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NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 242)

H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Signed on March 11, 2009. (Public Law 111-8)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 16 through March 21, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 146, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: March 17, to hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command, United States Northern Command, United States Africa Command, and United States Transportation Command, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 18, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of suicides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, 2:45 p.m., SR-232A.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Strategic Command, and United States Forces Korea, with

the possibility of a closed session following in SR-222, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 17, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on modernizing insurance regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulations, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine bank supervision and regulators, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

March 19, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine current issues in deposit insurance, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 19, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on assessing our vulnerabilities and developing an effective defense, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 17, to hold oversight hearings to examine energy development on public lands and the outer Continental Shelf, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nuclear energy development; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Appliance Standards Improvement Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: March 17, to hold hearings to examine tax issues related to fraud schemes and an update on offshore tax evasion legislation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 18, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine what is health care quality and who decides, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 16, to hold closed hearings to receive a briefing on global counterterrorism efforts, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 18, business meeting to consider S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 17, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, with the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, to hold joint hearings to examine law enforcement responses to Mexican drug cartels, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the National Academy of Science's report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and the nomination of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 19, to hold hearings to examine perspectives from main street on small business lending, 10 a.m., SR-428A.