; and H.R.1777, the "Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007." 2141 Rayburn

Contact: Melanie Roussel, 202-225-3951

HOUSE (SELECT) INTELLIGENCE -- 8:45 a.m. -- Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence Subcommittee closed briefing on "Hot Spots." H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES -- 11 a.m. -- Meets to markup H.R.3513, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; H.R.5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia; H.R.831, the "Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act"; and H.R.3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area. 1324 Longworth

Contact: Allyson Ivins Groff or Heather Warren, 202-226-9019

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM -- 2 p.m. -- Information Policy, Census, and National Archives Subcommittee holds a hearing on the "Federal Advisory Committee Act of 2008." Witnesses TBA. 2154 Rayburn

Contact: Karen Lightfoot, 202-225-5051

HOUSE RULES -- 3:30 p.m. -- Meets to formulate a rule on H.R.4847, the "United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2007." H-313, U.S. Capitol

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- 10 a.m. -- Research and Science Education Subcommittee holds a hearing on "International Science and Technology Cooperation." White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director John Marburger III; National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement; Nina Fedoroff, science and technology advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Jeff Miotke, for science, space and health in the Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael O'Brien, assistant administrator for external relations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, testify. 2318 Rayburn

Contact: John Santore, 202-225-2888 or 202-225-9091

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE -- 9 a.m. -- Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Subcommittee holds a hearing on "National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact," focusing on the impact on state and local jurisdictions. Reps. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Candice Miller (R-Mich.), Doris Matsui (D-Calif) and John Hall (D-N.Y.); Steven Stockton, deputy director of civil works for the Army Corps of Engineers; David Maurstad, assistant administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Mitigation Directorate; Les Stetman, executive director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Mo.; Larry Larson, executive director of the National Association of State Flood Plain Managers; and Chris Smith, president of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association, testify. 2167 Rayburn

Contact: Jim Berard, 202-225-6260

HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS -- 10 a.m. -- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Vision Issues." Retired Army Staff Sgt. Brian Pearce and Angela Pearce, of Mechanicsville, Va.; Glen Minney, retired hospital corpsman in the Navy's Fleet Marine Force, Frankfurt, Ohio; Thomas Zampieri, director of government relations for the Blinded Veterans Association; Randolph Marshall, professor of clinical neurology and director of Columbia University Medical Center's Division of Cerebrovascular Diseases, representing NovaVision, Inc.; Navroze Mehta, president and CEO of NovaVision, Inc.; Mary Warren, Page 115 of 165 © 2012 Factiva, Inc. All rights reserved.

associate professor of occupational therapy and director of graduate certification in Low Vision Rehabilitation Program at Universit, representing Performance Enterprises and Dynavision 2000; Gayle Clarke, CEO of Neuro Vision Technology Pty. Ltd.; James Orcutt, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Health Administration; Barbara Sigford, national program director for physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Veterans Health Administration; Glenn Cockerham, chief of ophthalmology at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care System; Gregory Goodrich, research psychologist at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Col. Loree Sutton, director of the Defense Department's Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury; and Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, deputy surgeon general for force management and chief of the Army Nurse Corps at the Defense Department, testify. 334 Cannon

Contact: Kristal Dekleer, 202-225-9756

ADVISORIES

(CAMPAIGN/MCCAIN) ADVISORY -- Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), the likely 2008 Republican presidential nominee, holds the following events in Annapolis on Wednesday, as part of McCain's "Service to America Tour."

Schedule

8:10 a.m.: Participates in Pledge of Allegiance ceremony. Chick and Ruth's Delly, 165 Main St., Annapolis, Md. Pool coverage.

9 a.m.: Delivers speech. Navy and Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Superintendent's Pavilion, 304 Farragut Road, Annapolis, Md.

Contact: 703-650-5550

(POVERTY/RACE) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., Catholic Charities USA holds its National Town Hall Meeting webcast to discuss race and poverty.

Contact: Shelley Borysiewicz, 703-236-6218, sborysiewicz@catholiccharitiesusa.org

Note: Webcast will be available online: <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/livetownhall>

(LAW/ENVIRONMENT/EPA) ADVISORY -- At 1 p.m., the Sierra Club holds a conference call briefing to discuss the Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA. Participants include James Mikey, chief of environmental protection in Massachusetts Attorney General's Office; David Bookbinder, chief climate counsel for the Sierra Club; and Joe Mendelson, legal director at the International Center for Technology Assessment.

Contact: Josh Dorner, 202-675-2384

Note: The dial-in number is 888-228-9795. The passcode is 41865689

(CAMPAIGN/CLINTON) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m. approx., The Clinton Campaign holds a conference call featuring various campaign policy advisers.

Contact: 703-875-1271

Note: RSVP to press@HillaryClinton.com for dial-in information.

(HEALTH/EDUCATION/KIDS) ADVISORY -- At 1:30 p.m., the Every Child Matters Education Fund holds a conference call to discuss a new report, "Geography Matters: Child Well-Being in the 50 States," which identifies a diverse set of child well-being standards, including lack of access to prenatal care, malnutrition, child abuse and teen incarceration. Participants include Michael Petit, author of "Geography Matters: Child Well-Being in the States" and founder of Every Child Matters; Berry Brazelton, founder of Brazelton Touchpoints Center and clinical professor of pediatrics emeritus at Harvard Medical School; and Elizabeth Clark, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers.

Contact: Ailis Aaron Wolf, 703-276-3265

Note: The dial-in number is 800-860-2442. The passcode is: "Geography Matters/Child Well-Being in the 50 States." An audio replay of the news event will be available at www.everychildmatters.org starting at 6:30 p.m. on April 2.

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS

MORNING

7 a.m. -- (CHARITY/WOMEN) EVENT -- FedEx Special Delivery and Dress for Success holds its day-long "Send a Suit" professional women's clothing drive on Capitol Hill, as a part of the "S.O.S.-Send One Suit-Week." FedEx Special Delivery will collect donations of gently used women's suits, and professional attire and accessories from D.C. residents, Capitol Hill staff and members of Congress for the Dress for Success store in D.C. Since 2006, these "Send A Suit" drives have collected more than 1,000 items of clothing.

Location: Capitol South Metro Station, First and D Streets SE

Contact: Whitney Sousa, 843-729-9382

7 a.m. -- (FARMS/BEEF/SCHAFFER) CONFERENCE -- The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) holds its Legislative Conference. Third of four days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Agriculture Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs Bruce Knight speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

11 a.m.: Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer speaks. Agriculture Department, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Contact: 202-347-0228

8 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/ARMS/NUCLEAR) CONFERENCE -- The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics holds its 6th Annual U.S. Missile Defense Conference and Exhibit, which runs through April 3.

Location: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: Chris Taylor, 703-697-8001

8 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/DURBIN/BAYH/GRAHAM) EVENT -- Senate Assistant Majority Whip Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), an Obama supporter; Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), a Clinton supporter; Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), a McCain supporter, participate in a National Journal/MSNBC "Super Surrogates," breakfast discussion. Other participants are: Ron Brownstein, political director for the Atlantic Media Company; Linda Douglass, contributing editor of National Journal; and Chuck Todd, NBC political director.

Location: Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, The Columbus Club

Contact: Davis Vanderwerff, 202-266-7144

8:30 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/DEVELOPMENT) EVENT -- The National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association (NACEDA) holds its Annual Capacity Building and Policy Summit, March 31-April 2.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Contact: Jane DeMarines, 703-741-0144, jdemarines2naceda.org; or Kim Hayes, 301-585-1131, khayes@naceda.org

Note: Media should register to Kim Hayes at 301-585-1131 or khayes@naceda.org

9 a.m. -- (SECURITY/THOMPSON) EVENT -- The **House** Homeland Security Committee holds its Bioterrorism Technology Fair on the latest tools used in the detection and response of a bioterrorist attack, with **House** Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.)

Location: Foyer, Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Dena Graziano or Adam Comis, 202-225-9978

9 a.m. -- (DC/TRANSPORT/AIRPORTS) MEETING -- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors holds its monthly meeting.

Location: Reagan National Airport, 1 Aviation
Circle, 2nd Floor, Board Room
Contact: Tara Hamilton, 703-417-8370 or Tom

Sullivan, 703-417-8744

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GUTIERREZ) FORUM -- The Consumer Electronics Association holds its Washington Forum.
First of two days.

Highlights

10 a.m.: Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez delivers opening keynote remarks.

11 a.m.: Sage Chandler, senior director of trade at the Consumer Electronics Association; Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Kathy Gornik, president of THIEL Audio Products Company; Robert Scott, director of International Programs at the Economic Policy Institute; Fred Smith, president and founder of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; and Sean Spicer, assistant U.S. trade representative of the Executive Office of the President, participate in a panel discussion on "What Trade Means in Real Life Terms to Real Life Businesses."

Noon: Tony Blankley, panelist on the McLaughlin Group and executive vice president of the PR firm Edelman; and Donna Brazile, founder and managing director of Brazile and Associates LLC and chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute, deliver keynote remarks.

2 p.m.: Shawn DuBravac, economist for the Consumer Electronics Association; Victor Fazio, senior adviser of the Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Rashi Glazer, co-director of the Management of Technology Program at the University of California, Berkeley and professor of Haas School of Business; Ed Gresser, director of the Trade and Global Markets Project of the Progressive Policy Institute; and Chris Padilla, undersecretary for international trade at the International Trade Administration of the Commerce Department, participate in a panel discussion on "Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics."

7:30 p.m.: Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.); Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.); and Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications, are honored at the Digital Patriots Dinner.

Location: J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue

Contact: 202-463-5074

9 a.m. -- (TECH/GOVERNMENT/INTERNET) CONFERENCE -- FOSE holds its 2008 Federal Office Systems Exposition and Conference. Second of three days.

Highlights

9 a.m.: David Pogue, New York Times columnist, delivers remarks on "Keeping Up With the Technology revolution-What's New and What's Next."

Location: Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

Contact: 800-746-0099

9 a.m. -- (ECONOMY/TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The American Enterprise Institute's (AEI) Center for Regulatory and Market Studies hosts a event on "The Debate Over Network Management: An Economic Perspective."

Highlights

9:15 a.m.: Robert Crandall, senior fellow of the Brookings Institution; Nicholas Economides, executive director of the NET Institute; Jonathan Nuechterlein of the WilmerHale law firm; and Jon Peha, associate director of the Center for Wireless and Broadband Networking at Carnegie Mellon University, participate in a panel discussion on "Management of Wireline Networks."

Noon: Thomas Hazlett, director of the Information Economy Project at the National Center for Technology and Law, delivers luncheon remarks.

Location: AEI, 1150 17th Street NW, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor

Contact: Veronique Rodman, 202-862-4871, vrodman@aei.org

Note: Register online: <http://www.aei.org/event1682>

9 a.m. -- (FIREFIGHTERS/COMPETITION) EVENT -- The Congressional Fire Services Institute hosts the 20th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars with the Firefighter Combat Challenge and United Kingdom and United States Firefighters Tug of War Competition.

Highlights

9 a.m.: Combat Challenge.

12:15 p.m.: Tug of War Competition.

Location: National Mall, between Third and Fourth Streets and Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive

Contact: Kelly Hysan, 202-518-7521,

kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk

9:30 a.m. -- (BUDGET/CONGRESS/GOP) EVENT -- The Council of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) holds its event to release its 2008 Congressional Pig Book, an annual report on pork-barrel spending in the federal budget. Participants include Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.); Reps. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), Tom Price (R-Ga.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.); and CCAGW President Tom Schatz.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, 13th Floor, First Amendment Lounge

Contact: Leslie Paige, 202-467-5334; or Alexa Moutevelis, 202-467-5318

9:30 a.m. -- (FARMS/ANIMALS/HEALTH) BRIEFING -- The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production (PCIFAP) holds a briefing on "Farm Animal Welfare and its Connection to Public Health." Participants include Michael Blackwell, vice chairman of PCIFAP and president and CEO of Blackwell Consulting LLC; Bernard Rollin, member of PCIFAP; and Alan Goldberg, member of PCIFAP.

Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: Ralph Loglisci, 202-223-2996, rloglisci@pcifap.org; or Jamie Shor, 202-628-7772, jshor@venturecommunications.com

9:30 a.m. -- (CONGO/WOMEN/RIGHTS) DISCUSSION -- The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Gender Based Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo-Causes and Consequences." Participants include Kristen Kim Bart, Gender-Based Violence Program officer at the International Rescue Committee; Denis Mukwege of Panzi Hospital in Bukavu; Patricia Morris, director of program development at Women for Women International; and Howard Wolpe, director of the Africa Program.

Location: Wilson Center, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

9:45 a.m. -- (HEALTH/TOBACCO/KIDS) EVENT -- The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids holds its 13th Annual Kick Butts Day.

Highlight

9:45 a.m.: Students at Browne Junior High School commit to be tobacco-free. Location: Browne Junior High School, 850 26th Street NE.

4:30 p.m.: D.C. Councilmember Marion Barry participates in a parade in Southeast D.C. to celebrate students' pledge to live a tobacco-free lifestyle. Location: Parade begins at "The Big Chair," 2101 Martin Luther King Avenue SE, and continues on Martin Luther King Avenue to Ballou High School Stadium on Fourth Street SE.

Contact: Tamara Parr, 202-745-5114; or Nicole Dueffert, 202-296-5469

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/VALCANOS) EVENT -- The Alaska Volcano Observatory, a joint program of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys hold a demonstration on how volcano scientists help the public be prepared to handle the threats of volcano eruptions.

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building

Contact: Charice Nassif Ransom, 703-648-4299 or Martha Stewart, 202-262-4112

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/MEDIA/RX/CONSUMERS) DISCUSSION -- Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) join Kim Witczak, founder of WoodyMatters, at a Consumers Union discussion to urge the Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) "to require all television drug advertising include information on how consumers can report serious drug reactions to the **FDA**."

Location: The Capitol, room HC-6

Contact: Susan Herold, 202-462-6262

10 a.m. -- (DC/BUSINESS/ECONOMY) EVENT - Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty, Dan Mesches, chairman of Destination D.C.; and William Hansbury, president and CEO of Destination D.C. speak at an event to discuss a new marketing campaign designed to grow and strengthen Washington's \$5.24 billion hospitality industry.

Location: Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh Street NW

Contact: Rebecca Pawlowski, 202-789-7099

10 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/CONVENTIONS) CONFERENCE -- American University (AU) holds a 2008 National Party Conventions Conference. Participants include James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University's School of Public Affairs; Mike Berman, president of the Duberstein Group; Anthony Corrado, Brookings Institution fellow; Tad Devine, Democratic strategist; Ron Elving, NPR Washington editor; Dotty Lynch, former CBS News political director and executive in residence at AU's School of Communication; Billy Pitts, former **House** Rules Committee staff director and assistant parliamentarian at four Republican conventions; Costas Panagopoulos, author of "Rewiring Politics: Presidential Nominating Conventions in the Media Age"; and Brian Schaffner, assistant professor of political science at American University and research fellow at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

Location: AU, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Mary Graydon Center, Rooms 5 and 6

Contact: Jon Hussey, 202-885-5935, hussey@american.edu; 202-885-5950

10 a.m. -- (SCIENCE/RESEARCH/SENATE) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) participate in a Science Coalition event on "the importance of a strong American research enterprise to address issues in biomedical research, climate change research, and alternative energy development." Other speakers are: Henry Jacoby of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Brody, president of Johns **Hopkins** University; Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan; Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Roger Kornberg of Stanford University; Paul Alivisatos, acting deputy director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Steven Fluharty, vice provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Palazzo, provost of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Matthias Ruth of the University of Maryland.

Location: The Capitol, room S-207
Contact: Ashley Prime, 202-457-1110

10 a.m. -- (HEALTH/SENIORS/MEDICARE) RALLY -- The

American Medical Association holds a rally to "urge immediate action to preserve seniors' access to healthcare by stopping Medicare physician payment cuts," with AMA physicians.

Location: Upper Senate Park, Constitution Avenue, between Delaware and New Jersey Avenue

Contact: Katherine Hatwell, 202-789-7419, katherine.hatwell@ama-assn.org

10 a.m. -- (LAW/BUSINESS/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform holds a news conference to discuss the impact of passing the "Arbitration Fairness Act," which would "invalidate hundreds of millions of consumer and employee contracts, leaving many consumers with no way to settle disputes except to try to navigate the court system on their own." Participants include Lisa Rickard, president of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Peter Rutledge of Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Joel Benenson of the Benenson Strategy Group; and Bill McInturff of Public Opinion Strategies.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Larry Akey, 202-463-5824

10 a.m. -- (CAMPAIGN/POLL) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Quinnipiac University Polling Institute holds a news conference to release a new poll, conducted simultaneously in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, asking voter opinions of 2008 presidential candidates. Participants include Peter Brown and Clay Richards, assistant directors of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Street NW

Contact: Pat Smith, 212-843-8026

10:30 a.m. -- (TECH/INTERNET) EVENT -- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce (USCC) holds a event to launch a new national campaign, "Connect!," to promote the need for a national broadband policy. Participants include William Kovacs, vice president of environment, technology, and regulatory affairs at USCC; Brian Mefford, president and CEO of Connected Nation Inc.; and Leroy Watson, legislative director at National Grange.

Location: USCC, 1615 H Street NW, Amway-Emerson Room

Contact: 202-463-5682, press@uschamber.com

Note: Media credentials required; Media RSVP

required to 202-463-5682 or press@uschamber.com

10:45 a.m. -- (VIETNAM/BURIAL) EVENT -- Arlington National Cemetery holds a funeral and burial for Army Maj. Arthur Ecklund and Army Maj Perry Jefferson. On April 3, 1969, Ecklund and his U.S. Air Force observer, Jefferson, were flying a visual reconnaissance mission out of Phan Rang airbase. They left the base at in the morning on an O1G aircraft (serial #51-12078) and reported in by radio at 0730 hours giving their location, destination and information concerning a convoy they were going to check out. No further communication was heard, except for a signal "beeper". In 2001, a Vietnamese national living in California gave U.S. officials human remains that he said were found at a site where the two U.S. pilots crashed. Last December, the remains of Jefferson were identified nearly 40 years after he disappeared on a reconnaissance flight over Vietnam.

Location: Arlington National Cemetery

Contact: 202-685-4645 or 202-685-4644

Note: Press pick up on Memorial Drive is at 11:20

a.m. for gravesite.

11 a.m. -- (HEALTH/CARDIN) FORUM -- Erickson Health holds a forum featuring Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), who discusses pending legislation regarding preventive healthcare. Other speakers are: Ken Thorpe, executive director of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease and former Clinton Administration health official; Nicole Tapay, senior health policy aide to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Piper Su, health policy director for Sen. Ken Salazar (D-Colo.); and Ashley Ridlion, health policy legislative director for **House** Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio).

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9

Contact: Scott Sawicki, 410-402-2216

11 a.m. -- (SECURITY/ARMS/CHEMICAL) FORUM -- Global Green USA holds its 11th Annual Legacy Forum on "Chemical Weapons and Global Security: Implementing the International Chemical Weapons Convention," with Rogelio Pfirter, director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Location: 1116 Longworth **House** Office Building

Contact: Cristian Ion, 202-222-0700, cion@globalgreen.org

11 a.m. -- (SECURITY/ARMS/CHEMICAL) FORUM -- The Bipartisan Task Force on Nonproliferation and Global Green USA holds the 11th Annual Legacy Forum on "Chemical Weapons and Global Security: Implementing the International Chemical Weapons Convention," with Rogelio Pfirter, director general of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Location: 1116 Longworth **House** Office Building

Contact: Cristian Ion, 202-222-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (WORLD BANK/ZOELLICK) FORUM -- The Center for Global Development sponsors a forum with World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

Location: Hilton Washington Embassy Row Hotel, 2015 Massachusetts Ave NW, Consulate Ballroom

Contact: 202-416-0700

11:30 a.m. -- (AMTRAK/FUNDS/CONGRESS) EVENT -- Sens. Tom Carper (D-Del.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.); Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-Pa.), Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.); join former Gov. Mark Schweiker (R-Pa.), chairman and CEO of the Council for Growth, participate in a Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility event in support of funding for Amtrak "to support more reliable, frequent and higher speed rail service in the Northeast corridor." Other speakers are: Paul Choquette Jr., chairman of Gilbane, Inc.; Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association; Stephen Rush, **spokesman** for Brandywine Realty Trust; Ciro Scalera, director of Public Affairs for Verizon; Donald Fry, president of the Greater Baltimore Committee; and Christopher Ward, managing director and secretary to the board of the General Contractors Association of New York.

Location: The Capitol, room S-115
Contact: Melissa Volin, 215-988-6919

11:30 a.m. -- (US-ASIA/CONGRESS) DISCUSSION -- The

Heritage Foundation holds a discussion on "Asia 2008: The View from Capitol Hill." Participants include Demetrios Marantis, chief international trade counsel for the Senate Finance Committee; Jonah Blank, professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Dennis Halpin, professional staff member of the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee; Dino Teppara, chief of staff for Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.); and Walter Lohman, director of the Asian Studies Center of the Heritage Foundation.

Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Lehrman Auditorium

Contact: 202-675-1752

AFTERNOON

Noon -- (FINANCE/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The New America Foundation (NAF) holds a discussion on "Illusions and Delusions About the U.S. Economic Picture: What it Will Take to Strengthen America's 'Real Economy.'" Participants include Leon Hindry, managing director of InterMedia Partners and former CEO of AT&T Broadband and Yankee Entertainment and Sports Network; Bruce Stokes, international economics consultant at National Journal; Sherle Schwenninger, director of the Economic Growth Program of NAF; and Steve Clemons, director of the American Strategy Program of NAF and publisher of TheWashingtonNote.com.

Location: NAF, 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, 7th Floor

Contact: Liz Wu, 202-986-2760 ext. 315

Noon -- (IRAQ) DISCUSSION -- The Center for American

Progress (CAP) holds a discussion on "A View from the Ground in Iraq." Participants include Michael Ware, CNN's correspondent in Baghdad; Nir Rosen, fellow of the Center on Law and Security at New York University; and Brian Katulis, senior fellow at the Center for American Progress.

Location: The Center for American Progress (CAP), 1333 H Street NW, 10th Floor

Contact: 202-741-6246

Note: RSVP required.

Noon -- (AFRICA/OUTLOOK) FORUM -- The Cato Institute holds a policy forum "Let Failing African Governments Collapse: A Radical Solution to Underdevelopment." Participants include Edward Luttwak, senior associate of the Center for International and Strategic Studies; George Ayittey, professor of economics at American University; Mauro De Lorenzo, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute; and Marian Tupy, policy analyst at the Cato Institute.

Location: Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, F.A. Hayek Auditorium

Contact: 202-789-5200

12:30 p.m. -- (RUSSIA/BUSINESS) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "How to Do Business in Russia," with former Assistant Secretary of State Toby Gati, for intelligence and research.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 812

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5795 or egerasimov@jhu.edu

12:30 p.m. -- (NIGERIA/DEMOCRACY) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Nigeria: The 2007 General 'Elections' and the Future of Democracy," with Okechukwu Nwanguma, project officer for campaign operations and periodic reports at the Civil Liberties Organization in Lagos, Nigeria.

Location: SAIS, Bernstein-Offit Building, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 736

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626

12:30 p.m. -- (IRISH/TROUBLES) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Northern Ireland: Overcoming Conflict," with 16 SAIS students who spent one week in Northern Ireland.

Location: SAIS, Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Auditorium

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: The public should RSVP to 202-663-5745 or itlong@jhu.edu

UPDATES: EVENT IS OFF THE RECORD

12:45 p.m. -- (LATAM/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a discussion on "Current Changes for U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America." featuring a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Location: SAIS, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 517

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: RSVP to 202-663-5734 or jzurek1@jhu.edu

1:30 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/CONSUMERS) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) holds a news conference to unveil a new economic study on the consumer electronics industry. Participants include CEA President and CEO Gary Shapiro; and CEA Economist Shawn DuBravac.

Location: Location Withheld
Contact: Katie Hallen, 202-679-2394
Note: RSVP to Katie Hallen.

1:45 p.m. -- (MEDIA/MURDOCH) DISCUSSION -- Georgetown

University's McDonough School of Business holds a discussion on "the changing news media landscape," with Robert Murdoch, chairman and CEO of News Corporation.

Location: Georgetown University, 37th and O Streets NW, Healy Hall, 3rd Floor

Contact: 202-687-4328

Note: Media should RSVP to Andy Pino at, 202-687-8610 or pinoa@georgetown.edu; Media will need valid credentials on campus.

2 p.m. -- (CLIMATE/AUTOS/BEGLEY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Actor Ed Begley Jr., Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard hold a news conference to unveil a new electric vehicle.

Location: Southeast Drive, New Jersey Avenue SW and Independence Avenue

Contact: Sandra Salstrom, 202-225-2611 or **Jeff Ventura**, 202-226-5680

Note: When entering the Capitol grounds on New Jersey Avenue SW, from Independence Avenue, walk through the barricades in front of the Capitol, past the guard **house** and turn right. The news conference will be on the sidewalk on Southeast Drive.

2 p.m. -- (ECONOMY/HOUSING/RIGHTS) EVENT -- Assistant HUD Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick delivers remarks on the importance of the Housing and Urban Development Department's (HUD) continuing fight against housing discrimination, at a ceremony to kick off HUD's Fair Housing Month.

Location: HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Departmental Conference Room, 10th Floor

Contact: Shantae Goodloe, 202-294-3903

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/AUTISM/**HOUSE**) NEWS CONFERENCE -- Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.), ranking Republican on the **House** Foreign Affairs Committee Africa and Global Health Subcommittee; Rep. Mike Doyle (D-Pa.); and Lee Grossman, president and CEO of the Autism Society of America, hold a news conference to discuss World Autism Awareness Day.

Location: Cannon Terrace, Cannon **House** Office Building

Contact: 202-225-3765

2 p.m. -- (HEALTH/BREAST CANCER) DISCUSSION -- The Global Health Initiative of the Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC) holds a discussion on "Public Health Democracy: U.S. and Global Health Disparities in Breast Cancer." Participants include Doris Browne, program director of the Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Research Group at the Division of Cancer Prevention of the National Cancer Institute; Peter Greenwald, director of the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute; and Lucile Adams-Campbell, professor of medicine and director at the Howard University Cancer Center.

Location: WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Contact: 202-691-4000

Note: RSVP required to globalhealth@wilsoncenter.org

2 p.m. -- (STATE/WATER) FORUM -- The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) holds a forum on "Poverty Reduction and World Water Day," focusing on the importance of water in development assistance.

Location: The Capitol, room H-137

Contact: 202-521-3850

Note: RSVP to mccevents@mcc.gov.

POSTPONED

2 p.m. -- (IRAQ/ECONOMY) DISCUSSION -- The National

Press Club Afternoon Newsmaker Program holds a discussion on "Iraq's Economic Surge and Recent Private Investments." Participants include Fawzi Hariri, Iraq's minister of industry and minerals; and Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Business Transformation Paul Brinkley.

Location: National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room

Contact: Bob Webb, 703-329-1960 or Kevin Wensing, 703-695-7150

2 p.m. -- (**HOUSE**/DEMS/INTEL) MEETING -- The Democratic members of the **House** (Select) Intelligence Committee hold a closed meeting to discuss budget issues.

Location: H-405, U.S. Capitol

Contact: 202-225-4121

2:30 p.m. -- (**HOUSE**/GOP/PUTNAM) BRIEFING -- **House** Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam (R-Fla.) and **House** Minority Whip Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) hold his weekly pen and pad briefing.

Location: The Capitol, room HC-9

Contact: Brian Schubert, 202-226-9000

2:30 p.m. -- (STATE/FINANCE) SEMINAR -- The George Washington University's (GWU) Elliott School of International Affairs, Institute for International Economic Policy and the Economics Department hold a macro and international finance seminar with Vivian Yue, assistant professor of economics at New York University.

Location: GWU Elliott School, 2115 G Street NW, Monroe Hall, Room 321

Contact: 202-994-6240

Note: RSVP to iiiep@gwu.edu

3 p.m. -- (STATE/DEVELOPMENT/OUTLOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Brookings Institution holds a discussion on "Mobilizing Talent for Global Development." Participants include Neil Ruiz, nonresident fellow of global economy and development at the Brookings Institution; Andres Solimano, regional adviser of the United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; AnnaLee Saxenian, dean and professor of the School of Information at the University of California at Berkeley; Michael Clemons, research fellow at the Center for Global Development; and Danny Leipziger, vice president of the Poverty and Reduction Network at the World Bank.

Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Contact: 202-797-6105, communications@brookings.edu

Note: Register online: <http://www.brookings.edu>

3 p.m. -- (SCIENCE/NANOTECH) EVENT -- The Museum of Science, Boston holds its NanoDays programs and demonstration, the first nationwide festival of educational programs about nanoscale science and engineering and its potential impact.

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Location: 2105 Rayburn **House** Office Building

Contact: 617-443-9933

3:30 p.m. -- (CHINA/POLITICS/HISTORY) LECTURE -- American University (AU) holds its 11th Annual Warren S. Hunsberger lecture on "Chinese Politics-Out of Bad Things Come Good Things," with Roderick MacFarquhar, professor of history and political science at Harvard University.

Location: AU, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, SIS Lounge, SIS Building

Contact: Jon Hussey, 202-885-5935, hussey@american.edu (Media); 202-885-5950

4 p.m. -- (HEALTH/TECH/KENNEDY) NEWS CONFERENCE -- The Business Roundtable holds a news conference on the "Health IT Bill Now." Participants include Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and ranking Republican Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.); Ivan Seidenberg, chairman and CEO of Verizon Communications Inc.; and Ronald Williams, chairman, CEO, and president of Aetna Inc.

Location: S-115, U.S. Capitol

Contact: Joe Crea, 202-496-3288; or Alberto Canal, 908-559-6367

5:15 p.m. -- (ARTS/BOOK) EVENT -- The Catholic University of America's Department of English holds a poetry and fiction reading event with Linda Pastan, author of "The Last Uncle"; and Kate Blackwell, author of "You Won't Remember This."

Location: Catholic University, 620 Michigan Avenue NE, Caldwell Auditorium

Contact: Katie Lee, 202-319-5600,

5:15 p.m. -- (CHINA/BOOK) DISCUSSION -- The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) holds a book discussion on "The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Money, Might, and Minds," with author David Lampton.

Location: SAIS, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Kenney Auditorium

Contact: Felisa Neuringer Klubes, 202-663-5626, fklubes@jhu.edu

Note: RSVP to zji@jhu.edu

5:30 p.m. -- (NANOTECH/WYDEN) RECEPTION -- The Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies and the National Science Foundation hold a reception for the premiere of the three part television series, "Nanotechnology: The Power of Small," that will begin airing on local public broadcasting stations in April. Participants include Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.); Arden Bement, director of the National Science Foundation; and Andrew Maynard, chief science adviser of the Project on Emerging Nanotechnologie

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Dell Deal. Cash-strapped **House** offices in need of new computer equipment are about to get a little bit of relief.

In a Dear Colleague letter sent to Members on Thursday afternoon, the **House** Administration Committee officially announced approval of the Dell Blanket Purchase Agreement, which gives Member and committee offices a 20 percent to 30 percent discount on products purchased directly from Dell.

Offices are not required to buy products from Dell, and nobody is prohibited from buying computers from other companies, according to the letter. But the Dear Colleague notes that the chamber spent more than \$3 million on Dell products in 2007, meaning that about \$1 million will be saved if the same amount is spent this year.

We understand the tremendous pressure on Member offices to maximize purchases made under the MRA, said committee **spokesman** Kyle Anderson, referring to the Members Representational Allowances.

Chief Administrative Officer and **House** Administration officials will host two seminars today designed to help staffers better understand the Dell program. Both seminars the first starts at 10:30 a.m., the second at 1:30 p.m. will be held in Room 1310 of the Longworth **House** Office Building.

House identification will be required to gain entrance, but no registration is needed.

Child Care Concerns. Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-Mo.) introduced a measure on Wednesday that would allow **House** offices to reimburse employees for child care expenses.

The new program would be run by the Chief Administrative Officer. Under the program, **House** employees with children at the **House** Child Care Center or any day care center regulated by the federal, state or local government can be reimbursed for expenses incurred while the employees are carrying out official duties, according to the legislation.

There is a spending cap no more than 2 percent of the amount available for salaries and expenses of the employing office can be used for the reimbursement. That amount could be reduced further if any money is going to help staffers repay their student loans.

But payments would not come from employing offices themselves the CAO would run a central account to fund the reimbursements.

CAO Dan Beard supports the bill, according to a **spokesman**. The CAO feels this bill would establish a cost-effective way to provide assistance to all **House** employees who have child care needs, including those in district offices, regardless of their income, CAO **spokesman** Jeff Ventura said.

Recycle, Reduce, Reuse. The Architect of the Capitol officially launches a new recycling initiative today that lets staffers place all paper products into a single bin.

AOC officials will begin delivering the new paper bins to Member and committee offices today, replacing old containers that required staffers to separate paper into the categories of high grade, mixed and newspaper.

The AOC also will begin providing separate bins for offices interested in taking part in the Houses food waste composting program.

All **House** cafeterias now feature the composting bins, which allow people to recycle the chambers compostable dishware and utensils. The new bins, which will be provided for offices who ask for them, will allow staffers who bring their lunch back to their office to take part in the composting program.

Award Season. The Capitol Power Plants West Refrigeration Plant Expansion Project is the 2007 winner of the Construction Management Association of Americas Project Achievement Award, the Architect of the Capitol announced Friday.

Given in the category of projects with a construction value of less than \$100 million, the award recognizes achievement in construction management, looking specifically at project outcomes, safety, quality, cost and schedule management, project complexity, innovation and customer satisfaction.

The expansion of the nearly 100-year-old power plant is designed to meet the future cooling needs of the Capitol complex, particularly after the Capitol Visitor Center opens in November. It also is expected to increase the overall efficiency of the plant.

The National Garden at the Botanic Garden also was recognized with an honorable mention in the category of project with construction value of less than \$50 million.

Another Honor. The AOC isnt the only agency that got kudos last week.

The Office of Personnel Management presented Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard with a certificate of excellence on March 10 for scoring top marks on OPMs 2008 Organizational Assessment Survey.

More than 500 CAO employees took the 123-question survey in January, answering questions designed to measure whether the organization functions effectively. Survey topics included training and career development, communication, employee involvement, rewards and recognition, use of resources and performance management.

The CAO scored higher than any other organization in the areas of Customer Orientation, Supervision and Innovation.

OPM isnt the only group praising the CAO; Washingtonian Magazine recently honored the agency as one of the areas Best Places to Work.

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Boehner defends anti-earmark site ; House rules bar domain name

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House Minority Leader John A. Boehner has refused to find a new home for his anti-earmark Web site after the **House** administrative officer said it violated chamber rules.

The office of **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard, which authorizes **House** Web sites, said the domain name for Mr. Boehner's site - earmark reform.**house.gov** - violates rules that require **house.gov** addresses be "recognizably derivative or representative of the name of the member or the name of the office sponsoring the Web site," said office **spokesman Jeff Ventura**.

It also fails to meet criteria that **house.gov** domain names be free from slogans and that they don't "imply in any manner that the **House** endorses or favors any specific commercial product, commodity or service," Mr. Ventura said.

Mr. Boehner said the rules don't apply to **House** members with leadership positions. He added he will continue to operate the site opposing pork-barrel spending projects, which debuted two weeks ago, until he gets a more detailed explanation from Mr. Beard regarding his decision to force the site off the **house.gov** domain.

"Changing its address now will inevitably hamper the effectiveness of the new website, much to the convenience of the majority that runs the **House**," said Mr. Boehner in a letter Thursday to Mr. Beard.

The site includes press releases, video links, news articles and comments from the Ohio Republican on **House** Republican efforts to overhaul earmarks - pet projects that members of Congress insert into legislation. Mr. Boehner's contact information is included at the page's bottom.

Mr. Beard's office in August approved the site's domain name. The office yesterday declined to say why it changed its position.

Rep. Robert A. Brady, Pennsylvania Democrat and chairman of the **House** Administration Committee, which drafted the Web domain rules, said there is no partisan motivation behind Mr. Beard's orders.

"This domain name contravenes a **House** Administration Committee regulation adopted in 1999, at a time when you yourself sat on the committee," said Mr. Brady in a letter yesterday to Mr. Boehner.

"I can assure you that it was not until your site was launched that committee staff became aware of the violation of the committee policy and conveyed that information" to Mr. Beard's office.

Mr. Ventura said Mr. Boehner is free to keep the site active as long he transfers it off the **house.gov** domain. It has received more than 6,200 "hits" since it became active Feb. 12, said Boehner **spokesman** Michael Steel.

The office of the Chief Administrative Officer has begun a review of all **House** Web addresses to ensure compliance, Mr. Ventura said.

The flap over the site comes at a time when **House** Republicans, eager to reclaim the party's reputation for fiscal responsibility, increasingly have tried to portray themselves as earmark reformers.

Mr. Boehner used a procedural move on the **House** floor earlier this month to force Democrats to voting on a measure to ban earmarks. Democrats rejected the measure, calling it a publicity stunt. Democratic leaders added that under Republican rule, pork spending jumped from \$12 billion in 1999 to \$29 billion in 2006.

Caption: Rep. John A. Boehner [NO CREDIT]

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Boehner Defies Order to Remove Earmark Site

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House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) is refusing to take down a Web site promoting the GOPs earmark reform efforts, defying a directive from Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard to move the site to a new domain name.

The Republican leader will not comply until he receives a response to a letter he sent Beard on Thursday protesting the decision and requesting further details as to why the site must be taken down, a **spokesman** said.

Mr. Beards office has been thoroughly contradictory on this, Boehner **spokesman** Michael Steel said on Friday. In August, they approved the URL. Now, as the site is attracting attention ... they say it is against **House** rules.

Launched Feb. 12, earmarkreform.**house**.gov features articles about earmarks, press releases and video clips from Republican leaders discussing earmarks, as well as a link to Boehners leadership Web site. It has received thousands of hits, according to Boehner.

The CAOs **House** Information Resources office authorized the use of the domain name in August 2007. But in recent days, officials have discovered that the site violates **House** Administration Committee rules governing **House**.gov domain names, Beard **spokesman** Jeff Ventura said in a statement on Thursday.

House Administration regulations require all **House**.gov domain names to be recognizably derivative or representative of the name of the Member or office sponsoring the site, according to Ventura. Domain names may not be a slogan or imply that the **House** endorses or favors any specific commercial product, commodity or service, Ventura added.

It was determined the Web site in question was not compliant with the aforementioned rule and Mr. Boehner was asked to transition to another URL, Ventura said.

But Boehner takes issue with the CAOs interpretation of the rules. The **House** Administration rule cited by the CAO pertains only to committee Web sites, not leadership sites, Steel said.

Boehner sent Beard his letter within hours of receiving word that he must take down the site.

Transferring the website to a different address now nearly two weeks after its successful launch will inevitably cause confusion for visitors and discourage some from continuing to utilize the website as a regular resource, Boehner wrote.

Ventura declined to comment further on Friday. Ventura and **House** Administration Committee officials also declined to comment on what might happen if Boehner continues to refuse to take down the site. It is not clear whether the CAO or others can remove the site themselves if Boehner doesnt change the domain name.

Ventura said HIR will work with Boehners staff to make the transition to a new domain name as seamless as possible.

All **House** domain names are now being reviewed by the CAO to make sure they are in compliance with **House** rules, Ventura added.

Earmarks in general have proved to be a contentious battle between the parties over the past several weeks, as Boehner and other Republicans have called for major earmark reform. In particular, they have attacked Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) for refusing to support the GOP-led call for a total earmark moratorium.

But Pelosi and her allies have claimed the GOP effort is an act of grandstanding, arguing that the Democratic-led 110th Congress has been tougher on earmarks than during any previous session. Democrats enacted sweeping

changes to the earmark system last year, for example, that managed to cut the number nearly in half, Pelosi wrote in a letter to Boehner on Feb. 6.

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House probe clears ex-DeLay staffers of sabotaging replacement

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HOUSTON (AP) - A congressional probe into whether aides of former **House** Majority Leader Tom DeLay purposefully erased computer files of his temporary replacement has cleared the Republican staffers of alleged sabotage.

Shelley Sekula-Gibbs had no comment on the **House** findings, other than saying she has recovered most of the policy research she accused six aides of deleting before they abruptly quit on her in November 2006.

Sekula-Gibbs inherited the aides from DeLay upon him resigning his unexpired term, but the staffers walked out after just five days amid a clash that raised eyebrows on Capitol Hill.

House officials said computer security analysts found no traces of data being purposefully erased in the 22nd Congressional District office.

"It was determined that any lost data may have been inadvertent or the result of standard methodology employed when any member of Congress transitions to another," said **Jeff Ventura**, **spokesman** for the Office of the **House** Chief Administrative Officer.

Sekula-Gibbs, a Houston dermatologist and former city councilwoman, won the right to finish the final seven weeks of DeLay's term in a lame-duck Congress. The seat is now held by Democratic U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson.

After the staffers resigned en masse, Sekula-Gibbs said the walkouts were "suspicious" in that they took the time to delete files before leaving without notice.

The aides denied the allegations. One of them, David James, said at the time that "Never has any member of Congress treated us with as much disrespect and unprofessionalism as we witnessed during those five days."

Sekula-Gibbs is one of 10 candidates in the March 4 Republican primary vying for the right to run against Lampson for the **House** seat.

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Boehner Cries Foul After House CAO Revokes GOP Web Address

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* Boehner Cries Foul After **House** CAO Revokes GOP Web Address * By Edward Epstein, CQ Staff

House Minority Leader Rep. John A. Boehner wants his Web site address back.

The Ohio Republican on Thursday protested a decision by **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard to revoke his staff's earlier approval for Boehner to use the address www.earmarkreform.house.gov.

The site, which **House** GOP leaders set up to promote their ideas for making further changes to the congressional earmark system and to pressure Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democratic leaders to support them, had gone online earlier this month.

Boehner had received permission to use the Web address in an Aug. 18 letter from the **House** Information Resources office. The GOP site went online earlier this month.

Boehner got another letter this week telling him that permission had been rescinded.

He said he was convinced the revocation was politically motivated.

"I am writing today to register my protest over this belated change," he wrote Beard. "Changing its address now will inevitably hamper the effectiveness of the new Web site, much to the convenience of the majority that runs the **House**."

Boehner went on to allege that the change was probably related to the continued stream of stories about Democratic **House** members and their use of the earmarking process.

In a statement, Beard **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said permission for Boehner to use the Web site was issued mistakenly. He said the CAO had determined that the address violated using a slogan in the name of any site included in the **house.gov** domain and that Boehner had been asked to "transition" to another address.

"The CAO is now initiating a review" of all **House** Web addresses "to ensure compliance with traditional formatting," Ventura said. Any sites that are in potential conflict with the **House** Administration Committee's interpretation of the rule will be reviewed by the committee.

He said the **House** information resources office is "working with Mr. Boehner's staff to make the transition as seamless as possible."

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GOP Critical of Energy-Monitoring Plan

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Republican leaders are once again lashing out against the Green the Capitol Initiative, this time targeting a \$4.3 million effort to install several meters to monitor the **House's** energy use throughout the Capitol complex.

But Democrats say the meters are necessary because they will allow greening officials to better monitor the chamber's energy use - and thus will save millions in the long run.

"The Speaker has said that energy efficiency must become a way of business for the **House** community, and metering is an essential part of any greening effort," said Drew Hammill, a **spokesman** for Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.).

In a Nov. 30 letter to acting Architect of the Capitol Stephen Ayers, Pelosi directed the AOC to install "smart meters" that provide detailed utility usage in the Capitol and **House** office buildings. These will help greening officials monitor energy use and help the **House** reach its goal of cutting energy consumption in half by fiscal 2018.

The meters also would let greening officials track how much fuel is used for the Capitol Power Plant, which provides cooling and heating service. Pelosi also asked the AOC to work with **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard to create a display system that would allow staff and visitors to see the buildings' power usage, "so that energy-usage awareness can be raised."

Pelosi set a May deadline for the project's completion. Exact costs for the installation of the meters were still being worked out on Friday, but according to estimates, the process is expected to cost at least \$4.3 million, and up to \$4.6 million. And that, Republicans said, is just too much money.

"While we recognize the need to improve the **House's** method of monitoring energy usage, we are uncertain that, as stewards of taxpayer dollars, spending \$4.5 million on a 'showcase' should be a priority," said Salley Collins, a spokeswoman for **House** Administration ranking member Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.).

A **spokesman** for **House** Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) echoed those thoughts, noting that Democrats had to reappropriate funds this year to make sure Member Representational Allowances were increased.

"That's absurd," said Boehner **spokesman** Kevin Smith. "And it's a waste of taxpayer dollars."

The MRAs, which fund staff salaries and other Congressional office expenses, eventually went up about 2.5 percent.

Others involved in the greening efforts argued that meters are cost-effective and will save taxpayers money in the long run.

"This is simple math," said **Jeff Ventura**, a **spokesman** for Beard, who is charged with overseeing the project. "The metering installation will pay for itself in just six years, because every year the meters will save us, and the taxpayers, \$750,000. After the six years, it's just pure money saved."

Ventura also noted that all federal agencies are required to properly evaluate their energy consumption, and the meters will help meet that requirement.

But there also is concern that the cost of the meters will be a burden to the AOC, an agency already overloaded with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of maintenance projects. The agency requested \$643 million in funds for fiscal 2009, with the bulk of the money going to help tackle a backlog of repair projects throughout the campus.

As such, the metering issue is expected to be addressed at the AOC's upcoming hearing before the **House** Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch, which is set for Wednesday. Ayers' testimony had not

been submitted to the panel as of Friday afternoon, so an AOC **spokesman** declined to discuss whether Ayers will bring up the meters.

But the **spokesman** did say that if the meters are something the AOC is tasked with doing, it is likely to be included in the agency's detailed budget request.

Meters aren't the only greening issue that has been criticized by Republicans over the past several weeks. The GOP recently criticized the AOC's \$89,000 purchase of carbon credits from the Chicago Climate Exchange.

Critics have said the credits went to worthless projects and were a waste of taxpayer dollars, but supporters maintain offsets are the only way the **House** can meet its goal of becoming carbon neutral.

Beard likely will be asked to defend the greening project when he appears before appropriators on Thursday.

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Heard On The Hill
Hatchet-Burying Time

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Hatchet-Burying Time. There's a chance for some awkward encounters around Hill hallways, now that Rep. Jim Costa (D-Calif.) has pretty good odds of bumping into his former primary opponent, Lisa Quigley.

Quigley and Costa faced off in 2004 for the Democratic nod for the seat, in what was a nasty race: Quigley challenged Costa to take a drug test and ran ads pointing to a 1994 incident in which police investigating a break-in at the

Congressman's **house** found marijuana, which Costa denied was his. Police confirmed that his fingerprints were not on the box holding the drug, and charges were not filed. Quigley's ad also hinted at Costa's 1986 arrest in connection with soliciting a prostitute. "Jim Costa was arrested and convicted of a crime so inappropriate for daytime TV, we won't say it," the Quigley ad said, according to the Fresno Bee.

Costa's campaign labeled the attacks "sleazy" and "desperate."

Now, Quigley is on the Hill, as the new chief of staff for Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tenn.), a position that puts her in close proximity to her one-time political rival.

Since Cooper's and Costa's offices are both located in the Longworth **House** Office Building, and both Members are part of the moderate Blue Dog Coalition, it's likely the one-time bitter opponents will run into each other sooner or later.

That's just fine by Costa, his **spokesman** says. "The Congressman bears no ill will toward Lisa and welcomes her to the Blue Dog family," he tells HOH. Quigley was chief of staff to then-Rep. Cal Dooley (D-Calif.), whose seat Costa now holds, so the two knew each other before the bitter race.

Quigley, too, is eager to make peace - and join forces. A Cooper **spokesman** says Quigley is glad to be back on the Hill and working with Costa. "Why run against each other when you could run with the Blue Dog pack?" he asks.

Extra-Crispy Controversy. Colonel Sanders might have a secret recipe for his Kentucky Fried Chicken, but he's got nothing on Janie Galmon. The 70-something former chef for the Members' Dining Room retired in December after more than four decades of service, but she claims she wouldn't share the recipe for her beloved "Janie's Fried Chicken" and now she wants the dish - a favorite among Members - taken off the menu.

HOH has learned that Restaurant Associates, the new vendor operating all the **House** cafeterias, is obliging her request, and the much-demanded dishes Janie made famous - her chicken and rice pudding - are no more. Beginning this week, the dining room will dish up its own recipe for the comfort-food goods. And they're dropping Galmon's name now that the controversy has gotten hotter than a deep fryer. "I think we'll just call it fried chicken," says **Jeff Ventura**, **spokesman** for the **House** Chief Administrative Officer, who oversees the cafeterias.

A source tells HOH that Galmon, in the fashion of many a lady who would sooner reveal her true age than her prized recipes, didn't write down her chicken recipe for Restaurant Associates before she retired. The dining room apparently improvised a recipe - but it didn't get nearly the rave reviews that the original, top-secret formula did. "It just wasn't as good," one disappointed diner tells HOH.

Galmon visited the kitchen last week to show the new management how it was done, the source tells HOH, but she still didn't write down the recipe. And that's when Galmon noticed that her name was still on the menu, even though it wasn't her dish - or her handiwork, the source says.

"She said she didn't want her name on it, since she wasn't the one in the kitchen anymore making it," the poultry-loving source tells HOH.

The alleged bait-and-switch - in which chicken billed as Janie's but not made from her recipe or by her hands - was first reported, oddly, by none other than super-gossip Web site TMZ.com, which is better known for its nonstop Britney Spears footage than its coverage of Congressional dining options. The mention on TMZ launched Galmon to fame, and she appeared live on Fox News for an interview last Friday.

Ventura has a slightly different take on the controversy, which we're dubbing "Chicken-Gate." He tells HOH that Galmon never explicitly said Restaurant Associates couldn't make the chicken or use her name on the dish once she was gone, but she did insist that the rice pudding named after her not keep her namesake. Galmon's pudding, incidentally, once caused a rift in **House**-Senate relations in 1999, when then-Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) became so smitten with it that he tried to get the **House** to cough up the recipe to be used in Senate cafeterias. Galmon, according to former Roll Call reporter (and HOH alum) Ed Henry, refused.

In any event, Ventura adds that now the **House** cafeteria folks have decided to offer their own fried chicken since Galmon didn't explicitly sanction using her name.

How's that for smoothing ruffled feathers?

Minute (or Less) Man. If Andy Warhol is right and everyone is famous for 15 minutes, Sen. Benjamin Cardin still has 14 minutes, 32 seconds left on his fame-o-meter. The Maryland Democrat on Friday sent out a press release touting the 28 seconds he spent presiding over the Senate during the holiday pro forma sessions that foiled President Bush from making any recess appointments.

Cardin, who is among the chamber's more junior Members and who lives relatively locally, seemed particularly proud of the less than a minute he spent in the chair on Friday. "While I am always honored to preside over the U.S. Senate, I regret that these pro forma sessions became necessary to block President Bush from making controversial recess appointments," Cardin said in the press release.

Some of Cardin's colleagues also shared the burden of keeping the chamber in session while fellow Senators spent time at home. Democratic Sens. Jim Webb (Va.), Jack Reed (R.I.), Byron Dorgan (N.D.), Edward Kennedy (Mass.) and Mary Landrieu (La.) all took turns gaveling the pro forma sessions since "recess" began Dec. 21.

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TRADING UP

Two major financial-sector trade associations named new chief executives last week, bringing new leadership to groups likely to have heavy lobbying agendas this year. Rep. Richard Baker (R-La.) will leave Congress on Feb. 7 to become the chief lobbyist for the Managed Funds Association, which represents the hedge fund industry. And JP Morgan Chase executive T. Timothy Ryan is the new chief executive officer of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), which lobbies on behalf of stock and bond traders.

Baker, who has served in Congress for more than 20 years, was a senior member of the **House** Financial Services Committee and of a subcommittee that oversees the financial services industry, including hedge funds.

Ryan directed the Treasury Department's Office of Thrift Supervision before joining JP Morgan Chase in 1993. Last year he was nominated to be the department's undersecretary for international affairs but withdrew his nomination in April, citing personal reasons.

Ryan will spend January "visiting with regional members and other major constituents," and he will begin working from the group's New York office in February, according to a statement from the association.

Ryan, at least, has a heavy agenda in front of him. In a speech at SIFMA's annual meeting last November, board Chairman Blythe Masters said the group's top priority is financial regulatory reform, saying that the current system of multiple regulators—such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Reserve, the Treasury Department, and others—creates burdens that could "significantly undermine the competitiveness of our business in this country."

Masters also called for working to restore investor confidence in housing and mortgage markets and weighing in on the alternative minimum tax, the Bush tax cuts that are set to expire in 2010, and Social Security and Medicare issues. —Carrie Levine

PAC-MEN

News that the Entertainment Software Association, which represents video game companies, has approved starting a political-action committee this year was only surprising in that the group didn't have a PAC until now.

The association wasn't talking last week about the decision. But trade associations that lobby often have PACs that allow them to support candidates who favor their agendas and write checks that gain access to fund-raisers.

The ESA's PAC will be up and running in time for the group to participate in the 2008 election cycle, but they'll have to spend quickly to catch up to other trade groups. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's PAC has donated \$41,576 to congressional candidates so far this election cycle, with 64 percent to Republicans, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. The National Association of Realtors has already contributed slightly more than \$2 million, with 57 percent to Democrats, notes the center. —Carrie Levine

GREEN EGGS

Feathers were ruffled. Milk was spilt. The kerfuffle over how the cafeteria vendor behind the new, greener, **House** of Representatives offerings described its cage-free eggs and bovine-growth-hormone-free milk shows how everything in Congress is scrutinized by interest groups—even lunch.

Last month, before the revamped cafeterias opened, agricultural lobbyists started e-mailing one another about claims on the Web site of Restaurant Associates, the vendor in charge of the food. The company stressed its

organic offerings, saying that bovine growth hormones have "not been properly tested for safety" and that cage-free eggs are healthier—assertions some groups dispute.

Chris Galen, a **spokesman** for the National Milk Producers Federation, says several groups "were concerned with some of the other claims here." The ag lobby was saved by Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa), who wrote a letter objecting to the language and noting that it raises "concerns among the western Iowa farmers that I represent." A **spokesman** for King says he noticed the claims in fliers and material circulated by the company and wanted to correct them. The language is gone, and **Jeff Ventura**, a **spokesman** for the **House** official who oversees the cafeterias, says his office is happy to work with the vendor to ensure accuracy. —Carrie Levine

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A Little More Time

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The family-run Ford Continental Cafeteria, located in the Ford **House** Office Building, will continue to operate until September 2008, **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard announced Friday.

In August, Beard terminated the food services contract with the cafeteria, which has been run by the Skenteris family since 1993. Restaurant Associates, which will take over food service operations in all other **House** office buildings in December, was set to begin operations in Ford in February.

But the Skenterises appealed the termination, and Beard decided to let them remain in Ford until September -- when their contract is set to expire -- to provide more time for the family to transition out of the building.

"Those employees in the Ford **House** Office Building should understand that Restaurant Associates will certainly be their food vendor in September of next year," CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said. "But the CAO is committed to a fair and equitable transition period and we thank all employees in the Ford Building for their patience surrounding this issue."

Siblings Christopher Skenteris and Artemis Dimopoulos, who run the cafeteria's day-to-day operations, said they are disappointed about leaving Ford but pleased they have a few more months.

"I'm not going to say that I'm ecstatic about that, but at least it helps us out, because the holidays concerned me," Skenteris said.

The Skenterises also were pleased that in a letter announcing his decision, Beard thanked the family for their service to the **House**, Dimopoulos said.

"This was very fair to us, and it takes away from being terminated," Dimopoulos said. "That's the biggest key right there that makes the whole difference."

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Family's Cafeteria in Ford Set to Close

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For 14 years, the Skenteris family has brought a unique flair to Capitol Hill, serving up pizza and sandwiches alongside Greek dishes like gyros and rice pilaf in the Ford **House** Office Building cafeteria.

But with the impending introduction of a new food vendor for all **House** cafeterias, the Skenterises likely aren't going to have a home in the Ford Building much longer.

House Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard has terminated their food services contract in the Ford Continental Cafeteria. The family's last day is set for Feb. 15.

"We're very successful here," said Artemis Dimopoulos, who runs the cafeteria and nearby carryout with her brother, Christopher Skenteris, and her parents, Jordan and Soula Skenteris. "We're a small business. My family was shocked."

The **House** Administration Committee officially announced in August that Restaurant Associates, a New York-based company that has earned praise for its menu at the National Museum of the American Indian, would take over **House** dining operations in December.

Restaurant Associates is expected to bring an array of changes to **House** cafeterias. All will be remodeled in some way, with environmentally friendly lighting, energy-saving cooler configurations and expanded food layouts.

Menus also will change. The Longworth Food Court will get a new salad bar and soup stations, while the Rayburn cafeteria will get a buy-by-the-ounce breakfast bar, for example.

The decision effectively ended the **House's** relationship with Guest Services Inc., which currently runs food service in every **House** building except Ford. But the Skenteris clan thought its spot in the Ford Building was secure.

After all, they have been on their own for more than a decade. And in that time, they have acquired a loyal customer base and managed to make a profit while staying affordable, Dimopoulos said.

"I have kept my prices extremely low," Dimopoulos said Wednesday, speaking at her memento-filled office just off the cafeteria's kitchen. "Low, so it can be fair for the people to come and eat."

CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said the decision to switch all the buildings to Restaurant Associates was based on a number of factors, including statistics that showed the approval rating for the Ford cafeteria had declined to 58 percent in 2007 from 74 percent the year before.

"The Skenteris operation did not bring as much to the table as Restaurant Associates," Ventura said. "That said, the CAO is willing to review his own decision based on any new information the Skenteris family wishes to share."

House Administration **spokesman** Kyle Anderson said Wednesday that Restaurant Associates was selected for the job after an extensive process that looked at a variety of issues, from unionization to green issues.

"All of the proposals were reviewed by an evaluation team which deemed the Restaurant Associates proposal as the best one," Anderson said.

Added Ventura: "RA brought a long list of valuable services to the table, like more selection, healthier options, a willingness to invest in and upgrade facilities, diverse offerings that frequently change, and chef-led cooking. These are the changes people have been asking for."

The family officially will appeal the decision with the CAO, an action that must take place by Nov. 30, Dimopoulos said. Should Beard side against the family, they can further appeal to the **House** Administration Committee. But that appeal could only move forward if there had been procedural errors in the earlier appeals process.

Ventura said the contracting process has been fair and was conducted in strict compliance with applicable regulations.

When the family's five-year contract expired in 2004, CAO officials told them that their status in the Ford Building could be affected by the new vendor hired for the planned Capitol Visitor Center cafeteria, Ventura said.

Still, in 2004, the CAO and the family agreed to a two-year contract extension, Ventura said.

In 2006, the CAO gave the Skenteris operation two options: modify the contract to extend it for another year or keep the two-year option included in the original contract, with the understanding that the 1999 contract gave the CAO the option to terminate at any time, with six months' notice.

The family decided on the latter, Ventura said.

But the family said they were completely blindsided by the CAO's decision, and they remained baffled. Dimopoulos said they had thought the only way their contract would be terminated would be if they had an extremely bad approval rating or did something wrong - neither of which has happened.

They are taking the possible closure as a personal insult, they said, because they felt they had become a permanent part of the Capitol Hill family.

When the anthrax attacks in 2001 shut down the Ford Building, the family still made time to make dishes for overworked Capitol Police officers trying to make things safe, Christopher Skenteris recalled.

"We were closed for the anthrax," he said. "And we gave police food anyway. Everyone who was working on the emergency."

Since word of the termination has gotten out, the family has garnered support from customers who manned a petition table across from the Ford Post Office during lunchtime this week. The petition asks customers to help "Save the Ford Cafeteria."

Whether that happens is not yet known.

"After 14 years of dedicated service to the **House** of Representatives, we thought we would get a plaque of distinction," Dimopoulos said. "Not a letter of termination."

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No More Mold

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No More Mold. Things are back to normal in the **House** upholstery shop after crews successfully eradicated the workspace of black mold discovered there more than two months ago.

House Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard moved the shop's six employees to temporary locations while Architect of the Capitol crews took charge of removing the airborne fungi penicillium and aspergillus.

Workers plugged a roof leak found to be the source of the mold, CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said, adding that officials from the Architect of the Capitol's office also removed the floor and moldy woodworking.

Before workers were allowed back into the space in a sub-basement of the Rayburn **House** Office Building about two weeks ago, extensive air quality tests were run to ensure the space was safe as well as other tests to ensure the mold have been completely eradicated, Ventura said.

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Groaning the Capitol

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Groaning the Capitol. **House** staffers are finding out firsthand what Kermit the Frog has long warned: It isn't easy going green. As part of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's (D-Calif.) Green the Capitol Initiative, **House** offices have switched to new, recycled printer paper - but although the greener pages are friendlier to the Earth, they're not as nice to its inhabitants, ticking off staffers by jamming

copiers in some offices. One staffer gripes that the thinner recycled paper is causing all kinds of backups in the office printer, frustrating busy aides. "We can't get news clips to the boss," the staffer tells HOH, adding that the copier repairman who came to fix the problem has fielded similar complaints from other **House** offices.

The **House** Office Supply Service, located in the Longworth Building, is where most offices get their supplies, and the shop recently swapped regular paper for a recycled brand called New Leaf.

Jeff Ventura, the **spokesman** for the Chief Administrative Officer, who's in charge of the greening initiative, says the CAO's office hasn't gotten any formal complaints, but he's aware that there are some greening growing pains associated with the switch. "Nobody said avoiding global environmental catastrophe would be hassle-free," Ventura tells HOH.

Besides, he argues, any office-equipment snafus are a small price to pay for a healthier environment.

"While we doubt the new eco-friendly paper is the cause of any copier chaos, as paper jams have been around since copiers were invented, we believe suffering through the trauma of a paper jam is a small sacrifice in the effort to save the planet," he added.

Ventura also notes that the **House** goes through 70 million pages of blank paper every year (gulp) and that the changeover to recycled paper is saving 29,400 grown trees annually.

Tell that to the boss when he wonders where his briefing memos are.

Long Live the Kings. In a monarchy, there can be only one king. But since we've got ourselves a democracy, we're practically crawling with Kings - just ask Sports Illustrated writer Peter King, who recently was confused with the Congressman of the same name.

The sportswriter (not the New York Republican) wrote about the recent mix-up in his blog, recounting how a security guard at the Newark airport looked at his New Jersey driver's license and asked him whether he was the Congressman from Long Island. When King said no, the guard appeared unconvinced, he writes.

"A Congressman from New York with a New Jersey ID, in jeans and sneakers with a blue backpack. Hmmm. That's one perceptive security guy."

But Rep. Peter King says he doesn't mind the confusion. In fact, he tells HOH he's hoping that potential book-buyers might confuse the two of them. Rep. King, who has written three books of his own, thinks the other King is a good writer. "I'm hoping people think he wrote them so they'll buy them," Rep. King said of his own literary efforts.

Rep. King appeared most surprised, though, that his fame had spread "all the way over to New Jersey" from the faraway land of New York, underscoring the wide schism (cultural, of course, not geographic) between the states. "That makes me feel good," he tells HOH.

Coburn: Not Buying You Beer. The Senate's spending hawk for Oklahoma, Tom Coburn (R), isn't afraid to tick people off in his quest to save a few bucks, and he's making no friends among a rather large segment of the population: those who like cheap candy bars, beer and pretzels.

Coburn was bemoaning the low taxpayer-subsidized prices on the snacks and beverages served on Amtrak, complaining in a Tuesday floor speech that the on-train price for a Milky Way candy bar was only 75 cents. The price for the same item on an airplane is a whopping three bucks, he noted, since airline food costs aren't federally subsidized.

Amtrak shouldn't shift the cost of that tasty - and inexpensive - candy bar or fizzy adult beverage you enjoy while riding the rails, Coburn railed. "Nobody expects when you get on an Amtrak rail passenger service that the rest of us ought to pay for your beer," he said. "Nobody expects that we ought to pay for your Three Musketeers. Yet in essence that's what's happening."

That's MY Amendment! A markup at the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee turned ugly on Tuesday, when the normally unflappable Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) unloaded on fellow panel member Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.). The schooling ensued when Dorgan lashed out at DeMint, accusing him of lifting the text of legislation that he had authored with Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) allowing reimportation of cheaper prescription drugs, and offered it as his own amendment to an unrelated bill.

The run-in happened at a markup on legislation reauthorizing the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The committee had adopted a few noncontroversial amendments before voting to approve it when DeMint came into the committee room. Not understanding that the bill had been passed, he attempted to call a vote on his amendment.

Dorgan was clearly peeved at the move. While copy-cattng a bill without getting approval from its authors might seem trivial, in the Senate, whose unwritten book of etiquette is bigger than Miss Manners', it was a provocation.

Dorgan was relentless, using phrases like "stunning lack of courtesy." Eyebrows in the audience shot up. "It was intense," one audience member tells HOH. "Everyone in the room was grimacing."

At first, witnesses tell HOH, DeMint tried to push back, telling Dorgan that he didn't have a copyright on the issue of reimportation. When Dorgan pointed out that the junior Senator hadn't just used his ideas but actually pirated the exact text of his bill without asking, DeMint appeared contrite. "He apologized a few times, but you got the sense that it was too little, too late," another spy says.

Dorgan also was angered that DeMint had approached Snowe's staff about using the Dorgan-Snowe bill, and even though Snowe had discouraged him from doing so, he did it anyway.

"This is amateur hour at its finest," one senior Democratic aide told HOH. "[DeMint] should be embarrassed by the fact that he was offering an amendment to a bill that was already reported out, but courtesy dictates that he should have given Sen. Dorgan a heads- up."

A **spokesman** for DeMint similarly was defiant, insisting that Dorgan's anger was unwarranted. "He should be thanking DeMint for trying to move the bill forward to reduce prescription drug prices. After all, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," he said.

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Lobbying for a Cause. The Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest, which works with charitable organizations to help them put their imprint on government policy, has tapped a new head. Larry Ottinger, who spent 10 years with People for the American Way and served most recently as director of policy and leadership development at the Fannie Mae Foundation, will become the group's president on Nov. 1.

The nine-year-old center trains executives with charities and other nonprofits on how to lobby government officials.

"It's about changing laws to get at the roots of the problem," Ottinger said. "A lot of nonprofits don't know they have rights to be involved in public policy."

A specialist in First Amendment law, Ottinger also will lobby Congress on any legislation that might impact charities.

Legally Speaking. Rep. Alan Mollohan (D-W.Va.) says the Justice Department hasn't told him he's the target of any probe. And he hasn't been charged with any wrongdoing.

But the lawmaker more than doubled to \$55,000 the amount he spent on legal fees over the past three months, according to his October filings with the Federal Election Commission.

That's compared with \$22,676 the Congressman spent on legal services during the previous reporting period.

According to the latest reports, Mollohan paid the Washington, D.C., law firm Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel \$55,000 on July 10. The Justice Department is reportedly probing links between the Democrat and several West Virginia nonprofits to which he has channeled earmarks.

Meanwhile, retiring Rep. Rick Renzi (R-Ariz.) paid \$15,000 to D.C. firm Steptoe & Johnson on Aug. 2 and continues to owe \$106,042 more to Patton Boggs for legal fees. He spent \$25,000 on legal services during the previous fundraising quarter. Renzi announced his retirement at the end of August after an FBI raid on a family business revealed he was under federal investigation.

E-vironmental. The Green the Capitol Initiative has hit the Internet and will soon arrive on Capitol Hill in expo form.

Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard will sponsor the Green Transportation Expo on Oct. 25, allowing **House** employees to check out environmentally friendly Segways, bicycles and alternative vehicles.

"It really marks the beginning of an employee-led culture change here at the **House**," CAO spokesman **Jeff Ventura** said. Most of the expo will be held in the Cannon **House** Office Building, but many of the vehicles will be outside on First Street Southeast, between Cannon and the Library of Congress.

Another new section of the CAO's Web site focuses on the overall initiative itself.

The CAO's Web site is cao.house.gov.

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Capitol Power Plant Turns Green(er) ; Expansion Improves Facility's Cooling Efficiency

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Ever since Democrats took over Congress at the start of the year, greening efforts have been at the forefront of talks on how best to manage the Capitol complex.

Much of that talk has centered around the Capitol Power Plant, the century-old institution that provides heating and cooling to the Capitol and more than 20 surrounding buildings and also accounts for about 30 percent of Congress carbon dioxide emissions.

But, quietly, the plant has moved toward a greener complexion with the completion of an expansion project designed to regulate temperatures in the complex more efficiently.

Expansion spaces went online in the late spring in the West Refrigeration Plant, built in the 1970s to help chill new Congressional office buildings. The expansion is expected to better provide the chilled water that is used to cool the Capitol complex, said Eva Malecki, a spokeswoman for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, which oversees the plant.

Among the highlights of the expansion, slated to cost \$85 million, are new chillers. Those chillers are more energy efficient than previous equipment that had been serving the campus, some of which was a half-century old, Malecki said.

House Administration Chairman Robert Brady (D-Pa.), whose committee has jurisdiction over the power plant, is pleased that the expansion space is online, a **spokesman** said Tuesday.

Its development and operation are consistent with efforts to introduce more energy-

efficient equipment and processes to the Capitol and reduce our overall carbon footprint, Brady **spokesman** Kyle Anderson said.

With the expansion, space at the facility increased by about 16,500 square feet. The project, which began in spring 2003, was designed to increase the chilled water production of the plant by about 23 percent and also enable central operation of the chillers.

As of now, the plant heats and cools about 16 million square feet of space, but it also will need to serve the 580,000-square-foot Capitol Visitor Center when that facility opens next year.

With the installation of the new chillers, the plant is expected to be able to maintain current cooling operations until at least 2025.

Energy reduction efforts have brought carbon dioxide emissions from the power plant down over the past several years. Between fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2006, the facility cut its electricity consumption by 6 percent and fuel energy consumption by 12.3 percent, according to the AOC.

Still, concerns linger about the sustainability of the plant, which greening experts have singled out as a top priority for bringing Congressional carbon emissions down. In fiscal 2006, the plant produced 102,659 metric tons of emissions, the Government Accountability Office found.

The expansion project predated a report made in conjunction with Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) Green the Capitol initiative. The study offered recommendations to make the **House** carbon-neutral by the end of the 110th Congress and also improve the environmental sustainability of chamber operations.

Thus, the power plant expansion did not factor into the initial evaluation of the plan, said **Jeff Ventura**, a **spokesman** for **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard, who oversaw the study.

But the report, released in June, did offer a slew of suggestions for improving overall plant operations.

Topping the list was a recommendation to have the plant burn only natural gas, a move that is expected to reduce the plants carbon emissions by 30 percent from 2006 levels. While the **House** has approved \$2.75 million to help initiate the switch, the money remains tied up until the Senate passes the legislative branch appropriations bill.

In the greening report, the CAOs office noted that making the plant as energy efficient as possible will take years to plan, finance and implement. It called for Congress to take an active role, with committees that oversee Congressional activities stepping up and reviewing how to best run the facility.

But in the meantime there are other steps the plant can take to reduce its carbon impact, the report noted.

For example, reducing boiler steam pressure output and monitoring energy-efficiency performance can improve steam production efficiency at the plant. Steam and chilled water distribution systems can be improved by upping maintenance on steam traps, adjusting steam delivery pressures to follow heat load requirements in Capitol buildings and determining the need for new insulation of distribution lines, which would reduce heating and cooling losses.

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CR Puts Greening Effort on Hold

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The effort to make the **House** of Representatives carbon neutral by the end of the 110th Congress has hit a roadblock the Senate.

Today was supposed to be the day that the **House** began supplying 100 percent of its electricity needs through renewable power sources. The cost premium to purchase power generated from renewable sources is \$520,000 money included in the fiscal 2008 appropriations bill.

While the measure passed the **House** in June, its companion legislation lingers in the Senate, preventing **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard from kick-starting the renewable energy effort.

Until the president signs the approps bill, we dont have the money, CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said Friday. So all that renewable energy is on hold, deadlines be damned.

Today's deadline is set in the Green the Capitol Initiative, which Beard presented to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) in June.

(Today is also the first day of the fiscal year. Most federal programs and agencies now are operating under a continuing resolution that keeps fiscal 2007 funding levels in effect.)

The greening initiative seeks to make **House** operations carbon neutral by the end of the 110th Congress, reduce the carbon footprint of the **House** by 50 percent in 10 years and make the **House** a model of sustainability.

Renewable energy sources, such as wind, water and solar power, come from resources that cannot be depleted. These sources have been shown to produce fewer greenhouse gases and other pollutants compared to fossil fuels.

Purchasing renewable power for electricity use is a component of the three-part plan to make the **House** carbon neutral by the end of 2008. The other methods involve using natural gas to operate the Capitol Power Plant and purchasing carbon offsets from the Chicago Climate Exchange.

While the Capitol Power Plant produces the steam used to heat and cool the Capitol complex, Congress purchases its electricity needs from local distributor Pepco.

That electricity is the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions generated from the operations of the **House**.

The chamber uses about 103,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year. Approximately 43 percent of the 91,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions produced by the **House** come from electricity, according to the greening report.

But by using power generated from renewable sources, the **House** buildings are expected to eliminate 57,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to removing 11,000 cars from the road, according to the report.

CAO and Architect of the Capitol officials already have prepared the contract with Pepco to use wind power to keep things up and running, according to Perry Plumart, deputy director of the CAOs Green the Capitol office.

(Officials went with wind power because in the mid-Atlantic region, water and solar power are not easy to find, Plumart explained.)

This is something they can do for us relatively easily, Ventura said. But this is costly upfront.

Although the startup takes money, officials have predicted the **House** will save dollars in the long run because the **House** is implementing energy conservation plans.

Doing these kinds of things makes good business sense, Plumart said. Its good for the taxpayers and its good public policy.

While electricity needs generate the bulk of the chambers carbon dioxide emissions, coal burned at the Capitol Power Plant adds to the problem. The plant currently uses a mix of coal, oil and natural fuel, depending on which energy source is the most affordable at any given time.

About one-third of the emissions generated on Capitol Hill come from the power plant. In fiscal 2006, the plant produced 102,659 metric tons of emissions, according to a Government Accountability Office report released earlier this year.

The CAOs green report estimates that switching to natural gas would eliminate more than 10,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions and reduce more than 95 percent of sulfur oxides and 50 percent of nitrogen oxides emitted by the plant.

The cost to switch from coal and oil to natural gas in fiscal 2008 is listed as \$2.75 million in the greening report. That money too has been included in the appropriations bill, and it too lingers until the measure becomes law, Plumart said.

Even if the first two recommendations are implemented, the **House** still would produce 24,000 tons of carbon emissions. To offset those emissions, Beard is recommending that carbon credits be purchased through the Chicago Climate Exchange program, which would use the money specifically for environmental projects in the United States.

The paperwork is being prepared for that effort and offsets are expected to be purchased later this month, Ventura said.

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Congress finds new ways to bleed interns

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The plight of congressional interns is well known.

Mostly unpaid, often overworked, occasionally swept up in a scandal or two — is there anything more we can take from these wretches?

How about their blood?

The office of the **House** chief administrator is kicking off a blood drive on Aug. 17, and **spokesman Jeff Ventura** said it is targeting the campus's meekest in this year's campaign.

"They say you can't get blood from a stone, but interns are a different story," reads the poster that Ventura says will publicize the blood drive.

Ventura said he is putting his own intern to work this week, calling every congressional office to ask for a commitment of a blood donation from one intern therein.

The drive will take place in the Cannon **House** Office Building Caucus Room from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

But don't worry, interns, at least you'll get one of those free meals you're always chasing: This one will consist of some juice and a cookie.

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Architect Has Long August To-Do List

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With just three days to go before Congress breaks for its annual August recess - if all things go as scheduled, anyway - Congressional staffers are looking forward to a few weeks of downtime.

But for the people on Capitol Hill charged with keeping the campus in tiptop shape, August is the month to do the big jobs that can be done only when Members are not around, or, in some cases, to just make sure the trains keep running on time.

Perhaps the biggest project scheduled to take place during the next month is the annual inspection and resealing of the Capitol Dome, a task expected to kick off today.

Overseen by the Architect of the Capitol, the effort will involve inspecting the joints in the exterior shell and interior surfaces of the Dome, from the base of the Statue of Freedom to the cornice below the Beltcourse level.

According to AOC spokeswoman Eva Malecki, the Dome's joints will be cleaned and resealed, ensuring that the umbrella over the Rotunda remains watertight. The process will take four weeks.

Meanwhile, AOC personnel will be working on the outside shell, supported by safety lines, so people on the ground will probably spot workers atop the Capitol.

It isn't the first time the AOC has undertaken routine maintenance on the Dome.

The Architect finished the first phase of its Dome rehabilitation program in 2000 and a year later performed an interim repainting. The AOC also inspected and resealed the Dome's joints in 2003, 2005 and 2006.

Meanwhile, the AOC was scheduled Tuesday to wrap up its cleaning of the Statue of Freedom, a process that lasted throughout most of July.

The AOC also will undertake non-Dome projects in August - the bulk of its regular work will continue as if Congress was still in session.

Efforts to wrap up the ongoing Capitol Visitor Center project for its now-likely November 2008 opening are perhaps paramount. (See story, p. 1.) But AOC workers will undertake a number of general projects throughout the Capitol complex, such as painting, cleaning, conservation and sidewalk replacement.

"These are just one to two day projects much like we do the rest of the year," Malecki said.

While workers at other Capitol Hill agencies might not be swinging from ropes on the Dome during August, many will keep busy with other projects and events.

For **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard and his staff, August is not all that different from when Congress is in session, according to **spokesman Jeff Ventura**.

"The CAO is busy during recess," he said. "It's not like we go away. ... We're a 24/7, 365-days-a-year operation."

The CAO will spend the upcoming weeks moving ahead on projects that began earlier this year. Perhaps most notable will be efforts to implement the Green the Capitol Initiative, which was formally presented to the public on June 21.

"We're now in the process of trying to figure out how we actually move forward with the proposed action items in the plan," Ventura said. "There's a lot of thinking going on right now."

There also are plans in the works to move forward on two other studies commissioned by the CAO earlier this session.

One, conducted by the firm Watson Wyatt Worldwide, is an industry comparison of **House** employee benefits. The study is expected to be completed in August, with officials getting to work on implementation soon after, Ventura said.

The other study looks at how to improve the waiting list for admission to the **House** day care center.

"We're going to get that back and take a hard look at what we can do to act on their suggestions," Ventura said.

Over at the Government Printing Office, employees will not be able to take the entire month as free time - the agency still must print the Federal Register and keep up on its passport production, among other responsibilities.

But because it does not have to print the Congressional Record, the GPO will get a chance to focus on other things during August, according to **spokesman** Gary Somerset.

"We use this time for comprehensive training for our employees," Somerset said, adding that the training covers a wide range of topics, from policy to equipment use.

The recess will serve as a time to say goodbye to an old friend at the Library of Congress.

The agency is scheduled to end the decade-long run of its "American Treasures of the Library of Congress" exhibit on Aug. 18 so workers can begin construction on the LOC's upcoming visitor center.

To mark its closing, the Library will keep the exhibit open until 8 p.m. on Aug. 7, enabling staffers to visit it one last time, according to LOC **spokesman** Matt Raymond.

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Take That, BCRA. An amendment limiting federal law enforcement's ability to police certain issue ads by labor unions and other outside groups awaits conference scrutiny after passing the **House** late last week.

The amendment - sponsored by Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) and successfully added to the fiscal 2008 Commerce, Justice, science and related agencies appropriations bill - would cut off Justice Department funding to crack down on "electioneering communications" - broadcast ads run in the 30 days before a primary contest and 60 days before Election Day. The 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act banned such ads, but the Supreme Court last month ruled that certain ads run during the "blackout period" are protected speech.

"Today freedom of speech prevailed on the floor of the people's **House**," Pence said. "We still have much work to do to reinstate full First Amendment protections to the American people, so badly trampled by" BCRA.

But campaign finance watchdogs disagree, arguing that the Supreme Court's recent decision did not overturn existing law; rather, it carved out a narrow exemption based on the facts of a specific case decided by the high court's nine justices.

"The 'electioneering communications' provisions of BCRA remain the law of the land," wrote a coalition that included Common Cause, Democracy 21 and Public Citizen. The Pence amendment "would wrongly prohibit the government from enforcing an existing federal law."

E-mail Update. The e-mail slowdown that frustrated thousands of **House** staffers during the past two weeks appeared to have stabilized Friday, but technology experts still have not identified the root cause of the problem.

The situation is similar to the common cold, said **Jeff Ventura**, a **spokesman** for the Chief Administrative Officer, who is overseeing the matter.

"We've figured out how to treat some of the more problematic symptoms but haven't figured out the cure," Ventura said.

Technical changes to the **House's** e-mail servers appeared to bring things back to normal, Ventura said. But officials are waiting until the **House** breaks for recess to fully tackle the problem, as doing so could require temporarily shutting systems down, Ventura said.

Experts from Microsoft Corp. were expected to deliver to the CAO an analysis of the e-mail problem by end of business Friday, Ventura said.

"We are still committed to finding out why it happened and making a change so it doesn't happen again," Ventura added.

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Server Glitch Hits House E-mail Accounts

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House e-mail server problems have left thousands of Capitol Hill staffers wringing their hands in frustration over the past two weeks as Congress has moved into its annual pre-August legislative crunch time.

Of about 20,000 e-mail accounts that the Chief Administrative Officer has responsibility for in the **House**, a total of about 7,000 have experienced delays for hours at a time due to an ongoing server glitch.

Our systems engineers are aware that, over the last two weeks, some of **House** users have been experiencing a noticeable slowdown in e-mail functionality, **Jeff Ventura**, a **spokesman** for the CAOs office, said. Fixing this problem is a top priority for the CAO.

Since the problems have been intermittent and **House** e-mail addresses are kept on multiple servers, not more than 2,400 accounts have been affected at any one time, Ventura said.

Although the exact cause of the problem has yet to be pinpointed, Ventura said the slow-downs most likely are the unexpected result of routine server software upgrades that the CAOs office had been working on with engineers from Microsoft Corp. before the e-mail issues began July 16.

Ventura said the e-mail accounts that have been affected are random and span the entire **House** organization.

House Administration Committee **spokesman** Kyle Anderson said the panel has received complaints from numerous offices about the problem and even Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) office has not escaped the glitch.

One **House** GOP leadership aide estimated that e-mail service in his office has gone down three to four times in the past two weeks.

Its extremely inconvenient, he said.

Becky Daugherty, spokeswoman for the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, who oversees that chambers e-mail system, said the Senate is not experiencing any e-mail delays similar to those affecting the **House**.

Anderson said the **House** has moved its critical functions away from some servers that have gone down but the good news is that e-mails have not been lost because of the server problem.

When they re-establish communication, all the e-mails upload, all the messages are being queued, he said.

Since the issue developed last week, a special team from Microsofts corporate headquarters has been flown in to help assess the problem.

The **House** is receiving round-the-clock troubleshooting by two- dozen Microsoft engineers and CAO technicians, Ventura said. It has been determined that the issue is not related to any breach of security or attributable to any sort of malicious code or virus. ... We are waiting on a report from the Microsoft team that should be out at the end of the week to figure out if we can isolate the problem.

In the meantime, he said, some temporary measures have already alleviated the problem and, when the issue is fully resolved, the CAO will notify all affected users.

But one frustrated GOP aide said the timing for such a technical glitch couldnt be worse.

One might assume that during one of the few weeks this Congress isnt dedicated to re-naming post offices, the focus of the CAO would be on ensuring that Members and staff are able to do their jobs, the aide said. Now, every time I check my e-mail, I do it with my fingers crossed.

We are taking this very seriously and taking the steps necessary to have this resolved on a permanent basis, Anderson said.

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Long waitlists, oversight woes trouble Senate childcare center

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When one Senate employee discovered she was pregnant, her first call wasn't to her mother. Instead, she notified the Senate Employees Child Care Center (SECCC) and added her name to the waiting list.

"They knew before anyone else did," said the Senate employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. Despite her best efforts, her child was not admitted until she was 10 months old, more than a year and a half after her mother signed up.

The childcare center has space enough for 68 children. But according to the last count in May, the waitlist is 179 children deep, and few children are admitted every year. The infant class holds nine, the toddler classes hold 28, and the preschool and pre-kindergarten take 31 children.

Senate staffers have lauded the center, which is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, for its high-quality care and teaching staff. And it is not unusual for daycare facilities to have long waitlists; the State Department has 150 to 200 children on its list, a spokeswoman said.

But the long waitlist in the Senate, compounded by oversight concerns, has roiled some staffers into action. Several chiefs of staff recently complained about the long list and the enrollment policies, which have traditionally given preference to siblings of children enrolled, regardless of whether their parents were still employed in the Senate.

According to a June newsletter, a May 8 SECCC Board meeting voted to change the center's bylaws to allow siblings of Senate employees' children already enrolled in the center to get preference, followed by children of Senate employees, followed by siblings of children enrolled in the center with a parent employed by a legislative branch employee. But there's a caveat: Non-Senate families who have a sibling either enrolled in the center or on the waitlist as of May 8 would not be affected by the new policy. Seventeen siblings of non-Senate employees' children were enrolled in the center as of May.

Meanwhile, the **House** daycare center, with space for 71 children, is also experiencing a waitlist, said **Jeff Ventura, spokesman** for the **House** chief administrative officer. Under its rules, if a parent no longer works for the **House**, a legislative branch agency or the federal government, he or she must take the child out of the daycare within 60 days.

Sources say the Senate center's director, Christine Schoppe Wauls, determines which children are admitted. To clarify the waitlist process, the board recently asked the Senate for help creating a Web-based tracking system for the list.

Some sources have also raised questions about the financial management of the center, which was scrutinized in a never-released report last year, and have called for increased oversight of the center. They say that the center's parent-run board is limited in its oversight powers because parents do not want to raise issues with the center's management while their children are enrolled.

The secretary of the Senate has jurisdiction over the center, while the Senate Rules Committee has oversight. But since the center is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, the Senate's jurisdiction is somewhat limited. Howard Gantman, chief of staff for the Rules Committee, said that the panel and the secretary of the Senate's office are drafting a study to address many of the center's issues.

The center operates largely on tuition, while the Senate pays for the facilities as well as some operating expenses and fringe benefits for staff. The Senate's share totaled \$702,852 in the last fiscal year, according to the center's audit.

At the May board meeting, two parents raised issues relating to oversight and financial management, according to minutes from the meeting. An SECCC member said that suggestions such as increasing tuition for non-Senate employees' children and other ideas have been shot down by board members because of personal interests.

"Action on these and other issues has historically been curtailed by the board members as it is often not in the board members' personal interest to change existing policies," the member wrote in a memo to the board. "As it is difficult for board members to recuse themselves from such votes, which constitute a conflict of interest, perhaps the board should set up an Oversight Board to set policy."

A second SECCC member, whose child has been on the waitlist for more than two years, said that the board "has demonstrated that they do not follow their own bylaws" and that there is "widespread belief" that the waitlists are "unfairly administrated."

The member also raised several questions about the composition of the center and its availability to non-Senate employees. The member suggested that many knew that the two previous treasurers did not certify the books, and that financial controls are lacking and a fundraising requirement is poorly tracked.

To remedy these problems, the corporation should vote on changes to the center's bylaws and an outside firm should administer changes so it "can independently certify the results of the election," the member added.

A source familiar with the center echoed the concerns, noting that the center's only governance comes from the nine-member parent-run board.

"Parents are afraid to speak up because their kid is there," the source said. "A lot of policies are applied unevenly in that place."

"Parents' money is not being properly spent and taxpayer's money is not being properly spent," the source added. "Parents are getting nickel-and-dimed."

The source noted that tuition ranges from about \$1,000 to \$1,300 a month, depending on the age of the child.

The former treasurer of the board resigned last year, citing concerns over financial management and oversight, the source said. The director was paying herself more than her contract stipulated.

Meanwhile, the 2005-06 board's budget committee report also indicated that the center's financial management needed an overhaul.

"Measures are needed to improve fiscal management, oversight and accountability at the Center," the report says. "Numerous errors have come to light through review of the FY05 and 06 budgets, including payroll errors made by the Director with respect to her salary and teacher salaries, the awarding of more money in staff merit bonuses than was approved by the Board in FY05, misplacement of numerous fundraising checks, and bounced checks drawn on Center accounts."

The report also cited "resistance to sharing payroll records and other financial information with the Budget Committee in a timely fashion, a lack of knowledge of budget line items, and a lack of familiarity with the Fair Labor Standards Act." These problems have caused delays in development of the budget and resulted in costly accounting fees."

The report's authors note that expenditures for educational activities and supplies are significantly under-budget, while expenses for office supplies and expenses, accounting fees, lunches and snacks are significantly over-budget.

Wauls, the director, did not comment on last year's report, but noted that this year's audit was clean.

"There are reasons the board chose not to release that report," Wauls said. "I'm not going to comment on the report. The audit will speak for everything."

The most recent audit shows that the center adhered to general accounting principles, according to Kendall, Prebola and Jones, certified public accountants.

But another source familiar with the center said that many of its actions lack transparency, and that little progress has been made in some of the financial management problems.

"The progress is very limited if you look at what needed to be done. It's a little window dressing, if anything," the source said.

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Ted's New Gig. Ted Van Der Meid, one-time chief counsel and director of floor operations to then-Speaker Dennis Hastert (R- Ill.), has joined the law firm McKenna Long & Aldridge.

Van Der Meid will specialize in ethics, Congressional investigations and compliance issues for the firm. It is an area of expertise Van Der Meid honed after nearly two decades on Capitol Hill, which included a stint as staff director and chief counsel to the **House** Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the 1990s, when the panel investigated then-Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.).

Years later, Van Der Meid was on the other end of an ethics investigation when he testified under oath in late 2006 about his knowledge and the Speaker's office's involvement regarding then- Rep. Mark Foley's (R-Fla.) communications with teenage male pages. The panel concluded that no one in the Speaker's office was at fault in the matter.

Van Der Meid's new gig will reunite him with firm partner Randy Evans, who served as outside counsel to both Gingrich and Hastert. Prior to the Speaker's office and ethics committee, Van Der Meid also served as counsel to former Minority Leader Bob Michel (R- Ill.).

Child Care Concerns. When they passed the legislative branch appropriations bill in committee last week, **House** Members earmarked \$1 million for yet-to-be determined improvements to the **House** Child Care Center.

In March, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and **House** Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) asked **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard to find ways to eliminate the waiting list for the center. Beard hired an outside consultant to study potential accommodations, and that report is forthcoming, according to CAO **spokesman Jeff Ventura**.

"The \$1 million has been earmarked to execute the anticipated recommendations from that study," Ventura said.

Day-to-day operations of the center are funded through tuition charged to parents, which ranges from \$832 to \$1,175 a month, depending on the age of the child.

The Senate also is taking steps to improve its day care facility.

On Thursday, a bill that would allow the Secretary of the Senate to transfer funds from the sale of the chamber's holiday ornaments to the Senate Employee Child Care Center was sent to the White **House**. The money generated from the sale is expected to bring in about 4 percent of the center's overall revenue and go toward scholarships and supplies.

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House to Get New Culinary Experience?

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Although the fiscal 2008 legislative branch appropriations bill is chock full of funds designed to improve personnel and security matters on Capitol Hill, there are a few items included in the measure that could bring some fresh faces - and tastes - to the Congressional campus.

The bill assigns **House** Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard to study ways to increase the availability of free-trade-certified coffee on Capitol Hill, while also looking at how culinary school students could help revamp the menu and assist in the preparation of food in the **House** Members' Dining Room.

"The Committee believes that opportunities exist for culinary school students nationwide to enhance their skills by giving them the opportunity, as part of their regular curriculum, to define the menu and assist with the preparation of the selections," the report for the bill reads.

In the study, Beard is tasked with contacting culinary schools and looking at how students might be able to participate, on a rotational basis, in such an on-the-job training program.

The idea emerged during a March Appropriations subcommittee hearing on the legislative branch bill, when Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) asked Beard if such a program was feasible.

At the time, Beard called it "an excellent suggestion."

Wasserman Schultz could not be reached for comment Friday.

Bringing students to Capitol Hill isn't anything new - there are hundreds of unpaid interns who can attest to that. But it is unclear how a program involving such a highly specialized field would work, said **Jeff Ventura**, a **spokesman** for the CAO's office.

What responsibilities would the students have? How long would their stay on Capitol Hill last? How much power would they have in changing the menus?

"We're not even that far along in our thought process," Ventura said. "Right now, the idea's on the table, and it's time to figure out whether or not there's feasibility to do it."

Feasibility to expand fair-trade coffee options might be a bit easier, as two **House** locations already offer it on their menus.

Capitol Carryout, located in the building's basement, and a coffee vendor in the Longworth **House** Office Building sell fair-trade coffee alongside other caffeinated beverages.

But purchases of the free-trade joe significantly lag behind other coffee counterparts, according to sales reports. At the Capitol location, non-free-trade coffee outsells the free-trade variety 2 to 1; at the Longworth location, that gap jumps to 10 to 1.

"It's not necessarily moving quickly as a product," Ventura said. "That is certainly not to say we are opposed to expanding that program."

The effort to bring fair-trade coffee began in 2001, when then-Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) led an effort to bring the product to the chamber, and supporters argue that it is one way Americans can help reduce poverty in the developing world.

Agriculture workers often toil in "sweatshops in the fields," producing coffee that sells for less than the costs of production, according to the human rights group Global Exchange. Importers of fair-trade coffee, however, meet

stringent international criteria and pay a minimum price of \$1.26 per pound, providing credit to farmers and technician assistance to help transition to organic farming.

"Fair Trade for coffee farmers means community development, health, education, and environmental stewardship," according to a Global Exchange release.

There are a number of other studies the CAO's office is currently undertaking, most notably developing a long-term plan to green the Capitol complex. That study is expected to be presented to the public next week.

Beard also is assigned in the bill to study how best to improve disability access on Capitol Hill, increase public access to roll- call information, expand the hours of the **House** Fitness Center and pay **House** employees more often than once a month.

It is unclear which Members pushed for the various initiatives, Ventura said, but he added that the CAO would look to undertake whatever Members think is important.

"They are improvements that Members want looked into," Ventura said. "And that's what we do. We're always willing."

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Heard On The Hill
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Somebody Call Time Out. A day care center, the home of naps, cookies and lessons in sharing, hardly seems to be a place for partisan bickering.

But a recent e-mail from the **House** Child Care Centers director about the Houses new Green the Capitol effort had some GOP parents seeing red.

On Friday, director Monica Barnabae sent an e-mail to parents passing along a request from the Speakers office. Child care workers were told that staffers were looking for at least five kids to participate in a Green the Capitol press conference on June 21. The Speakers staff would like if each child painted pictures of Green ideas that the Speaker could look at, the e-mail continued, and parents interested in allowing their child to participate were to contact her.

That plea didnt sit too well with some parents, particularly the GOP ones, who balked at using the day care to troll for adorable children to adorn what they thought sounded like a Democratic photo- op. This request is inappropriate on so many levels, one parent who got the note complained to HOH. Other GOP-types piled on. The idea of using the **House** day care as Central Casting for political theater is beyond the pale, said one GOP leadership aide.

But **Jeff Ventura, spokesman** for the Chief Administrative Officer, which oversees the center, noted that the Green the Capitol initiative, which focuses on making the Capitol more energy efficient, is supposed to be nonpartisan. And anyone who disagreed could just say No, thanks since the event was completely voluntary. We wanted to give Members the opportunity to have their children participate in the announcement since it is future generations who will benefit from the smart choices we make today around environmental issues, Ventura said.

Maybe both sides can just share a juice box and call it a day.

Statue Limitations. Alaskans wont be seeing as much of Sen. Ted Stevens as some of them had hoped. The paucity of future Stevens sightings has nothing to do with the increased workweeks in Washington, D.C., but rather the recent scrapping of plans to erect a nine-foot-tall statue of the Alaska Republican, according to the Anchorage Daily News.

The paper reports that plans to build the statuary tribute to Stevens at the Anchorage airport named in his honor have been put on ice. Ted fans decided that ... recently vocal enemies of his successful delivery of federal largesse to Alaska might use the project to disparage him, it said.

Take His Caucus No, Really. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid opened remarks at the Center for American Progress on Monday with a stand-up-act-worthy yuk.

The Nevada Democrat said he picked up a thing or two by watching the recent Republican presidential debate: The one thing Ive learned that I cant get out of my mind is that Rudy Giuliani has been married more times than Mitt Romneys been hunting, he told the crowd before launching into a talk on the somewhat less har-har-inducing topic of energy policy.

Given his recent corny comedy act, HOH warns you that if you see Reid wearing a flower on his lapel, DO NOT lean in to smell it.

Democrats Big Movement. Republicans arent the only ones who think Democrats are full of crap. Some Democrats admit they are, too.

A starry list of big-name Dems, including Reps. Loretta Sanchez (Calif.) and Patrick Kennedy (R.I.), Congressional offspring Nathan Daschle and Nicole Boxer, and a smattering of super-staffers were set to turn out Monday night for a party to celebrate former fundraiser Josh Richmans new book, Whats Your Poo Telling You?

The part-informative, part-funny tome (a natural, one would think, for bathroom reading) was co-written by Richman and a pal, gastroenterologist Anish Sheth.

And since Democrats are so into being environmentalists these days, heres a little fun fact from the book that just might come in handy during the upcoming debate on energy appropriations: When you flush the toilet, your poo enters the sewage system and ends up at a wastewater treatment facility. There, it ferments into biogas and biogas can be another source for power generation. ... If biogas from a wastewater treatment facility were captured and used to power a fuel cell, each persons poo could produce approximately 2 watts of electricity per day.

Richman assembled the impressive list of well-wishers (the invite labels them poobahs) in his six-year stint in D.C., first as a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee staffer during Kennedys stint at the helm of the group and then as a fundraiser. Theyre all friends, he said, who happen to have good senses of humor.

The fact that some of the people on that list are helping to run our country gives me a lot of faith, he told HOH.

The gathering of Democratic bigwigs at Adams Morgan watering hole Leftbank is assured, HOH hears, to be a gas.

Boehners Blooper. You cant accuse Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Connie Schultz, an ardent Democrat and wife of Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), of mincing words.

In her new book ...and His Lovely Wife: A Memoir from the Woman Beside the Man, Schultz describes how she and Brown bumped into then- **House** Majority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) in the halls of the Capitol not long after Browns 2006 victory over then-Sen. Mike DeWine (R-Ohio).

Boehner, tanned and wound tighter than a Jheri curl, darted over as soon as he saw Sherrod, she writes. After pulling Brown aside to whisper something in his ear, Boehner threw a jovial arm around her shoulder, but decided against divulging what hed said because I might embarrass her.

Of course like any good wife, as soon as Boehner had dashed off, Schultz pressed her husband on what exactly had transpired.

Sherrod sighed and then repeated Boehners words of insight regarding Sherrods victory. Something about being lucky, and a dogs genitalia. Lets just leave it at that.

For the record, in an interview, Schultz declined to elaborate.

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