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U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Commerce Committee Roundup

May 5th – 9th, 2008

Press Releases

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May 6th: [Stevens Pushes NOAA to Address IUU Fishing on the High Seas](#)

May 7th: [Stevens Urges Congress to Move Forward on FAA Reauthorization](#)

Commerce Committee Hearings

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May 6th: [The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Oversight Hearing of 2008](#)

This hearing provided an opportunity to address general NOAA oversight issues facing the agency during the remaining session of the 110th Congress, as well as the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 budget request. During the hearing Senator Stevens urged NOAA to address the increasing problem of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

May 7th: [Reauthorizing the Vision for Space Exploration](#)

The Subcommittee considered the issues regarding the upcoming reauthorization of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

May 7th: [The State of the Airline Industry and the Potential Impact of a Delta/Northwest Merger](#)

This hearing examined the current financial state and long-term economic outlook of domestic air carriers and the implications of consolidation.

May 8th: [Improving the Capacity of U.S. Climate Modeling for Decision Makers and End-Users](#)

This hearing examined the current computing capacity to process models at the regional and local scales, the need for continuous observational data to support the models, and the basic science to support the improvement of the next generation of climate models to meet the needs of decision makers.

Upcoming Committee Hearings

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May 13th: [TSA FY 2009 Budget Oversight Hearing](#)  [Add To My Calendar](#)

The hearing will examine the FY 2009 budget request for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as well as general oversight of the agency and its implementation of recently enacted statutes such as the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act (SAFE Port Act) and the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act.

May 14th: [Plastic Additives in Consumer Products](#)  [Add To My Calendar](#)

The hearing will examine: 1) chemicals in plastics found in consumer products, specifically phthalates and BPA; 2) the health implications of these chemicals and their alternatives; and 3) federal government assessments of the toxicity of these chemicals.

Upcoming Executive Sessions

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May 15th: [Executive Session](#)  [Add To My Calendar](#)

Committee members will consider:

1. S. 2685, Truth in Cigarette Labeling Act of 2008
2. H.R. 1187, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act
3. S. 2281, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act
4. H.R. 1006, the Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2007
5. Fiscal Year 2009 Maritime Administration and Authorization Act
6. S. 2699, Oil Spill Prevention Act
7. Ms. Lily Fu Claffee, to be General Counsel of the United States Department of Commerce
8. Dr. William J. Brennan, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere at the United States Department of Commerce