

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,****MAY 16, 2008**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House****Committee Meetings**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD****Week of May 19 through May 24, 2008****Senate Chamber**

On Monday , Senate will be in a period of morning business. 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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* May 21, to hold hearings to examine efforts to create jobs with climate solutions, focusing on the ways agriculture and forestry can help lower costs in a low-carbon economy, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 20, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Defense, 11 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* May 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* May 22, to hold hearings to examine [S. 1919](#), to establish trade enforcement priorities for the United States, to strengthen the provisions relating to trade remedies, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003 at Washington, together with twenty-two bilateral instruments which subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU. The Agreement includes an explanatory note which is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc. 109-14), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, signed on December 7, 2005, at Riga (Treaty Doc. 109-15), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia, signed on February 8, 2006, at Tallinn (Treaty Doc. 109-16), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of Malta, signed on May 18, 2006, at Valletta, that includes an exchange of letters that is an integral part of the treaty (Treaty Doc. 109-17), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and Romania (the ``Extradition Treaty" or the ``Treaty") and the Protocol to the Treaty between the United States of America and Romania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (the ``Protocol"), both signed at Bucharest on September 10, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-11), extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the ``Extradition Treaty" or the ``Treaty") and the Agreement on Certain Aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the ``MLA Agreement"), both signed at Sofia on September 19, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-12), treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Stockholm on December 17, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-12), mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003, at Washington, together with 25 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU, and an explanatory note that is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty [D615D](#)oc. 109-13), and treaty between the United States of America and Malaysia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed on July 28, 2006, at Kuala Lumpur (Treaty Doc. 109-22), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

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May 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) challenge, focusing on securing one of the worlds most dangerous areas, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-07), and treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-10), 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the International Convention Against Doping in Sport, adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on October 19, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110-14), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.  
*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine plant closings, focusing on workers rights and the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN)(Public Law 100-379) Act's 20th anniversary, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine financial speculation in commodity markets, focusing on institutional investors and hedge funds contributing to food and energy price inflation, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

May 22, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to continue hearings to examine improving the security clearance process, focusing on reform efforts to streamline, standardize, and update the process, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* May 22, to hold oversight hearings to examine the status of backlogs at the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine global internet freedom, focusing on corporate responsibility and the rule of law, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protecting the constitutional right to vote for all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the skyrocketing price of oil, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider [S. 2756](#), to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, [S. 2982](#), to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, [S. 1210](#), to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children, [S. Res. 563](#), designating September 13, 2008, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day", and the nominations of Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, William T. Lawrence, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and G. Murray Snow, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine closing the justice gap, focusing on providing civil legal assistance to low-income Americans, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* May 21, to hold hearings to examine the

nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, 2 p.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: May 21, to hold hearings to examine pending health care legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: May 20, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging*: May 22, to hold hearings to examine improving Medicare for the most vulnerable, focusing on senior citizens at risk, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations*, May 22, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, May 20, Subcommittee Workforce Protections, hearing on ICE Workplace Raids: Their Impact of U.S. Children, Families, and Communities, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 21, full Committee, hearing on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel Report: Foundations for Success, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, May 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on [H.R. 5632](#), To prohibit the importation of certain lo-level radioactive waste into the United States, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: [H.R. 1157](#), Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; and [H.R. 758](#), Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ``Germs, Viruses, and Secrets: Government Plans to Move Exotic Disease Research to the Mainland United States," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, May 20, hearing on examining the need for [H.R. 2885](#), Credit Monitoring Clarification Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ``The Impact of Credit--Based Insurance Scoring on the Availability and Affordability of Insurance," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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May 22, full Committee, hearing entitled ``Impact on Homebuyers and Housing Market of Conformng Loan Limit Increase," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee On Domestic Policy of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, joint hearing entitled ``Targeting Federal Aid to Neighborhoods Distressed by the Subprime Mortgage Crisis, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, May 20, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Burma in the Aftermath of Cyclone Nargis: Death, Displacement, and Humanitarian Aid, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America's Image, Part II, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Export Compliance: Ensuring Safety, Increasing Efficiency, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 21, full Committee, hearing on the Rise of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Impacts on U.S. Foreign Policy and Economic Interests, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the U.S.-Israel-Egypt Trilateral Relationship: Shoring Up the Foundation of Regional Peace, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 22, full Committee, hearing on Rising Oil Prices: Declining National Security? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on City on the Hill or Just Another Country? The United States and the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, May 21, hearing entitled "Diversity at DHS: Keeping Pace or Missing the Mark?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 21, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Implications of Cyber Vulnerabilities on the Resiliency and Security of the Electric Grid," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 22, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing on The Border Security Challenge: Recent Developments and Legislative Proposals, focusing on the following bills: [H.R. 5662](#), Putting Our Resources Towards Security (PORTS) Act; [H.R. 5552](#), Border Accountability Act of 2008; and [H.R. 4008](#), SAVE Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, May 20, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on [H.R. 3546](#), To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Immigration Needs of America's Fighting Men and Women, 2:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing of FBI Whistleblowers: Exposing Corruption and Retaliation Inside the Bureau-FBI Counterterrorism Agent, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 22, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Retail Gas Prices, Part 2, Competition in the Oil Industry, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, May 20, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and

Public Lands, oversight hearing on The Future of the National Mall, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 21, full Committee, oversight hearing entitled ``The Danger of Deception: Do Endangered Species Have a Chance?" 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to markup the following bills: [H.R. 2964](#), Captive Primate Safety Act; [H.R. 5350](#), To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia; [H.R. 5451](#), Coastal Zone Reauthorization Act of 2008; and [H.R. 5741](#), Shark Conservation Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on The United States Geological Survey's Earthquake Hazards Program-Science, Preparation, and Response, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.  
*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, May 20, hearing on EPA's New Ozone Standards, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Part-Time Reemployment of Federal Annuitants, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Neighborhoods: the blameless victims of the subprime mortgage crisis, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs of the Committee on Natural Resources, joint hearing on Census Data: Special Issues Related to the U.S. Territories, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 22, full Committee, hearing on Accountability Lapses in Multiple Funds for Iraq, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Neighborhoods: Targeting Federal aid to neighborhoods distressed by the subprime mortgage crisis, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.  
*Committee on Science and Technology*, May 20, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to consider [H.R. 6063](#), National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on [H.R. 5618](#), National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

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May 21, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on EPA's Restructured IRIS System: Have Polluters and Politics Overwhelmed Science, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on American Decline or Renewal?--Globalization Jobs and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.  
*Committee on Small Business*, May 21, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled ``Competitive Bidding for Durable Medical Equipment," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

May 22, full Committee, hearing entitled ``RESPA and its Impact on Small Business, 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 20, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board Casualty Investigation Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Water and Environment, hearing on Reauthorization of the Greats Lakes Legacy Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, May 22, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining the Effectiveness of VBA Outreach Efforts, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

May 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Human Resources Challenges within the Veterans Health Administration, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, May 20, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, May 22, hearing entitled ``Oversight of the Bush Administration's Energy Policy," 9:30 a.m. room to be announced.

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*Next Meeting of the*  
**SENATE**

**2 p.m., Monday, May 19**

**Senate Chamber**

**Program for Monday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business.

*Next Meeting of the*  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**10 a.m., Friday May 16**

**House Chamber**

**Program for Friday:** The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

**Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue**

**HOUSE**

**Berman, Howard L., Calif., [E943](#), [E946](#)**

**Bishop, Sanford D., Jr., Ga., [E941](#)**

**Bonner, Jo, Ala., [E929](#), [E932](#), [E934](#), [E937](#)**