

Please note the changes to **Wednesday's schedule.

Senate Committee on Appropriations
Hearing Schedule for the Week of March 31, 2008

For More Information, Media should contact (202) 224-3904.

Monday March 31, 2008

There are **no hearings** scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2008.

Tuesday April 1, 2008

10:00 a.m. Interior, Environment and Related Agencies (Chairman Feinstein)

Location: SD-124, Senate Dirksen Office Building

Agenda: Examination of the FY 2009 U.S. Forest Service budget request.

Witnesses:

Mark E. Rey, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Abigail R. Kimbell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service.

Wednesday April 2, 2008

9:30 a.m. Energy and Water Development (Chairman Dorgan)

Location: SD-124, Senate Dirksen Office Building

Agenda: Testimony on the Department of Energy's budget request and justification for Fiscal Year 2009.

Witnesses:

The Honorable Raymond Orbach
Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy

The Honorable Alexander Karsner
Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy

David Frantz
Director, Office of Loan Guarantee, Department of Energy

****POSTPONED****

***10:30 a.m.* Defense (Chairman Inouye) CLOSED**

Agenda: NRO/ Space Programs (CLOSED SESSION)

Witnesses:

Mr. Scott F. Large
Director, National Reconnaissance Office

Gen. C. Robert "Bob" Kehler,
Commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

Mr. Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs

**10:30 a.m. Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies
(Chairman Harkin)**

Location: SD-138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: testimony on the National Labor Relations Board Representation Elections and Initial Collective Bargaining Agreements: Safeguarding Workers' Rights?

Witnesses:

Panel I:

Honorable Peter C. Schaumber
Chairman
National Labor Relations Board
Washington, DC

Honorable Wilma B. Liebman
Member
National Labor Relations Board
Washington, DC

Panel II:

Gordon Lafer, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Labor Education and Research Center
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

John N. Raudabaugh, Esq.
Partner
Baker & McKenzie, LLP
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday April 3, 2008

**9:30 a.m. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
(Chairman Murray)**

Location: SD-138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Panel I: Status of Surface Transportation Trust Funds and Impact on Federal Spending

Witnesses:

Honorable James S. Simpson
Administrator, Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation

Mr. James D. Ray
Administrator (Acting), Federal Highway Administration
U. S. Department of Transportation

Mr. John F. McCaskie
Chief Engineer
Swank Associated Companies
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
On behalf of the Transportation Construction Coalition

Mr. William W. Millar
President
American Public Transportation Association

Panel II: Future Outlook and Budgetary Needs for AMTRAK

Witnesses:

The Honorable Joseph H. Boardman
Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration

The Honorable Donna McLean, Chairman of the Board
National Railroad Passenger Corporation-AMTRAK

Mr. Alexander Kummant, President & CEO
National Railroad Passenger Corporation-AMTRAK

Mr. David Tornquist
Assistant Inspector General
United States Department of Transportation

Mr. Joel M. Parker
International Vice President & Special Assistant to the President

Transportation Communications International Union

10:00 a.m. Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (Chairman Mikulski)

Location: SD 192, Dirksen Senate Building

Agenda: Testimony on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Fiscal Year 2009 budget request and justification.

Witnesses:

The Honorable Michael Griffin
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Friday April 4, 2008

There are **no hearings** scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2008.