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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10 – THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARE IN SESSION

Congress returns to Washington this week. Both Chambers are expected to be in session for approximately eight legislative days prior to the November election. A six-month Continuing Resolution (CR) is the one item that Congress must pass during this work period.

On Monday, the Senate will convene to vote on a judicial nomination. Later in the week, the Senate will consider the Vets Jobs Corps Act. Leadership staff have advised that there will be more clarity on the September floor schedule after the Democratic Caucus Meeting on Tuesday. The Foreign Relations Committee will meet on Wednesday and Thursday to consider the nominations of Joseph Macmanus (IAEA), Sharon Villarosa (Ambassador to Mauritius and Seychelles), Walter North (Ambassador to Papua New Guinea), Stephen Mull (Ambassador to Poland) and Dawn Liberi (Ambassador to Burundi).

The House will also convene tomorrow and consider the following items: FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization; the CR; the National Security and Job Protection Act (Sequestration-related measure offered by Representative Allen West (R-FL)); the Vietnam Human Rights Act; a Vietnam human rights resolution; North Korea Refugee Adoption Act; and a Sri Lanka internal rebuilding resolution. Several Armed Services Subcommittees will hold hearings this week on building partner capacity programs, shipbuilding, operational contracting support, F-22 pilot issues, Y-12 intrusion (Energy Deputy Secretary Poneman testifying); audibility challenges and voting issues. The Foreign Affairs Committee and Subcommittees will review issues relating to the South China Sea, treatment of Chinese dissidents, the Haqqani FTO (no USG witnesses testifying), Camp Liberty and strategic operations in Africa. The Committee will also markup H.R. 6313 (To promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland). Several Homeland Security Subcommittees will also hold hearings on transportation security in the wake of 9/11, cyber security, emergency preparedness and Fort Hood. The House Intelligence Committee will meet this week to discuss Huawei and ZTE.

HEARINGS/BRIEFINGS

Monday:

9/10 – SRAP (along with DOD, JS and ODNI) briefings on Pakistan for staff for the House Foreign Affairs Committee, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Further briefings will likely be scheduled at a later date.

Tuesday:

9/11 – House Armed Services Committee hearing on a framework for building partner capacity programs and authorities to meet 21st century challenges. Witnesses: Michael Sheehan (DOD), Lt. General Terry Wolff (DOD) and Janet Laurent (GAO).

9/11 – House Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on Navy shipbuilding and impacts on the defense industrial base in a time of fiscal uncertainty. Witnesses: Sean Stackley (USN) and Rear Admiral Thomas Eccles (USN).

9/11 – House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security hearing on 11 Years Later: Preventing Terrorists from Coming to America. Witnesses: TBD.

9/11 – House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security hearing on 11 Years After 9/11 Can TSA Evolve to Meet the Next Terrorist Threat? Witnesses: TBD.

Wednesday:

9/12 – Senate Foreign Relations Committee nominations hearing. Nominees: Joseph Macmanus (IAEA), Sharon Villarosa (Ambassador to Mauritius and Seychelles), and Walter North (Ambassador to Papua New Guinea).

9/12 – House Armed Services Committee hearing on Operational Contracting Support: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future. Witnesses: Alan Estevez (DOD), Brig. General Craig Crenshaw (J-4), Moshe Schwartz (CRS), and Tim DiNapoli (GAO).

9/12 – House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on Beijing as an Emerging Power in the South China Sea. Witnesses: Bonnie Glaser (CSIS), Peter Brooks (Heritage), and Richard Cronin (Stimson Center).

9/12 – House Foreign Affairs Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigations and Africa joint hearing on Organ Harvesting of Religious and Political Dissidents by the Chinese Communist Party. Witnesses: Michael Posner (State – INVITED) and private sector witnesses.

9/12 – House Foreign Affairs Committee markup of H.R. 6313: To promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland.

9/12 – House Homeland Security Subcommittee Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies hearing on the EMP Threat: Examining the Consequences. Witnesses: TBD.

9/12 – House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications on Resilient Communications: Current Challenges and Future Advancement. Witnesses: TBD.

Thursday

9/13 – Senate Foreign Relations Committee nominations hearing. Nominees: Stephen Mull (Ambassador to Poland) and Dawn Liberi (Ambassador to Burundi).

9/13 – Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Committee hearing on Intelligence Matters with Director Petraeus. Closed.

9/13 – House Armed Services Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces hearing on F-22 pilot physiological issues. Witnesses: General Gregory Martin (Ret.), Clinton Cragg (NASA), Maj. General Charles Lyon (USAF).

9/13 – House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces hearing on Y-12 Intrusion: Investigation, Response, and Accountability. Witnesses: Deputy Secretary Daniel Poneman (DOE) and Neile Miller (NNSA).

9/13 – House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel hearing on the Federal Voting Assistance Program. Witness: Pamela Mitchell (DOD).

9/13 – House Foreign Affairs Subcommittees on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade hearing on the State Department's View of the Haqqani Network: Foreign Terrorist Organization or Not? Witnesses: Daniel Benjamin (State – INVITED) and private sector witnesses.

9/13 – House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on Conditions at Camp Liberty: U.S. and Iraqi Failures. Witnesses: Daniel Fried (State – INVITED) and private sector witness.

9/13 – House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa hearing on Assessing U.S. Policy on Peacekeeping Operations in Africa. Witnesses: A/S Johnnie Carson (State) and A/S Ester Brimmer (State).

9/13 – House Intelligence Committee hearing on the Investigation of the Security Threat Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE. Witnesses: TBD.

9/13 – House Homeland Security Subcommittees on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications and Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies joint hearing BioWatch Present and Future: Meeting Mission Needs for Effective Biosurveillance. Witnesses: TBD.

Friday

9/14 – House Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on DOD Auditability Challenges. Witnesses: Elizabeth McGrath (DOD), Robert Hale (DOD), Gladys Commons (USN), Mary Sally Matiella (USA), and Marilyn Thomas (USAF).

9/14 – House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on Lessons from Fort Hood: Improving our Ability to Connect the Dots. Witnesses: TBD.