

*Please note changes to Thursday's schedule.

Senate Committee on Appropriations
Hearing Schedule for the Week of April 7, 2008

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Monday April 7, 2008

There are **no hearings** scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008.

Tuesday April 8, 2008

10:00 a.m. Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies (Chairman Kohl)

Location: SD-192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: FY 2009 Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture

Witness: The Honorable Ed Schafer, Secretary of Agriculture

Accompanied by:

Mr. Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

Dr. Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture

Mr. W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture

Wednesday April 9, 2008

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

Location: SD-192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: FY 2009 Department of Energy Budget Request and Justification

**Witnesses: The Honorable James Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
Department of Energy**

The Honorable Edward F. Sproat, III,
Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
Department of Energy

9:30 a.m. Defense (Chairman Inouye)

Location: S-407, The Capitol

Agenda: Cyber Warfare Programs (CLOSED SESSION)

Witnesses: General Kevin Chilton, Commander STRATCOM
Mr. Chris Inglis, Deputy Director National Security Agency

10:00 a.m. State and Foreign Operations (Chairman Leahy)

Location: SD-138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: FY 2009 Department of State and Foreign Operations Budget Request

Witness: The Honorable Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of State

***Thursday April 10, 2008**

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

Location: SD-124, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: FY 2009 Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Interior Budget Requests and Justifications

Witnesses: The Honorable John Paul Woodley, Jr
Assistant Secretary of the Army
Department of Army

LTG Hans Van Antwerp
Chief of Engineers
Army Corps of Engineers

Kameran Onley
Assistant Deputy Secretary
Department of Interior

Robert L. Johnson
Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation

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

Location: SD-192, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: FY 2009 Department of Justice Budget Request and Justification

Witness: The Honorable Michael Mukasey, United States Attorney General

**10:00 a.m. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
(Chairman Murray)**

Location: SD-138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: The Federal Housing Administration's Role in Addressing the Housing Crisis

Witnesses*: The Honorable Brian D. Montgomery
Assistant Secretary for Housing and
Federal Housing Commissioner
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Kenneth D. Wade
Chief Executive Officer
NeighborWorks America
Washington, DC

David G. Kittle, CMB
President and Chief Executive Officer
Principle Wholesale Lending, Inc., Louisville, KY and
Chairman-Elect
Mortgage Bankers Association

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**2:00 p.m. Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies
(Chairman Harkin)**

Location: SD-138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: Testimony on the Crandall Canyon Mine Accident

Witnesses*: Panel I:

Elliot P. Lewis
Assistant Inspector General for Audit
Office of the Inspector General
United States Department of Labor
Washington, DC

Panel II:

Robert E. Murray
Chairman, President & CEO
Murray Energy Corporation
Alledonia, Ohio

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2:00 p.m. Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Location: SD-124

Agenda: Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request of the Department of Veterans Affairs

Witnesses:

The Honorable James B. Peake, M.D.
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs

The Honorable Michael J. Kussman, MD, MS, MACP
Under Secretary for Health
Veterans Health Administration

Mr. Michael Walcott
Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits
Veterans Benefits Administration

The Honorable William F. Tuerk
Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs
National Cemetery Administration

The Honorable Paul J. Hutter
General Counsel
Department of Veterans Affairs

The Honorable Robert J. Henke
Assistant Secretary for Management
Department of Veterans Affairs

The Honorable Robert T. Howard
Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology
Department of Veterans Affairs

**2:30 p.m. Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies
(Chairman Harkin)**

Location: SD-138, Dirksen Senate Office Building

Agenda: Testimony on the Status of Efforts to Improve Mine Safety and Health

Witnesses*: Panel I:

Honorable Richard E. Stickler
Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health
United States Department of Labor, Washington, DC

John Howard
Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC

Panel II:

J. Davitt McAteer, Esq.
Vice President of Sponsored Programs
Wheeling Jesuit University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Cecil Roberts, International President
United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia

Bruce Watzman
Vice President, Safety and Health
National Mining Association, Washington, DC

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Friday April 11, 2008

There are **no hearings** scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2008.