



The National Organization of Portuguese-Americans Legislative Alert © February 23, 2010

As a part of NOPA's mission to empower Portuguese-Americans, this Legislative Alert is sent out every two weeks as pertinent developments occur in order to keep the community informed of legislative action at the national level. This objective, non-partisan report aims to educate those interested about action on Capitol Hill that may affect the Portuguese-American community at large.

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Update of Interest

Congress returned this week from the President's Day break. On Monday, the Senate began debate on Majority Leader Reid's stripped down jobs bill and a vote on final passage is expected later this week. He will also likely bring a bill up in the Senate to extend the expiring UI and COBRA provisions from ARRA as well as a continuation of the physicians 'payment fix' under Medicare.

On Thursday, President Obama will host a healthcare summit and bring an updated health reform plan that includes the "best ideas" from the House- and Senate-passed healthcare bills. Details on the President's proposal can be found at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/proposal>

Additional information on Thursday's healthcare summit can be found at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/bipartisan-meeting>

Allan Katz Hearing Rescheduled for Ambassadorship to Portugal

Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Hearing/Markup

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 02:30 pm

There will be a full committee hearing on "Foreign Policy Priorities in the FY2011 International Affairs Budget" and markup of S.2961. Included on the agenda is Allan Katz to be ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

Witness(es): Secretary of State Hillary Clinton testifies

Location: 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Contact: 202-224-4651 <http://foreign.senate.gov>

Note: The hearing is rescheduled from February 10th and the markup is rescheduled from February 9th. The markup is scheduled to begin as soon as a quorum is present at the hearing.



Events of Interest

The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC); and the Brazil-U.S. Business Council - Forum

February 24, 2010 at 12:30 pm

The Woodrow Wilson Center (WWC); and the Brazil-U.S. Business Council holds a Forum Brazil luncheon of 2010 with keynote remarks by Pedro Brito do Nascimento, minister in the Presidential Special Office for Port Development of Brazil.

Location: U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Contact: 202-691-4000; <http://www.wilsoncenter.org>

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