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Attached are the Pending Issues, the Policy Time Calendar for this month, the Working Group Calendar for this week and next, and the Cabinet Member Schedule for the following week, and the Policy Time Checklist.

Thanks,  
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May 24, 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR JOSH BOLTEN, JOEL KAPLAN, KARL ROVE, JOE HAGIN, and  
MIKE GERSON

FROM: STEVE MCMILLIN, JEREMY KATZ, and MYRIAH JORDAN

RE: NIGHT NOTE

**Immigration Reform.** The Senate continued debate on the immigration reform bill today and conducted the following votes (as of 7:00pm): The Hutchison Amendment to enhance border security by creating a pilot SAFE Visa Program to grant visas to authorized nationals of a NAFTA or CAFTA-DR country who receive employment offers in job areas in the United States that have been certified by the Secretary of Labor as having a shortage of workers was rejected, 31-67. The Gregg Amendment to amend title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the diversity visa program and create a program that awards visas to aliens with an advanced degree in science mathematics, technology, or engineering was agreed to 56-42. The Byrd Amendment to fund improvements in border and interior security by assessing a \$500 supplemental fee under title VI was agreed to 73-25. A motion to waive a Budget Point of Order was agreed to 67-31. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to 73-25. A motion to table the McConnell Amendment to implement the recommendation of the Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform to protect and secure the franchise of all United States citizens from ballots being cast illegally by non-United States citizens was rejected 48-49 (amendment fell upon invoking of cloture).

**Veterans.** Tomorrow Secretary Nicholson will testify in front of the House Veterans Affairs Committee at 9:00 AM and the Senate Veterans Affairs at 10:00 AM. WHC, DPC and Jeremy participated in a murder-board session with Secretary Nicholson this evening. VA's GC informed us that he shared a detailed tick tock with Committee staff earlier this afternoon of events and conversations post May 3<sup>rd</sup> when the burglary took place. We expect this timeline to be a central focus of the hearings tomorrow. The timeline includes law enforcement sensitive information that we had previously not disclosed publicly such as the fact that the data was stored on an external hard drive as well as when the VA alerted the White House COS' office of the incident. This evening, DPC, WHC and Press will coordinate on Tony Snow's message tomorrow.

**Telephone Excise Tax.** Tomorrow the Secretary of Treasury will announce that the U.S. Government will abandon its court fight to continue to collect the long distance portion of the Telephone tax and that the IRS will refund the last three years of the tax as a credit on people's 2006 tax returns. The Secretary will also announce that the Administration will support legislation to repeal the local portion of the tax. A press release will go out at 10:00 am. At 10:35 am, the Secretary and Senator Santorum (PA) will conduct a press conference call. Treasury is still setting-up a press availability with the Secretary and Representatives Mike Fitzpatrick (Pennsylvania, 8th), Jim Gerlach (Pennsylvania, 6th), Melissa Hart (Pennsylvania, 4th) for later in the morning.



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### **Other Issues**

- Advanced Energy Initiative (Epifani/NEC; Katz)
- Airlines Foreign Investment Rule (Sharp/DPC; Jordan) – OMB cleared DOT's Supplemental Proposed Rule on Airlines Foreign Investment on 5/1, and it has been sent to the Federal Register. DOT hopes to use this interim, non-final rule to tamp down Hill opposition to the rule and to strike the prohibition attached to the Senate Supplemental Appropriations bill.
- AHPs (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Amtrak (Sharp/DPC; Jordan)
- American Competitiveness Initiative (Snyder/DPC; Jordan) – Senate Commerce Committee approved its innovation legislation on 5/18 by a unanimous vote, with little debate and without mention of the Administration's letter in opposition. The bill and accepted amendments remain inconsistent with ACI in nearly every way. Among other things, the bill authorizes a host of new programs that focus on non-ACI priorities (such as technology development and commercialization), and authorizes funding levels well in excess of the President's request.
- *ANWR (Epifani/NEC; Katz) – House Republican leaders intend to stage a floor vote on an ANWR bill on Thursday or Friday. About 30 Democrats are expected to support the bill.*
- Asbestos (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- *Asia Pacific Partnership (Cohen/CEQ; Jordan) – Connaughton met with Senator Pryor to give him an update on funding for the Asia Pacific Partnership. Senator Pryor expressed an interest in circulating a second letter with a broader range of signatures to appropriators in support of the \$52 million in the President's budget for the Partnership.*
- *Avian Flu (Venkayya/HSC; Katz) - The investigation into a family cluster of H5N1-infected persons in Indonesia continues. There have been no significant developments since last night, and there continues to be no/no evidence of sustained, efficient human-to-human transmission of the virus that would raise concern for an impending pandemic. To date, seven of eight blood relatives with H5N1 influenza have died. While the index (first) case appears to have been exposed to sick poultry, such exposure has not been identified in the other seven family members. This has raised suspicion for limited human-to-human transmission of the virus among family members who were in close contact with each other. Reassuringly, genetic analysis of the virus at the CDC and a WHO laboratory in Hong Kong has not shown a significant mutation that would lead to more efficient human-human transmission, and there is no evidence of transmission outside of the family or in the community. This is important because in order for a human pandemic to occur, sustained, efficient human-to-human transmission must occur.*
- Aviation Security (Baker/HSC; Jordan)
- Aviation System Financing (Sharp/DPC; Jordan)
- Boutique Fuels (Epifani/NEC; Katz)
- Boycott Countries (Shirzad/NSC; Katz)
- BSE (Herrmann/NSC; Katz)
- CAFE (Sharp/DPC; Katz)
- CALEA (Russell/NEC; Katz)



- California Levees (Bear/CEQ; Jordan) – Following up on the 5/1 interagency agreement to expedite levee repair, Federal and State officials have agreed to collaborate on a joint endangered species impact analysis due for inter-agency review on 6/7. All federal design submissions for California levees are on track. However, many State designs are behind schedule, due in large part to continued high waters that have prevented the State’s contractor from obtaining survey and other information. Federal resource agencies have pledged to work with the State and its contractor by beginning the preview process with limited data. If the State’s submission is sufficient, the endangered species analysis should be finalized by June 15.
- Campaign Finance Reform (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Canadian Lumber (Shirzad/NSC; Katz)
- Career Advancement Accounts (Sharp/DPC; Jordan)
- Cargo Security/TWIC (Baker/HSC; Jordan) – DHS issued a press release on 5/9 announcing the TWIC NPRM. OMB cleared the TWIC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on 5/8. Although the final fee level will be set in the Final Rule, the initial estimate is approximately \$139 for most applicants. Workers who have already had a full or equivalent background check by DHS (HAZMAT drivers, Merchant Mariner License holders, and Free and Secure Trade (FAST) participants) will pay a reduced fee of approximately \$105. The Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard plan 4 public hearings May 31 – June 8. The public will have 45 days from the date of publication to provide comment. We expect significant media coverage and public comment.
- **CDBG (Streeter/DPC; Jordan)** – On 5/9, after 2 passbacks, OMB cleared the CDBG Reform legislative proposal and HUD is finalizing the package for transmittal to the Hill. There are no substantial changes to the key reforms on the formula, performance measures, or challenge grants. ***HUD plans to transmit the bill on Thurs, and they have set up briefings for key approps and authorizer staff today and Thurs. They are also setting up some media briefs by the end of the week.***
- **CFIUS Reform (Hunter/NSC; Katz)** – *The House Homeland Security Committee, making good on a commitment by Rep. King to his minority counterpart Rep. Thompson (MS), held its hearing today (5/24) to review CFIUS consideration of critical infrastructure under CFIUS cases. A/S Lowery and A/S Baker will testified for the Administration. The hearing was slightly contentious, nearly 15 Members were present, and the questions asked were similar to those raised earlier at the time of the DP World case. While this hearing should likely not have press implications, NSC reports it demonstrates that CFIUS is still a contentious issue and Members still need to further understand the current process and measures we are taking to address Congressional concerns.*
- CFIUS: Alcatel (France)/Lucent (US) (Hunter/NSC; Katz) – The companies met with CFIUS agencies on 4/25 to provide background on their merger. They are forming a "proxy"/ independent U.S. subsidiary with a U.S. board to handle USG contracts, ie. Bell Labs. Alcatel is currently operating under a Special Security Agreement for U.S. operations. Next Steps: The companies have not yet determined when they will file. On 4/28, Rep. Hunter sent a letter to the President noting approval for the Dubai Holding case but that he is “skeptical whether the current CFIUS process could provide adequate, verifiable assurances that” highly classified work by Bell Labs “will be protected”. Sen. Schumer has said he is ok with the deal.
- CFIUS: Axalto (NL)/Gemplus (Luxembourg) (Hunter/NSC; Katz) – CFIUS decided on 5/4 to initiate a 45-day investigation of the proposed Axalto/Gemplus merger, given open questions raised during the 30-day review period. The companies were offered the opportunity to withdraw their filing to allow CFIUS to complete its analysis without putting the case on



trajectory towards the President's desk. However, the companies prefer the certainty of the investigation's schedule. Day-45 of the investigation is Monday, June 19th, and the President's report would be due on July 5th. Axalto (NL) and Gemplus (Lux) are EU companies with U.S. subsidiaries producing smart cards used for multiple purposes including federal IDs. The transaction is valued at \$200 million.

- *CFIUS: Iberdrola (Spain)/Community Energy (U.S) (Hunter/NSC;Katz) – Day-30 is May 26; \$30 mil. Iberdrola is a large and diverse EU energy company. Community Energy, located in Wayne PA, is a developer and owner of wind energy generation facilities on the east coast that also trades in Renewable Energy Credits. This case continues to appear unproblematic.*
- *CFIUS: Toshiba (Japan)/Westinghouse (UK) (Daly/NSC; Katz) – On 5/2, Toshiba and Westinghouse formally filed their request for a CFIUS review. Day 30 of the review is 6/1, and Day 45 of any potential investigation would be 7/17, well after PM Koizumi's visit during the week of 6/26. DNI's draft intel report identified one sensitive issue, in light of Japanese export control actions, and DOE is negotiating a security agreement. Bodman's sense is that the transaction does not pose significant risks. DOE disagreed with the draft DNI assessment of vulnerability (and will be working with the DNI on the factual inaccuracies of their assessment).*
- *CFIUS: Next Week Seven Cases Come Due: (Hunter/NSC; Katz) - Seven cases will reach conclusion to their 30-day review next week including Toshiba. NSC reports that most of these cases should not be contentious, and none appear likely candidates for investigation. Here is a quick list of the cases.*
  - *ZincOx Resources (UK)/Big River Zinc Day-30 is May 31; \$10 mil. ZincOx is a world leader in the treatment of zinc-bearing metal. Big River from Sauget, Il, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a Korean company, and produces 100k tons of zinc per year.*
  - *Wendel (France)/Deutsch Devices Day-30 is May 31; \$1.4 bil Wendel is private investment company with diverse holdings in energy, real estate, and construction materials. Deutsch, from CA, designs and manufactures electrical interconnection devices for use in various market segments, including defense/aerospace.*
  - *Interros (Russia)/Plug Power Inc Day-30 is May 31; \$285 mil. Interros, a Russian investment firm. Plug Power, from NY, is a publicly traded firm producing fuel cell technology.*
  - *GE Fanuc (U.S./Japan)/SBS Tech Day-30 is May 31; \$215 mil GE Fanuc produces computer hardware and software products. SBS, from NM, designs and builds standard and customized computer products used in telecomm, medical, and defense industries.*
  - *AudioCodes (Israel)/Nuera Comm Day-30 is May 31; \$85 mil. AudioCodes, publicly traded, sells digital processor chips, media gateways, and media server platforms to OEMs. Nuera, from CA provides VOI Protocol infrastructure solutions.*
  - *Singapore Tech (Sing)/Lee Holding Day-30 is June 2; \$129 mil; Foreign government control. Singapore Tech is an engineering, aerospace and defense company. Lee Holding produces commercial asphalt pavers and other road construction and maintenance equipment.*
- *Children's Safety Act (Ho/DPC; Jordan) – With almost no fanfare, the Senate passed the Children's Safety Act on 5/4 by unanimous consent. The House passed its version of the bill in November and again in March, but Senator Kennedy had placed a hold on the Senate version, insisting on provisions that would make offenses actionable as hate crimes if based on sexual orientation. After Senator Kennedy agreed to remove his hold last on 5/4, Leader Frist hotlined*



the bill for consideration by the full Senate. The Children's Safety Act would require states to notify one another when a sex offender moves from one state to another, and make it a federal crime punishable by up to 20 years in prison for sex offenders who refuse to comply with registration requirements. The House and Senate bills will need to be conferenced, as the House version contains additional provisions addressing judicial security and other crime issues that the Senate version does not.

- Civil Rights (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Clean Air Act (Stolpe/CEQ; Jordan)
- Climate Change (St. Martin/CEQ; Jordan)
- ***Columbia River Salmon (Schildwachter/CEQ; Jordan) – Yesterday one of the 20-plus lawsuits affecting the Columbia River Salmon issue was decided in District Court (Oregon). Judge Redden invalidated the Endangered Species Act "Biological Opinion" that authorizes the irrigation dams operated by the Department of Interior on the Snake River in Idaho. He used the same basic rationale by which he previously invalidated the Biological Opinion on the hydropower dams on the Columbia. A Biological Opinion is needed to show that federal actions are consistent with ESA. This latest rejection of a Biological Opinion is significant for two reasons. First, it underscores the difficulty of the new standard of performance the judge is imposing on agencies who write Biological Opinions. Second, it threatens the viability of a hard-won conservation agreement reached among irrigators and the Nez Perce Tribe. Those interests are opposed in other lawsuits.***
- Community Service Executive Order (Troy/DPC; Jordan)
- Cooperative Conservation (Butler/CEQ; Jordan) – The Cooperative Conservation Task Force Senior Policy Team met on 5/19 to develop a legislative strategy for the Cooperative Conservation Legislative Package. They determined that the following sequencing would be most consistent with related ongoing efforts: a) Confirmation and swearing in of Governor Dirk Kempthorne as Interior Secretary; b) Announcement of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Marine Sanctuary; c) Circulation of Cooperative Conservation legislative summary for informal comment; d)ESA rule release. e) Formal transmittal of the Cooperative Conservation Package. Note, it is possible that ongoing discussions with the Hill could result in the Cooperative Conservation package being transmitted ahead of the release of the ESA rules. However, barring unforeseen circumstances, neither will occur before Governor Kempthorne is seated.
- Critical Infrastructures Protection (Nielson/HSC; Jordan)
- DC Voting Rights (Streeter/DPC; Jordan) – Davis's bill, which passed out of the House Government Reform committee on 5/19 and was sent to Judiciary, would give DC a representative in the House. WHCO and OLC have reviewed the bill following an EOP meeting on the 19th. They maintain that Davis's bill is not constitutional, first, because representation requires statehood, and second, because DC cannot be construed to be a state. They disagree with the Starr/Dinh view that the Constitution's "district clause" gives Congress the ability to establish representation for DC in the House. Their view is that the Constitution allows Congress to legislate on DC-related matters, but that it cannot trump other more specific provisions in the Constitution, i.e., that only states are allowed to have representatives. There is currently no activity scheduled in Judiciary for the bill.
- Doha (Shirzad/NSC; Katz)
- DOT Congestion Initiative (Sharp/DPC; Jordan) – On 5/15, Secretary Mineta briefed WH staff on DOT's comprehensive strategy for reducing traffic congestion around the country. The six-point plan is designed to relieve urban congestion, increase the use of public-private partnerships, promote operational and technological improvements, target major freight and



passenger corridors, and accelerate aviation capacity improvements. The Secretary rolled out this plan on 5/16 in a speech to the National Retail Federation.

- Drugs (Katsurinis/ONDCP; Katz)
- Drug Reimportation (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Education Growth Models (Snyder/DPC; Jordan)
- Eminent Domain EO (Ho/DPC; Jordan) – A deputies meeting was convened on 4/28 to consider a DPC-drafted Executive Order that would address the Supreme Court's 2005 decision in *Kelo* by stating that (a) the federal government's exercise of eminent domain shall be available only for public use, and (b) the term "public use" shall not be construed to include economic development. Deputies were generally supportive of the proposed EO. The EO will be submitted upon approval from Dan Bartlett.
- Endangered Species Act (Schildwachter/CEQ; Jordan) – CEQ held a deputies-level meeting on 5/22 to review progress on development of revised regulations for improved implementation of the Endangered Species Act. The draft regulations are ready for proposal and public comment, but await Governor Kempthorne's review (after his confirmation) and a principals meeting regarding the timing for public release. OLA expressed little concern about the timing. No communicators attending the meeting (they were invited), and so CEQ is going to follow up on some of the concerns they've expressed previously, providing message material for communications review. Communicators have, in the past, expressed concern about publicity on the issue, but such publicity is not tied to timing. CEQ will also draft a memo for principals exploring the option of a complementary legislative proposal. CEQ expressed concern that they have had difficulty getting leadership at DOC/NOAA to engage on the issue. No one from the agency attended the meeting, and they have not attended most meetings on the subject, even though it is a joint NOAA-Interior issue (Secretary Scarlett attended).
- Entitlement Commission (Blahous/NEC; Katz)
- Estate Tax (Kupfer/NEC; Katz)
- Everglades (Connaughton/CEQ; Jordan)
- Farm Bill (Hennessey/NEC; Katz)
- FDA (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Federal Marriage Amendment (Moreland/DPC; Jordan) – The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the Federal Marriage Amendment on 5/18 on a party line 10-8 vote. A floor vote is expected during the week of June 5.
- Federal Sentencing Guidelines (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- FHA Reform (Streeter/DPC; Jordan)
- *Flood Insurance Program (Kupfer/NEC; McMillin) – On 5/23, the Senate Banking Committee released its proposal for Thursday's mark-up. As a general matter, NEC says the bill is stronger than the House bill, in that it allows for faster premium increases, especially for subsidized policies, and mandates that residual risk properties (those protected by man made structures) be included in the program. In order to increase compliance, the bill raises penalties on lenders who fail to enforce the mandatory purchase requirements, and directs lenders to escrow flood insurance payments. The bill proposes to forgive all of the debt relating to the 2005 hurricanes (about \$23 billion). It also calls for the creation of a reserve fund - set at a target rate of one percent of the overall exposure (about a \$9 billion fund). Shelby's staff reports that Sarbanes is on board, and so we do not anticipate any major changes as it moves through committee.*
- Florida's Herbert Hoover Dike (Copeland/CEQ; Jordan)
- Florida Levees (Copeland/CEQ; Jordan)



- National Forest Management (Schildwachter/CEQ; Jordan)
- Foster Care Waivers (Pardue/DPC; Jordan)
- Freedom Corps E.O. (Sayle/USAF; Jordan)
- Fuel Waiver (Epifani/NEC; Katz)
- Gangs (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- GSEs (Kupfer/NEC; Katz)
- **Health IT (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)** – Secretary Leavitt met on 5/18 with DPC, OMB, and HSC to discuss his strategy for facilitating adoption of the 2006 health IT standards that the AHIC will deliver this September. Leavitt recommends that in 2007 we require providers as a condition of doing business with the Federal government (i.e., CMS, DOD, OPM) to adopt/implement the AHIC health IT standards. DPC will convene Deputies on 5/30 in the first step of a policy process headed towards policy time with the President. *NEC (Roy Ramthun) hosted a meeting with DPC, OMB, OVP, OPM and HHS today to discuss legislation sponsored by Rep. Porter which is designed to provide electronic health records for Federal Government employees. While the group agreed that the bill was generally in line with the President's goal of promoting adoption of Health IT, there were concerns about the bill being too far ahead of Secretary Leavitt's AHIC process which is focused on harmonizing standards for Health IT. In addition, there are concerns about the bill's funding mechanism for Health IT, which takes money from premium reserves for plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program instead of making the costs more explicit and part of the premium negotiation process with OPM. Both OPM and HHS agreed to reach out to Porter as well as the Chair of Government Reform and Oversight (Chairman Davis) to reign in Porter. Porter will go forward, without Administration opposition, with a hearing on 6/13.*
- Helping America's Youth (Parker/DPC; Jordan)
- **Highways Commission (Sharp/DPC; Jordan)** – On 5/23, Secretary Mineta hosted the inaugural meeting of the highways commission. As part of the recent Highway bill, the Administration was required to establish a commission to study highway funding and highway policy. Secretary Mineta chairs the group and the President has three other appointees on the panel - Mary Peters former Federal Highway Administrator, Rick Geddes, former economist with CEA, and Steve Odland, CEO of Office Depot. Other members were appointed by the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate, the Speaker, and the House Minority Leader. The Administration and CBO both predict the Highway Trust Fund will run dry around 2009 and may need to be replaced as the primary funding mechanism for roads and bridges on the National Highway System.
- **HHS (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)** – Charlie Currie, the Presidentially appointed director of SAMHSA (substance abuse and mental health services administration) will announce his resignation tomorrow. The resignation will be effective on 8/5.
- Housing (Streeter/DPC; Jordan)
- Human Trafficking (Streeter/DPC; Jordan)
- Hurricane (Connaughton/CEQ; Jordan) – NOAA released an updated forecast for the 2006 Atlantic hurricane season. NOAA predicts eight to 10 hurricanes, including four to six major storms of Category 3 or higher. Last year, there were 15 hurricanes. "Although NOAA is not forecasting a repeat of last year's season, the potential for hurricanes striking the US is high," said NOAA Administrator Conrad Lautenbacher. The 2005 hurricanes' flooding and power outages took out around 2.6 million b/d of refining capacity along the Gulf Coast and the process of restarting the last of those downed refineries -- a Murphy Oil plant near New Orleans -- has only recently gotten underway. To avoid a rerun of last year's chaos, operators of onshore



facilities such as refineries, processing plants and pipelines have been stockpiling essential materials and buying emergency generators and satellite phones.

- ***Immigration: Alien Smuggling Hearing (Moreland/DPC; Jordan) – The House Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing this afternoon on "Alien Smuggling: Issues and Responses." The witnesses for the hearing were Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX), David Iglesias (US Attorney for New Mexico), Matthew Allen (ICE), and T.J. Bonner (National Border Patrol Council). Iglesias wrote an op-ed that was published in the Washington Times in February that expressed support for the anti-smuggling provisions in HR 4437, the House border security and enforcement bill.***
- Immigration Assimilation (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- ***Immigration Deputies (Troy/DPC; Jordan) – DPC chaired the first of its semi-weekly immigration deputies meetings on 5/23, as directed by the Deputy Chief of Staff. Deputies raised a number of key issues, and discovered at least some duplication of effort on cabinet travel, which is now being resolved. The Thursday meeting will focus on changes we will want to make in the Senate product as passed, in preparation for principals and policy time next week.***
- Immigration: No Match (Baker/HSC; Jordan) – HSC held a meeting on 5/4 to discuss disagreement over release of the DHS no match rule. OLA still thinks that this could be disruptive to proposed legislation on the Hill. DHS still feels strongly about releasing the rule, and Sec. Chertoff would like to contact Grassley and Frist to see if this rule would be problematic for them. It was agreed that OLA will contact Frist's office, and see if Frist is concerned about release of the rule..
- ***Immigration: Refugees/Material Support (Ho/DPC; Jordan) – The Leahy Amendment regarding the material support bar to refugee admission was defeated on a motion to table, 79-20. The Administration opposed the amendment.***
- Immigration Worksite Enforcement (Baker/HSC; Jordan)
- Indian Gaming (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Indian Trust/Cobell (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Intellectual Property Rights (Shirzad/NSC; Katz)
- Iraq Consistency of Benefits (O'Sullivan/NSC; Jordan)
- Katrina: FEMA and Charter Schools (Snyder/DPC; Jordan)
- Katrina: Gulf Coast Office (NEC; Jordan)
- Katrina Housing Rebuilding Plan (Streeter/DPC; Jordan)
- Katrina Mobile Homes (Streeter/DPC; McMillin)
- Katrina: New Orleans Levees (Copeland/CEQ; Jordan)
- Katrina: Report on New Orleans Levees (Copeland/CEQ; Jordan) – A group of independent investigators has released a report entitled: "Investigation of the Performance of the New Orleans Flood Protection Systems in Hurricane Katrina on August 29th, 2005." The 547-page report concludes that armoring levees is good, and clay should be preferred in construction of new levees. One surprise was the declaration that the failure at INHC/9th Ward was not caused by overtopping, but by under-seepage. The report also states that more detailed scientific analysis is required. There were a few press accounts of the report on 5/22. CEQ is preparing a more detailed summary of the report.
- Katrina Sub-group Accountability (Snyder/DPC; Jordan) – Secretary Spellings hosted a "reporter roundtable" on 5/17 where she made a policy announcement regarding Katrina-sub group accountability. Following Hurricane Katrina, ED established flexibility around the



accountability provisions for states impacted by Hurricane Katrina and those states enrolling large numbers of displaced students. States who have been instructing a high number of displaced students following this past summer's Gulf Coast hurricanes are creating a unique 'subgroup' for accountability purposes to ensure that they receive focus and attention within a fair system. For accountability purposes only, ED has approved 5 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas) to establish a unique subgroup of displaced students. A school will not be identified for improvement if this subgroup is the only reason the school did not make AYP. There are several provisions on this flexibility including students must be assessed; states must report results for the displaced students; schools will be held accountable for ensuring these students participate in the assessment; and the State must provide remedial education assistance if a student is not proficient on State's assessments. In addition to the flexibility for states with large numbers of displaced students, ED has approved Louisiana and Texas to implement the flexibility option that allows a school not to move forward in the "improvement" timeline if the reason for "failure" is tied directly to a natural disaster. Note: Mississippi and Florida have not asked for any flexibility as of yet associated with accountability and the students affected by the hurricanes.

- Klamath Basin (Schildwachter/CEQ; Jordan)
- Legal Reform (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Lobbying Reform (Kelley/WHC; Jordan)
- Medicaid Commission (Ramthun/NEC; Katz) – The Commission last met on 5/17-18 in Dallas, TX. NEC hosted a PCC on 5/16 where HHS presented Leavitt's preliminary ideas on the future of the program and how the Commission fits into that vision. Deputies convened on 5/19 and reconvened on 5/23 before Principals meet on Thursday and we move forward to policy time with the President on 6/2.
- Medical Liability Reform (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Mine Safety (Sharp/DPC; Jordan)
- MS Homeowner Compensation Plan (Streeter/DPC; McMillin)
- Mt. Soledad Cross (Ho/DPC; Jordan) – IGA convened a meeting on 5/22 with San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and a member of Congressman Duncan Hunter's staff to discuss the situation regarding the Mt. Soledad memorial. A federal district court has ordered the city to remove a large cross that is part of a veterans memorial. Congressman Hunter and the Mayor have requested that the federal government begin condemnation proceedings to bring the land within the National Park System. At the meeting on the 22nd, the Administration reiterated what was stated in the letter sent to Congressman Hunter and Mayor Sanders on 5/19, i.e., DOJ is looking at the issue and will determine what administrative avenues are available. A possible legislative remedy was also discussed, and Congressman Duncan's staffer said that Duncan has already talked to Rep. Lewis about addressing the issue in the supplemental appropriations bill. The Mayor expressed gratitude for the Administration's willingness to consider the issue and said he did not want to put the President and the Administration in a difficult position. The Mayor did ask, however, that the Administration inform him as soon as possible whether the federal government can act so that a contingency plan can be made.
- NASA (Russell/OSTP; Katz)
- National Park System (Schildwachter/CEQ; Jordan)
- Native Hawaiian (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- NCLB (Snyder/DPC; Jordan)
- New Orleans Elections (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- New Source Review (Stolpe/CEQ; Jordan)



- Northwestern Hawaiian (Kuska/CEQ; Jordan)
- OCS (Epifani/NEC; Katz)
- Oman FTA (Nova/NSC; Katz) – On 5/10, the House Ways and Means Committee held a mock mark-up of the Oman FTA. The Senate Finance Committee held its mock mark-up on 5/18. Labor issues were contentious, as expected, and the Senate Finance passed their mock-mark with two amendments on labor issues (one requiring periodic reporting on forced labor and the other taking FTA benefits away in cases of slave labor). USTR is not pleased by these amendments as they will complicate the FTA's passage on the Hill. NSC is working with WH and USTR leg staff to determine the timing for introducing a final bill in Congress. The purpose of a mock mark-up is to allow Congress the ability to advise the Administration (through a non-formal mark-up of draft legislation) on the content of the final FTA legislation.
- Online Pharmacies (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Online Predators (Pardue/DPC; Jordan)
- OPM (Ramthun/NEC; Katz) – *The President's FY 2007 Budget Proposal is now cleared to be transmitted to the Hill by OPM. The proposal removes the statutory limit on the number of plans BlueCross BlueShield can offer to federal employees. OPM, which manages the federal employees health benefits program, would require, by regulation, any new plan offering by BlueCross to be an HSA plan. More than 55% of federal employees are currently enrolled in the two traditional (non-HSA) plans currently offered by BlueCross. Currently, only about 6,000 federal employees are enrolled in HSA plans, including only about 80 employees at the White House EOP. NEC and OMB believes this proposal is the fastest way to increase in enrollment in HSA plans because federal employees could switch to an HSA plan without giving up their familiarity with BlueCross and its network of medical providers.*
- Part D (Ramthun/NEC; Katz)
- ***Pensions (Blahous/NEC; Katz) – Discussions continue on the at-risk provision in the pension bill. Hubbard spoke with each of Grassley, Thomas and Boehner today. After the Boehner conversation AH called Grassley again and spoke to him. AH plans to also call Thomas based on the most recent conversation with Grassley; more on these conversations at the end of this note. Our basic message is that we want the strongest at-risk provision that we can get. Boehner has asked us to weigh in with Grassley to consider a version of the at-risk test that is based off of the House concept, but strengthened. Grassley's staff was already considering and has asked us to model such a provision on an expedited basis. Grassley may start by suggesting to Boehner a tougher version of the House test, which toughening would be good with us. On the downside, the outline received here also contains a problematic loophole vis-a-vis funding relief for sponsors in troubled industries -- allowing them to discount their liabilities with an 8.5% interest rate. Our first guesstimates are that this would be a large loophole and perhaps fatally weaken the bill. If however this latitude can be corrected than other aspects of the discussion look more promising. The outline we received contemplates effectively a 4-year transition (one year of delayed effective date, followed by a three-year phase-in). This might also considerably weaken the overall bill and a faster transition may be needed. We won't know for sure until further analysis is done. In sum, discussions between us and the key R players have been very substantive today and are trending in the direction of an accommodation between the pension negotiators. Boehner asked AH to call Grassley back and indicate that we were open to the new at-risk approach, which AH did. AH also raised with Grassley the problem of the 8.5% interest rate; Grassley indicated that this was Thomas's idea (presumably to be better than allowing plan sponsors to set their own assumptions.) The loophole of using an 8.5% interest rate is quite large, especially when one***



*considers that under the yield curve, those sponsors might be required instead to use something closer to a 6.1% interest rate. The difference between those two interest rate assumptions could turn a 73% funded plan into an apparently 100% funded plan, a point that AH will seek to make with Thomas (and potentially others.)*

- PEPFAR (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Philly Commuter Rail Labor Dispute (Sharp/DPC; Jordan) – The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and its commuter rail employees represented by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE) have been unable to reach a negotiated collective bargaining agreement and likely will be released from mediation this week by the National Mediation Board (NMB). Once released, the parties must maintain the status quo (no strikes or lockouts) for 30 days. If, during that 30-day period, one of the parties requests it (as we assume they will), the President is required to establish a Presidential Emergency Board (PEB) to keep the railroad running for at least another 60 days (total of 90 after NMB release) and to help resolve the dispute. PPO has vetted candidates for these positions, and WH Counsel's office will oversee clearance of an EO to create the PEB should it become necessary.
- Port Security (Rasicot/HSC; Jordan)
- Postal Reform (Sharp/DPC; Jordan)
- Postage Rate Increase (Sharp/DPC; Jordan)
- Potassium Iodide/KI (Kaplan/OMB; Katz) – *The Deputies meeting scheduled for 5/23 which McMillin was set to host had to be postponed.*
- RESPA (Streeter/DPC; Jordan) – *On 5/23, at a deputies meeting on HUD's proposal for RESPA (Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act) Reform, HUD laid out the basic policy and the timeframe for moving forward on their proposed rule. On the policy side, the plan is to standardize the Good Faith Estimate form (GFE) that consumers receive while beginning the home buying process, and to make it easier to match its list of charges to the HUD-1 form that is presented at closing with all charges spelled out. The GFE would make disclosure of brokers' fees more transparent and would organize the variety of fees and charges in an easily understandable way. HUD's proposal would also require that a "tolerance" be revealed on the form, which would be a percentage variance between the estimate and the final charges, in an effort to reduce the "surprise factor" that many homebuyers face at closing. HUD proposed a 10% tolerance, but CEA advised leaving that to the brokers and lenders as a way of increasing competition and allowing market forces to work more freely. HUD will likely invite comment in the rule on the best approach to tolerances. With regard to timing, Secretary Jackson now prefers that HUD delay publication of the RESPA rule until the FHA reform bill moves forward. Support for the FHA bill remains quite strong, including among brokers. However, brokers are the one industry group likely to have complaints about HUD's RESPA proposal (because their fees are more visible to consumers under HUD's proposal), and HUD is concerned that their resistance to the RESPA proposal could turn into trouble for the FHA bill. There was general agreement among deputies that waiting until the fall to publish the RESPA rule, after assessing progress on the FHA bill, was a good idea.*
- Ryan White (Levin/DPC; Jordan) – The Senate HELP Committee reported out a version of the Ryan White CARE Act reauthorization very much in line with the Administration's proposals. Each of the President's reauthorization goals is met, although the bill allows for transition periods before each must be implemented. Since the transition periods are all shorter than 5 years, however, all transitions must be completed before the next reauthorization, allowing the President's aims to be met and to serve as the baseline for the next reauthorization. The chief remaining concern is that the bill authorizes approximately \$120 million over our budget



request for the program, although a House version is likely to pull back at least some of that increased authorization. The Administration's preference had been not to authorize specific amounts in the bill, and that remains a point the HHS negotiators will argue in the final stages of negotiation. The House Energy and Commerce Committee now plans to mark up the bill in the first week of June, but Chairman Barton has signaled he may delay the mark up. OLA and HHS are working to persuade the committee to move swiftly and avoid delay. The President has called for reauthorization in his last two State of the Union addresses, and provided the final bill does not stray far from the Senate version, passage would be a major success.

- SBInet (Baker/HSC; Jordan)
- School Choice (Snyder/DPC; Jordan)
- Science Education Progress (Snyder/DPC; Jordan) – The results of the 2005 National Assessment of Education Progress Science Assessment was released on 5/24, 2006. The 2005 science assessment results show a pattern consistent with the math and reading assessment results released in October 2005. There is improvement in 4th grade, achievement is flat in 8th grade, and there is a decline in 12th grade achievement. Fourth grade: students performing at the lowest levels made the greatest gains; the achievement gap for both Hispanic and black students decreased; eight states (CA, GA, MD, KY, SC, TN, TX, VA) showed significant improvement between 2000 and 2005. Eighth grade: average score for physical science was lower in 2005 than in previous years (no change for earth science or life sciences); there was no significant change in the achievement gap for black or Hispanic students; the achievement gap closed for lower income students. Twelfth grade: scores declined; the achievement gap increased for black students but did not change for Hispanic students.
- Section 8 Reform (Streeter/DPC; Jordan) – DPC is currently reviewing a draft rule reforming HUD's Section 8 program. Reform legislation has been stuck in committee for 3 years running. At \$20 billion, the Section 8 program at HUD is nearly 2/3 of HUD's budget and has remained largely impenetrable to the spirit of welfare reform. Some key reform measures such as setting time limits on housing assistance could be done through a rule, though one key measure on income eligibility requires statutory change. HUD believes there is a possibility that several House Financial Services members may try to move a Section 8 reform bill that would be more administrative and not achieve much reform at all. DPC met with HUD and OLA on 4/7 to discuss a way to address the statutory change we need in whatever the members might do, and then prepare a rule to drop at the end of the year to achieve our remaining reform objectives when the 109th wraps up. OLA is facilitating a meeting with the Speaker's office to engage House leadership on the issue.
- Sentencing Reform (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Steroids (Ho/DPC; Jordan)
- Stem Cells/Bioethics (Levin/DPC; Jordan) – DPC held a meeting with OLA, Communications, and OPL to discuss the possibility of a Senate vote on stem cell funding. OLA reported Senate leadership is working on a deal to bring three bills to a vote: the Castle-DeGette bill (passed by the House last May) to overturn the President's funding policy, a bill (co-sponsored by Senators Santorum and Specter) to fund ethical alternatives in stem cell research, and a bill (not yet formally proposed) to prohibit so-called "fetal farming," the initiation of a pregnancy solely to result in an abortion to yield fetal tissue for research purposes. Negotiations are ongoing and no deal has been reached, but a Senate vote (and therefore Senate passage) of the bill in the coming weeks now seems a real possibility. The President has said he would veto the Castle-DeGette bill, but the other two are very much in line with his principles. Should all three pass the Senate, as OLA expects, the House might then quickly pass the latter two bills, allowing the President to



sign two positive stem cell bills while vetoing a third that crosses an important ethical line. OLA will continue to work to prevent Senate passage of Castle-DeGette, and if passage becomes unavoidable will work to make sure the other two bills reach the President at the same time. DPC will work with Comms to prepare the ground for a possible vote (and continue the ongoing information campaign in support of the stem cell policy), and will work with OPL to prepare a signing/veto event should one become necessary.

- TANF (Streeter/DPC; Jordan)
- *Telecom (Russell/NEC; Katz)* – Chairman Sensenbrenner has introduced the Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2006 to make it an antitrust violation to fail to provide equal access to bandwidth on broadband networks (this issue is commonly now being referred to as Network Neutrality). This bill is scheduled for mark-up by the full House Judiciary Committee this Thursday, May 25th. On a separate note, the FCC will postpone its Advanced Wireless Service auction from 6/29 to 8/9 to give bidders more time to understand new rules the FCC implemented in April. *On a separate note, the FCC will reject CBS's petition for reconsideration of the \$550,000 indecency fine from the 2004 Super Bowl half-time show. The FCC is likely to make the announcement this week.*
- Tricare (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Voting Rights Act (Ho/DPC; Jordan) – On 5/16, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the need to reauthorize Section 5 (the "preclearance" section) of the Voting Rights Act (VRA). Written testimony of the witnesses, which included noted election law experts Rick Pildes of New York University Law School and Pam Karlan of Stanford Law School, focused on provisions in the Sensenbrenner-Specter reauthorization bill intended to overturn the Supreme Court's 2000 decision in *Bossier Parish II* and its 2003 decision in *Georgia v. Ashcroft*. In particular, Professor Pildes expressed concerns that: (i) overruling *Georgia v. Ashcroft* would be a mistake, because it will diminish needed flexibility for states with respect to redistricting; and that (ii) current Supreme Court doctrine will not permit Congress simply to reauthorize Section 5--with exactly the same scope of coverage as in 1982--without adequate evidence that jurisdictions covered by Section 5 have significantly greater problems of race, ethnicity, and voting rights than non-covered jurisdictions. Another hearing on the VRA was originally scheduled for 5/17, but has been postponed. A SAP expressing support for renewing the VRA, but also raising concerns with the bill as drafted, is in OMB clearance.
- Wetlands (Connaughton/CEQ; Jordan)
- WH Conference on Aging (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- *Veterans Cemetery (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)* – OLA indicates it is likely that Congress will pass a bill called "*The Respect for America's Fallen Heroes*" which will prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and the Arlington National Cemetery. OLA's hopes to have the President sign the bill on Memorial Day.



## POLICY TIME – MAY/JUNE 2006

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
21	22 NO TIME	23 NO TIME	24 10:45-11:30 DPC: TANF (45 min)*	25 8:55-9:40 HSC: Immigration (45 min)*	26 NO TIME	27
28	29 NO TIME  <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>	30 1:55-2:40 NEC: Econ Update (45 min)*	31 2:50-3:35 HSC: Hurricane Preparedness (45 min)*	1 1:05-1:50 DPC: Immigration (45 min)*	2 2:35-3:20 NEC: Medicaid (45 min)*	3
4	5 2:25-3:10 Kaplan (45 min)	6 TBD (Travel?)	7 TBD (Travel?)	8 NO TIME	9 NO TIME	10
11	12 TBD	13 TBD	14 TBD Kaplan (45 min)	15 TBD DPC: Health IT (45 min)	16 NO TIME	17
18	19 TBD	20 TBD	21 TBD	22 TBD	23 TBD	24

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**Possible May/June Policy Times: Avian; AMT; Autos; Eminent Domain; Endangered Species Act; Human Services Regulation;  
Immigration Material Support; Port Security; Voting Rights Act  
Regular Reports (Date of last PT): Competitiveness (3/27), Energy (4/20), and Health (4/7); Economic Update (4/10);  
Katrina Update (4/26)**

\* Indicates Cabinet Member Attendance



## Working Group Calendar

### WORKING GROUP CALENDAR

Monday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>
8:00 OLA: Principals Conf Call on Immigration (MJ)	8:00 OLA: Principals Conf Call on Immigration (MJ)	8:00 OLA: Principals Conf Call on Immigration (MJ)	10:00 DPC: Weekly Call w/ HHS (JK)	
9:00 Meeting w/ FTC Chairman on Gas Report (JK)	9:15 DPC: Weekly DOT Call – PCC (MJ)	9:00 NEC: Deputies Follow Up Conf Call on Medicaid (JK)	2:00 HSC: Meeting on Land Borders and Vaccine Prioritization – PCC (JK)	
<b>9:30 NEC: Weekly American Energy Initiative Action Team (JK)</b>	10:00 DPC: Deputies Meeting on RESPA (MJ)	11:00 DPC: Weekly Conf Call w/ DOL (MJ)	3:30 NEC: Weekly Medicare Meeting – PCC (JK)	
10:00 CEQ: Deputies Meeting on Endangered Species Act (MJ)	11:00 DPC: Meeting on Stem Cell Strategy (MJ)	2:00 NEC: Meeting on HR 4859 (Health IT) (JK)	4:00 NEC: Weekly Medicaid Meeting – PCC (JK)	
<b>11:00 NEC: Weekly Health Care Action Team (JK)</b>	1:00 COS: Deputies Meeting on Potassium Iodide (JK)	5:30 DPC: Weekly DOJ Call – PCC (MJ)	5:00 DPC: Bi-Weekly Deputies Meeting on Immigration (MJ)	
2:00 DPC: Meeting on Stem Cell Strategy (MJ)	2:00 NEC: Meeting on Medicaid Commission – PCC (JK)			
2:15: NEC: Meeting on Medicare Part D (JK)	3:00 Comm: Avian Flu Communications Team Meeting (JK)			
<b>2:30 NEC: Weekly Entitlement Action Team (JK)</b>	3:00 DPC: Weekly ED Call – PCC (MJ)			
<b>4:00 DPC: Weekly ACI Action Team Meeting (MJ)</b>	5:00 DPC: Bi-Weekly Deputies Meeting on Immigration (MJ)			
5:00 NEC: Conf Call on GSE's (JK)				
7:30 DPC: Conf Call Feinstein's "Orange Card" amendment (MJ)				



## Working Group Calendar

Monday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>9:30 NEC: Weekly American Energy Initiative Action Team (JK)</b>  <b>11:00 NEC: Weekly Health Care Action Team (JK)</b>  <b>2:30 NEC: Weekly Entitlement Action Team (JK)</b>  <b>3:30 DPC: Weekly ACI Action Team Meeting (MJ)</b>	9:15 DPC: Weekly DOT Call – PCC (MJ)  2:00 DPC: Deputies Meeting on Health IT (JK)  3:00 DPC: Weekly ED Call – PCC (MJ)  5:00 DPC: Bi-Weekly Deputies Meeting on Immigration (MJ)	11:00 DPC: Weekly Conf Call w/ DOL (MJ)  5:30 DPC: Weekly DOJ Call – PCC (MJ)	10:00 DPC: Weekly Call w/ HHS (JK)  3:30 NEC: Weekly Medicare Meeting – PCC (JK)  4:00 NEC: Weekly Medicaid Meeting – PCC (JK)  5:00 DPC: Bi-Weekly Deputies Meeting on Immigration (MJ)	



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THURSDAY 05 / 25 / 2006

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**Secretary Rice, Secretary Rumsfeld, AG Gonzales, Secretary Chertoff & Acting Director Johnson**

8:55am – 9:40am      **Roosevelt Room**      Policy Time re Immigration

*Invited Participants:*

White House

Vice President

Josh Bolten, CoS

Karl Rove, DCoS

Joel Kaplan, DCoS

Steve Hadley, NSC

Harriet Miers, WHCO

Fran Townsend, HSC

Dan Bartlett, Counselor

David Addington, OVP

Candi Wolff, OLA

Tony Snow, Press Secretary

Nicolle Wallace, Communications

Ken Rapuano, HSC

Barry Jackson, Senior Advisor's Office

Steve McMillin, CoS

DOD

Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense

DHS

David Aguilar, Chief, Office of Border Patrol

Joint Chiefs of Staff

General Peter Pace, Chairman

National Guard Bureau

Lieutenant General Steven Blum, Chief

**Secretary Leavitt**

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FRIDAY 05 / 26 / 2006

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No Events Scheduled.

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MONDAY 05 / 29 / 2006

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No Events Scheduled.

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TUESDAY 05 / 30 / 2006

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**Secretary Mineta**

2:00pm – 4:00pm      **Room 164**      Office Time

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WEDNESDAY 05 / 31 / 2006

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No Events Scheduled.



## POLICY TIME CHECKLIST

PT DATE	POLICY COUNCIL/ SUBJECT	<u>PCC</u>	<u>DEPUTIES</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u> <u>S</u>	<b>CABINET DATE HOLD</b>	<b>INVITE LIST APPROVAL</b>	<b>INVITE SENT</b>	<b>PAPER TO STAFF SEC.</b>	<b>SEATING CHART APPROVAL</b>
		<b>BOLD = DONE</b>	<i>ITALICS = PLANNED</i>		<b>(7 DAYS OUT)</b>	<b>(4 DAYS OUT)</b>	<b>(3 DAYS OUT)</b>	<b>(2 DAYS OUT)</b>	<b>(1 DAY OUT)</b>
<b>MAY 24</b>	<b>DPC TANF</b>	<b>MAY 2</b>	<b>MAY 8</b>	<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/15</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/18</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/19</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/22</i>	<b>OVAL</b> <i>5/23</i>
<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>HSC Immigration</b>			<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/16</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/19</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/22</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/23</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/24</i>
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b>NEC Econ Update</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/18</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/23</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/24</i>	<i>5/25</i>	<b>OVAL</b> <i>5/26</i>
<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>HSC Hurricane Preparedness</b>		<b>MAY 18</b>		<b>DONE</b> <i>5/19</i>	<b>ASAP</b> <i>5/24</i>	<i>5/25</i>	<i>5/26</i>	<i>5/30</i>
<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>DPC Immigration</b>				<b>ASAP</b> <i>5/22</i>	<i>5/25</i>	<i>5/26</i>	<i>5/30</i>	<i>5/31</i>
<b>JUNE 2</b>	<b>NEC Medicaid</b>	<b>MAY 16</b>	<b>MAY 19, 24</b>	<i>MAY 25</i>	<b>DONE</b> <i>5/23</i>	<i>5/26</i>	<i>5/30</i>	<i>5/31</i>	<i>6/1</i>
<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>TBD</b>	NO DATE	NO DATE	NO DATE	<b>N/A</b> <i>5/24</i>	<i>5/30</i>	<i>5/31</i>	<i>6/1</i>	<i>6/2</i>
<b>JUNE 6</b>	<b>TBD</b>	NO DATE	NO DATE	NO DATE	<i>5/25</i>	<i>5/31</i>	<i>6/1</i>	<i>6/2</i>	<i>6/5</i>
<b>JUNE 7</b>	<b>TBD</b>	NO DATE	NO DATE	NO DATE	<i>5/26</i>	<i>6/1</i>	<i>6/2</i>	<i>6/5</i>	<i>6/6</i>