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THE SENATE

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

FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

Morning business until 5pm with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each with the time equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. Roll Call Votes are expected during Friday's session of the Senate.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS and MARKUPS of INTEREST

No issues today

COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

Legislation Introduced to Secure Timely Funding for Veterans' Health care: House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Chairmen joined by bipartisan cosponsors, major veterans' organizations and a former VA official in calling for passage veterans.senate.gov

Akaka Introduces Veterans' Emergency Care Fairness Bill: Bill would cover gaps in emergency care reimbursement for vets with limited insurance veterans.senate.gov
Akaka & Burr Call for Prompt Top Level DOD/VA Meeting on Soldier Suicides veterans.senate.gov

Akaka Chairs Hearing on Improving the Appeals Process for Veterans' Disability Claims: Hearing is the fifth in a series on reforming veterans' disability compensation veterans.senate.gov

Akaka Introduces Cost-of-Living-Increase for Disabled Veterans with Unanimous Committee Support veterans.senate.gov

Chairman Inouye Statement on Senate Passage of "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009": Calls Legislation "Essential to Renewing America's Prosperity" appropriations.senate.gov

Chairman Inouye Floor Statement on ARRA appropriations.senate.gov

Side-By-Side Chart of Notable Differences Between the Senate-Passed and the House-Passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 finance.senate.gov

Grassley Sets Record Straight on 1993 Tax Increase, Effects of Taxes on Jobs finance.senate.gov

Committee Votes to give District of Columbia House Voting Rights: Historic legislation receives bipartisan support in 11-1 vote hsgac.senate.gov

LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

No issues today

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: SENATE

Bennett Introduces Bill to Move Forward Funding of New St. George Airport bennett.senate.gov

Bennett Statement at the Senate Banking Committee Hearing on Secretary Geithner's New Plan for TARP (2/10/09) bennett.senate.gov

In Wake of Salmonella Deaths, Senator Brown Announces Sweeping Food Safety Legislation: Ohio Leads the Nation with 92 Reported Cases Linked to Salmonella Outbreak brown.senate.gov

Brownback Congratulates Schulz on Selection as President of Kansas State University brownback.senate.gov

Inhofe Calls Stimulus Compromise a "\$1.2 trillion mistake" inhofe.senate.gov

Senator Mike Johanns' Statement on Need For Government Responsibility johanns.senate.gov

McConnell Honors NAACP Centennial mcconnell.senate.gov

McConnell: 'This is not the smart approach' mcconnell.senate.gov

Murray Urges Support for Economic Recovery Bill: Bill would create 1,000s of Washington state jobs, invest in roads, schools, Hanford, and BPA murray.senate.gov

Speech: Improved Systemic Risk Management: How do hedge funds fit into current federal efforts? reed.senate.gov

Reed Announces Federal Aid and New Job Training for Laid Off Workers at Garrity Industries' Ashaway Plant reed.senate.gov

Sanders Named Chairman of Green Jobs Subcommittee sanderson.senate.gov

SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

No issues today

NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

February 12, 2009 Hilda L. Solis to be Labor secretary (tentative)

BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

February 11, 2009 Mr. Glenn Haggstrom, Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, and Mr. Jan Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics, will brief Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) on the establishment of the VA Technology Acquisition Center on or near Fort Monmouth. 2:30 p.m.; 324 Hart (Smith)

February 17, 2009 VA's Office of Acquisition & Logistics will brief Brian Miller, Military Legislative Assistant, Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) on the recent acquisition for vocational rehabilitation and employment services. 1:30 p.m.; Conference call (Smith)

FUTURE COMMITTEE HEARINGS & MARKUPS of INTEREST

No issues today

FUTURE NOMINATIONS and APPOINTMENTS of INTEREST

February 20, 2009 Senator Roland Burris (D-IL) will visit the North Chicago VAMC. 9:00 a.m. Local

THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: PRESIDENT

Apply for a job whitehouse.gov

Happy Birthday, Abe whitehouse.gov

Statement on Gregg's withdrawal whitehouse.gov

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: VICE PRESIDENT

No issues today

OFFICE of MANAGEMENT and BUDGET

No issues today

BULLETINS, CIRCULARS, MEMORANDA, REPORTS

No issues today

STATEMENTS of ADMINISTRATION POLICY

No issues today

CABINET DEPARTMENTS and FEDERAL AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT of DEFENSE

Coalition Re-opens Iraqi Fish Market, Reviving Ancient Industry defenselink.mil

Defense Language Institute Rolls Out New Programs defenselink.mil

Organization Plans 'Valentines for Veterans' Concerts defenselink.mil

Pentagon Official Discusses Kabul Attacks, Possible North Korean Missile Test defenselink.mil

Reporter's Notebook: Sparse and Quiet at Forward Operating Base Gardez defenselink.mil

Special Ops 'Fight' Persistent Conflicts Around the World, Panelists Say defenselink.mil

Troops Keep Transportation, Humanitarian Efforts on Track defenselink.mil
USS Vella Gulf Crew Captures Pirates in Gulf of Aden defenselink.mil

DEPARTMENT of the AIR FORCE

AFTAC continues excellence as part of Air Force nuclear enterprise af.mil

Air Force Chief of Staff Praises Special Operators defenselink.mil

Air Force takes top spot in NFL Military Challenge again af.mil

Airman earns Army combat spurs af.mil

Exercise demonstrates special ops capabilities af.mil

Feb. 10 airpower summary: F-15Es bomb enemy positions af.mil

Heithold assumes command of Air Force ISR Agency af.mil

Malmstrom completes Limited Nuclear Surety Inspection af.mil

Special tactics unit teaches skills to special operations Airmen af.mil

DEPARTMENT of the ARMY

21st TSC paratroopers conduct combined airborne operations with French counterparts army.mil

Covenant: Europe garrisons serve as lighthouses in guiding Army Families army.mil

Hohenfels awards volunteer highest honor army.mil

Purple Hearts awarded to Soldiers injured in Afghanistan army.mil

Ugandan Army exercise army.mil

U.S., ROK Army conduct joint river crossing in South Korea army.mil

MILITARY HISTORY

C-5M flies in on the wings of Dover AFB heritage af.mil

ARMED FORCES BLOOD PROGRAM

Admiral Mullen, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Urges You to Donate Blood Today militaryblood.dod.mil

This Valentine's Day, Make the Perfect Match: Give Blood! militaryblood.dod.mil

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

DEPARTMENT of the NAVY

A Day in the Life of a Carl Vinson Machinist's Mate navy.mil

Carter Hall Conducts Agricultural Wash-Down navy.mil

South Potomac PPV Partnership Garners Awards navy.mil

Southern Partnership Station Renovates Panamanian Communities navy.mil

SWOs Attended Society of Women Engineers Conference navy.mil

Suicide Awareness, Code of Conduct and Other Training Available on NKO navy.mil

Suspected Pirates Apprehended in the Gulf of Aden navy.mil

USS Abraham Lincoln Embarks Dozens of Local Leaders navy.mil

USS Port Royal Returns to Homeport navy.mil

All Hands: Piracy February 2009

DoD MEDICINE

Medical Team Hikes Into Honduran Mountains to Care for Children navy.mil

Wounded Warrior at Fort Bragg Looks to Future defenselink.mil

The Military Health System Blog mhs.osd.mil

TRICARE

TRICARE Implements New Fee Schedule for Panama tricare.mil

UNITED SERVICES UNIVERSITY of the HEALTH SCIENCES

No issues today

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Heavy Equipment Platoon handles their haul with ease marines.mil

February 26, 2009 (tentative). SVAC will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of W. Scott Gould to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. 10:00 A.M.; Location: TBD

FUTURE BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

No issues today

TRANSCRIPTS

Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Holds Hearing on Veterans' Disability Compensation
Sen. Gregg Holds News Conference

VACANCY: 111th Congress, First Session

No issues today

EXTERNAL MEMBER PRESS: SENATE

Senate eyes a \$789 billion Valentine to voters thehill.com
Senate Stimulus Vote Possible Thursday Night rollcall.com

THE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

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

FLOOR ACTIVITY of INTEREST

Conference Report to **H.R. 1** - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Reps. Obey/Rangel/Waxman – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule)

Postponed Suspension Votes (4 Bills)

- 1) **H.Res. 110** – To congratulate the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and becoming the most successful franchise in NFL history with their record 6th Super Bowl title (Rep. Doyle – Oversight and Government Reform)
- 2) **H.Res. 112** – Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day (Rep. Lee (NY) – Oversight and Government Reform)
- 3) **H.Res. 139** - Commemorating the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln on the bicentennial of his birth (Rep. Hare – Oversight and Government Reform)
- 4) **H.R. 663** – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building" (Rep. Barrow – Oversight and Government Reform)

COMMITTEE HEARINGS and MARKUPS of INTEREST

February 13, 2009 House Select Intelligence closed briefing on issues related to **counterintelligence**. 10:00 a.m., 304 HVC Capitol

COMMITTEE REPORTS and PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST

Congressional Leaders, Veterans Orgs and Former VA Official to Hold Press Conference Supporting Advanced Funding of Veteran's Health Care veterans.house.gov
Democrats Continue to "Negotiate" Massive Stimulus Bill Behind Closed Doors republicans.appropriations.house.gov
Dead of Night, No One in Sight – Democrat Leaders Negotiate Secret Stimulus republicans.appropriations.house.gov
Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing on "The Climate Crisis: National Security, Public Health, and Economic Threats" energycommerce.house.gov
Select Global Warming Solutions That Won't Launch a Depression republicans.energycommerce.house.gov
How unstimulating republicans.energycommerce.house.gov
Industrial Energy Users Decry Revenue Booster for Electric Utilities: "If you consumed less electricity, you should expect to save some money on your electric bill" republicans.energycommerce.house.gov
Some Questions for Stimulus Conferees republicans.energycommerce.house.gov
Report, Documents Show that Chairman's Son Lobbied Panel on Stimulus Earmark republicans.oversight.house.gov

LEADERSHIP PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Hoyer Observes President Lincoln's 200th Birthday majorityleader.gov
Hoyer Speaks on Bipartisanship, Regular Order at Georgetown University's Transition Conference majorityleader.gov

PRESS RELEASES of INTEREST: HOUSE

Berkley calls for Ceasefire in War of Words over Las Vegas Business Gatherings: Reminds President Obama Tourism is Good for Economy berkley.house.gov
Buchanan Urges Pelosi to Block Pay Raise Until Budget is Balanced: National Taxpayers Union Endorses Buchanan Pay Raise Bill buchanan.house.gov
DeGette Statement at House Hearing on Salmonella in Peanut Butter degette.house.gov
Rep. Dicks Seeks Review of Border Patrol Actions dicks.house.gov
Hare Statement on President Obama's Visit to Peoria hare.house.gov
As White House Expands Assistance to Financial Institutions, Hare Introduces Legislation to Limit Corporate Excesses hare.house.gov
Herseth Sandlin Comments on Stimulus and Recovery Package Conference Negotiations hersethsandlin.house.gov
Herseth Sandlin, Blue Dogs meet with President Obama: Coalition Emphasizes Long-Term Fiscal Responsibility, Restoring Accountability and Transparency to Government hersethsandlin.house.gov
Kennedy on Congressman Dingell becoming longest serving Member of the House patrickkenedy.house.gov
Lamborn Statement on Compromise Spending Bill lamborn.house.gov
Michaud Announces Funding For Bangor International Airport and Eastern Slopes Regional Airport michaud.house.gov
Congressman Salazar announces \$1 million grant for improvements at Pueblo Memorial Airport salazar.house.gov
House Leadership agrees to Space's Demand that Congressional Pay Raise be Suspended space.house.gov
Walz Forwards Southern Minnesota Recovery Needs to Pawlenty Administration: Local officials request more than \$625 million in federal economic recovery funding to create jobs and build infrastructure in southern Minnesota

Movie premiere hits close to home for service members marines.mil
New suits in the running marines.mil
Protective gear safeguards Yuma Marine from harm in motorcycle crash marines.mil
Treading up Half Dome, lifting the warrior spirit marines.mil
Warfighters receive special 'express' service marines.mil

DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of HOMELAND SECURITY

No issues today

Report Suspicious Activity to 1-800-BE-ALERT

DEPARTMENT of HOUSING and URBAN DEVELOPMENT

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of LABOR

Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report: Initial claims for UI benefits by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,629 in the week ending Jan. 31, an increase of 43 from the prior week. There were 2,048 initial claims by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 663 from the preceding week dol.gov

DEPARTMENT of the TREASURY

No issues today

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

NEW! VA Identifies Problem with a Transcription Services Contract - During a routine internal inspection, the Department of Veterans Affairs discovered a contractor providing medical transcription services who was not following the department's rules for protecting medical information. Although there is no evidence that any patient information was disclosed as a result of the violation, VA has suspended the contractor from receiving any sensitive information from the department until the contractor guarantees compliance with VA's standards for information technology security

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS: INSPECTOR GENERAL

No issues today

CENTERS for DISEASE CONTROL and PREVENTION

No issues today

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

No issues today

FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION

FBI Will Assist FDA in Ongoing Peanut Corporation of America Investigation atlanta.fbi.gov
Former Air Force Sergeant Pleads Guilty in Bribery and Extortion Conspiracy phoenix.fbi.gov
Global Engineering Company Guilty of Foreign Bribery Charges houston.fbi.gov
Virginia Bank Teller Sentenced for Embezzlement richmond.fbi.gov
Maryland Mortgage Fraud Scheme Leader Pleads Guilty baltimore.fbi.gov
Miguel Tejada Guilty of Lying to Congress in Probe of Steroid Use in Baseball washingtondc.fbi.gov

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No issues today

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

1-800-621-FEMA 3362 – Toll-Free Number

1-800-462-7585 – Toll Free Number for those with hearing or speech impairments

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

No issues today

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

FTC Staff Revises Online Behavioral Advertising Principles ftc.gov

FOOD and DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Best Maid Cookie Company, Inc: Expired Peanut-containing Cookie Products from 2007----Affected by Peanut Recall -- If Any Remain, Consumers Should Destroy fda.gov
Garden of Life, Inc. Issues a Voluntary Recall of fūcoPROTEIN Peanut Butter Crunch Dietary Supplement Bars (Formerly Called Perfect Weight America Peanut Butter Crunch Dietary Supplement Bars) fda.gov
Something Better Natural Foods Conducts Nationwide Recall of Products With Peanuts Because of Possible Health Risk fda.gov

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

No issues today

INSTITUTE of MEDICINE

February 12 through 13, 2009 Committee on Planning a Continuing Health Care Professional Education Institute meeting iom.edu

INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER: IC3

No issues today

NATIONAL GUARD and RESERVE

Air Guardsman's Entrepreneurial Approach Earns Safety Award defenselink.mil
End Strength Mitigates Army Guard's January Recruiting Shortfall defenselink.mil
North Carolina Guardsman to join AFRICOM team ngb.army.mil

NATIONAL INSTITUTES of HEALTH

Compound Can Distinguish Between Benign, Localized and Metastatic Prostate Cancer cancer.gov
IL-2 Immunotherapy Fails to Benefit HIV-Infected Individuals Already Taking Antiretrovirals niaid.nih.gov
Possible HIV Prevention Therapy Shows Promise, But At a Significant Cost nimh.nih.gov
Researchers Find Abnormal Cells in the Blood Years before Leukemia is Diagnosed nih.gov

NATIONAL INSTITUTES of STANDARDS and TECHNOLOGY

walz.house.gov

SPEECHES, REMARKS and COMMUNICATIONS of INTEREST

No issues today

BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

February 11, 2009 VA (Karen Pane, Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning; Roger Dimsdale, Executive Director, VA-DoD Collaboration Service) and DoD (Gail McGinn; Deputy Under Secretary for Plans, OUSD, Personnel & Readiness and Melinda Darby, Executive Director, Wounded, Ill and Injured, SOC) officials will brief HVAC and HASC staff on the current state of affairs for the SOC, compliance with requirements of NDAA 2008, a status update on lines of actions, and the priorities, and plans for SOC operations during the transition to the new Administration. 10:30 a.m.; 334 Cannon (Prudhomme)

February 11, 2009. HVAC staff has requested a rescheduling of a briefing by Brad Mayes, Director, Compensation & Pension Service, VBA, and Ruth Fanning, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Service, VBA, on various compensation, pension, and transition benefits reports mandated in Public Law 110-389, the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008. This briefing took place on January 22, 2009 but HVAC staff were precluded from attending due to a last minute change in the time for the HVAC organizational meeting. (2:30 p.m.; 340 Cannon) (Pauling/Smith)

February 11, 2009 Kim Collins, Administrator for Non Profit Program Research and Development Office, VHA will meet with Art Wu, Minority Staff Director, HVAC, Subcommittee for Oversight and Investigations, to answer general programmatic questions related to non profit research and oversight. (3:30 p.m.; 333 Cannon) (Vasquez)

FUTURE COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

February 25, 2009 Joint Subcommittees on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and Oversight and Investigations Hearing. Document Tampering and Mishandling at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 10:00 a.m.; 334 Cannon

February 26, 2009 House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Hearing: VA's Update on Short and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements 1:00 p.m.; 334 Cannon HOB (McGinley)

FUTURE BRIEFINGS and VISITS of INTEREST

March 2, 2009 Mr. Pete Dougherty, Director, Homeless Programs, OPIA will participate in a roundtable discussion with Rep. Christopher Murphy (D-CT-5) on homeless programs. 8:30 a.m.; Waterbury, CT (Vasquez)

TRANSCRIPTS

Rep. Lummis Interviewed on Fox's "Beck"
House Speaker Pelosi Interviewed on MSNBC's "Hardball"

VACANCY: 111th Congress, First Session

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EXTERNAL MEMBER PRESS: HOUSE

Banks: We are putting government funds to work. More than \$400 billion lent out, according to CEOs of eight big banks [Frank-MA] marketwatch.com
Frank pressing for new rules for Wall Street thehill.com
House stimulus vote on hold until Friday thehill.com
Hoyer Says GOP Isn't Interested in Bipartisanship rollcall.com
Pelosi Says GOP Was Treated Fairly rollcall.com
Pelosi's mouse slated for \$30M slice of cheese washingtontimes.com

JOINT 111th CONGRESS ROSTERS

Official List of the Members of the House of Representatives of the United States: One Hundred Eleventh Congress clerk.house.gov
Senators of the 111th Congress senate.gov

JOINT CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

No issues today

FUTURE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARINGS of INTEREST

February 24, 2009 Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing. Legislative Presentation of the Disabled American Veterans 2:00 p.m.; 345 Cannon

March 5, 2009 Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing: Legislative Presentation of Veterans Service Organizations 10:00 a.m.; 106 Dirksen

March 12, 2009 Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing: Legislative Presentation of Veterans Service Organizations 10:00 a.m.; 106 Dirksen

March 18, 2009 Joint House and Senate Full Committee Hearing: Legislative Presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 9:30 a.m.; 334 Cannon

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORTS, TRANSCRIPTS and PRESS RELEASES

No issues today

FUTURE JOINT BRIEFINGS & VISITS of INTEREST

February 18, 2009 Brad Mayes, Director, Compensation & Pension Service, VBA, and Ruth Fanning, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Service, VBA, will brief the Four Corners on various compensation, pension, and transition benefits reports mandated in Public Law 110-389, the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008. Secretary Peake requested that Congressional staff be briefed intermittently as the reports are developed. 10:00 a.m.; Location TBD (Smith)

February 19, 2009 The full Advisory Committee for Women Veterans (ACWV) will brief SVAC, HVAC, and interested members on the committee's work this year and areas of focus for women veterans in the upcoming year. 10:00 a.m.; Cannon 340 (Vasquez)

February 20, 2009 (tentative) HVAC and SVAC staff will visit the Acquisition Training Academy in Fredrick, MD. (Time: TBD) (Smith)

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Conference to Focus on Anti-Counterfeiting, Consumer Protection nist.gov
SP 800-53 Is Available for Public Comment

NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Ames Laboratory Receives High Marks on Annual Report Card: Lab Achieves New Level Of Excellence For Science And Technology Project/Program Management In Department Of Energy Appraisal ameslab.gov

Ames Laboratory Graphic Department Shines at Case District Competition ameslab.gov

Vigorous Exercise May Help Prevent Vision Loss lbl.gov

NATIONAL OCEANIC and ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NOAA: Fetal Exposure to Two Toxins Can Increase Epileptic Seizures and Their Severity noaa.gov

NOAA Offers New Online Media Library Featuring Ocean-Related Photos and Videos noaa.gov

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION and NATIONAL ACADEMIES

No issues today

OFFICE of PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

No issues today

SECURITIES and EXCHANGE COMMISSION

No issues today

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SBA Revises Standard Operating Procedure; Makes it Easier for Lenders to Refinance Existing Lines of Credit sba.gov

UNITED STATES CENSUS

No issues today

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Coast Guard Air Crew Performs Difficult Nighttime Rescue uscglosangeles.com

Coast Guard Conducts Medical Evacuation uscgsandiego.com

Coast Guard continues to urge boaters, beachgoers to exercise caution as hazardous sea conditions remain uscgsanfrancisco.com

Gloucester Coast Guard, fire department recognized for diver rescue uscgnewengland.com

Man medevaced from tanker near La Push, Wash. d13publicaffairs.com

New compliance date for Transportation Worker Identification Credential in American Samoa uscghawaii.com

 U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Neah Bay transits Ohio's Grand River to assist with flood mitigation d9publicaffairs.com - video

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Postal Service Mailing Services Prices to Change on May 11: Annual Pricing Review Results in 2¢ Increase in First-Class Mail Stamp usps.com

US CERT - COMPUTER EMERGENCY READINESS TEAM

National Cyber Alert System. Cyber Security Tip ST04-015: Understanding Denial-of-Service Attacks us-cert.gov

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 **FEDERAL JUDICIARY** ★

U.S. COURT of APPEALS for VETERANS CLAIMS

USCAVC Opinions

U.S. COURTS EXTERNAL MEMBER PRESS

No issues today

STATE GOVERNMENTS

No issues today

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

HELSINKI COMMISSION

No issues today

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

No issues today

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Focus Now on Applying Stimulus, IMF Says Ahead of G-7 imf.org

UNITED NATIONS

Ban declares recruitment, use of child soldiers as 'unacceptable' un.org

Combating terrorism, organized crime among UN police work, says top adviser un.org

UN probe into Gaza incidents begins work un.org

World's poor should not have to bear brunt of financial crisis – Assembly President un.org

WORLD BANK

\$500 Million Microfinance Facility Backs Lenders to the Poor worldbank.org

Financial Crisis Could Trap 53 Million More People in Poverty worldbank.org

EXTERNAL ARTICLES

A Novel Diagnostic Target in the Hepatitis C Virus Genome medicine.plosjournals.org

Aerosols – their part in our rainfall csiro.au

Americans' Reported Spending Down 40% From Last Year: Three-quarters say

TBD (Smith/Pauling)

TRANSCRIPTS

No issues today

JOINT EXTERNAL MEMBER PRESS

Conference tactics leave deep House resentment thehill.com
Dems push stimulus to Friday finish line thehill.com
Did Reid roll Pelosi? politico.com
Filner, Akaka support advance VA funding marinecorpstimes.com
Lobbyists' Money as Popular as Ever rollcall.com
Pelosi Dismisses Rift With Reid on Stimulus rollcall.com
Pelosi, Reid reach \$789B stimulus deal thehill.com
Um, the bill? politico.com

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Afghanistan Security: Corrective Actions Are Needed to Address Serious Accountability Concerns about Weapons Provided to Afghan National Security Forces

GAO-09-366T, February 12, 2009

Afghanistan Security: Lack of Systematic Tracking Raises Significant Accountability Concerns about Weapons Provided to Afghan National Security Forces

GAO-09-267, January 30, 2009

Iraq and Afghanistan: Availability of Forces, Equipment, and Infrastructure Should Be Considered in Developing U.S. Strategy and Plans

GAO-09-380T, February 12, 2009

Transportation Research: The Department of Transportation Has Made Progress in Coordinating and Reviewing Its Research Activities

GAO-09-361T, February 12, 2009

GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

No issues today

FUTURE GAO ENTRANCE and EXIT CONFERENCES

No issues today

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

The Army's Wireless Communications Programs cbo.gov
Monthly Budget Review **February 2009**

CBO COST ESTIMATES

Estimated Macroeconomic Impacts of H.R. 1 as Passed by the House and by the Senate: Letter to the Honorable Judd Gregg cbo.gov

CBO NEWS

No issues today

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE & LOC

No issues today

OFFICE of the FEDERAL REGISTER

DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

No issues today

WHITE HOUSE TRANSITION

Another Obama cabinet pick quits [Judd Gregg] bbc.co.uk
Bredesen in Retreat on HSS: 'I Was Mugged' nashvillescene.com
Biden to "House guys": We ain't rolling you politico.com
First e-mailing prez: Obama keeps his BlackBerry cnet.com
Gregg quits Obama Cabinet, third loss swamppolitics.com
Obama backs off 'Buy American' politico.com
Obama to name Seattle chief drug czar google.com/hostednews/ap
Panetta Wins Unanimous Committee Support for CIA rollcall.com
Rahm's fingerprints all over package, tactics thehill.com
Rahm romances the Senate politico.com

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Air Guard holds Black History month program ngb.army.mil
Black History Month: CSM Reflects on Significant Leaders, Diversity army.mil

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

they are cutting back gallup.com

Army doc, 74, soldiers on toward 3rd tour armytimes.com

Biobanks will provide "electronic specimens" for medical research esf.org

CBO predicts lower GDP in a decade washingtontimes.com

Chief charged with stealing \$366K of supplies navytimes.com

City's Move To Nix Security Cams May Cost Thousands: City Council Votes

Against Video Cameras Funded By Homeland Security thebostonchannel.com

Corps to launch Marine Week event in Chicago marinecorpstimes.com

Curing the Cold? Doctors Say They're Getting Closer abcnews.go.com

Data Hemorrhages in the Health Care Sector dartmouth.edu

DoD names Campbell soldiers killed by bomb armytimes.com

Durability of dental fillings improves if the enzyme activity of teeth is inhibited aka.fi

Eglin hopes to cash in on sand, sun and surf: Base proposes developing public resort airforcetimes.com

Enzyme cocktail converts cellulosic materials, water into hydrogen fuel eurekalert.org

Google buys defunct Finnish paper mill for data center itworld.com

In the Market for a Fixer-Upper, Perhaps [Bald Eagles] pressdisplay.com

Inauguration Bounce in Consumer Confidence Disappears: Consumers' economic assessments and future expectations turning more negative gallup.com

Intel chief: Bad economy a security threat navytimes.com

Less invasive glaucoma surgery allows faster return to normal activity wustl.edu

Mayo Clinic Research Shows That Improving Brain Processing Speed Helps

Memory mayoclinic.org

Mayo Clinic Researchers Discover Drug can Prevent Colon Cancer Development in Mice mayoclinic.org

Medical data leakage rampant on P2P networks scmagazineus.com

Microsoft announces \$250,000 Conflicker worm bounty networkworld.com

Military uses social networking to reach public airforcetimes.com

New post-beta Windows 7 build leaks to Web: With official downloads shut off,

users turn to pirated copies on BitTorrent computerworld.com

Official: DoD re-examining major programs marinecorpstimes.com

Paper, plastic bag fee mulled washingtontimes.com

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