

States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–78)

S. 975, granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–79)

S. 1716, to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–80)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Utah mine disaster, focusing on preventing future coal mining tragedies, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and its continuing importance, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the qualifications for those who advise seniors about financial issues, 3 p.m., SD–628.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 5 through September 8,  
2007

### Senate Chamber

On Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

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*Committee on Appropriations:* September 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Utah mine disaster, focusing on preventing future coal mining tragedies, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Armed Services:* September 6, to hold hearings to examine a report on the findings of the Iraqi Security Forces Independent Assessment Commission, 10 a.m., SH–216.

September 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a report of the Government Accountability Office's assessment of 18 Iraq benchmarks, with the possibility of a closed session in SR–222 immediately following the open session, 9 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 6, to hold hearings to examine the potential human health, water quality, and other impacts of the confined animal feeding operation industry, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* September 6, to continue hearings to examine carried interest (Part III), focusing on pension issues, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* September 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–628.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* September 6, to hold hearings to examine a Department of Homeland Security status report, focusing on assessing challenges and measuring progress, 1:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 5, to hold hearings to examine the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and its continuing importance, 10 a.m., SD–226.

September 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, S. 1845, to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, S. 772, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. Res. 282, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families, S. Res. 134, designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month", and the nominations of Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* September 6, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* September 5, to hold hearings to examine the qualifications for those who advise seniors about financial issues, 3 p.m., SD-628.

### House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services,* September 5, hearing on the Comptroller General's assessment of the Iraqi government's record of performance, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 5, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the role of the Department of Defense in provincial reconstruction teams, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 6, full Committee, hearing on the report of the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* September 5, Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions, hearing on H.R. 2015, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* September 5, hearing entitled "Recent Events in the Credit and Mortgage Markets and Possible Implications for U.S. Consumers and the Global Economy," 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing on H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* September 5, hearing on Iraqi Benchmarks: An Objective Assessment, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 6, full Committee and the Committee on Armed Services, joint hearing on Beyond the September Report: What's Next for Iraq? 9 a.m., 345 Cannon.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* September 5, hearing entitled "Holding the Department of Homeland Security Accountable for Security Gaps," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 6, hearing entitled "Turning Spy Satellites on the Homeland: the Privacy and Civil Liberties Implications of the National Applications Office," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* September 5, to consider a resolution establishing a Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, 10:05; followed by a hearing on Warrantless Surveillance and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: The Role of Checks and Balances in Protecting Americans' Privacy Rights, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on American Workers in Crisis:

Does the Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Law Treat Employees and Retirees Fairly? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Implementation of the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004" (Public Law 108-277) and Additional Legislative Efforts Aimed at Expanding the Authority to Carry Concealed Firearms, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on H.R. 1645, Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* September 6, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007; and H.R. 1913, Great Cats Conservation Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* September 5, to consider the following: H.R. 2786, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

September 6, to consider H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* September 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment hearing on the Benefits and Challenges of Producing Liquid Fuel from Coal: The Role for Federal Research, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Astronaut Health Care System—Results of an Independent Review, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* September 6, hearing on the Small Business Administration's Investment and Surety Bond Programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* September 5, hearing on Structurally Deficient Bridges in the United States, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* September 6, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Veterans Preference, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* September 6, hearing on Fair and Equitable Tax Policy for American's Working Families, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* September 6, executive hearing on Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 7, executive, briefing on Iraq National Intelligence Estimate, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming,* September 6, hearing entitled "The Future of Coal Under Carbon Capture and Storage," 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.