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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.

Thanks,  
James  
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November 2, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR ANDY CARD, KARL ROVE, JOE HAGIN, and MIKE GERSON

FROM: STEVE MCMILLIN, BRIAN HOOK and JEREMY KATZ

RE: NIGHT NOTE

**PBGC.** PBGC has concluded that they are obligated to, and may soon release, pension information about the Ford and IBM plans in response to a Bloomberg FOIA request. There was a similar situation with the GM pension plan several weeks ago. It is not yet settled whether the counsels of the Labor Department and other PBGC board Departments agree with the PBGC interpretation. If they conclude the information must be released then this information will become public and could precipitate a reaction from Ford and IBM. Because this is a matter of legal interpretation the White House is maintaining our customary distance from these decisions. PBGC's decision could come as early as tomorrow afternoon.

**Avian Flu.** Today, Secretary Leavitt testified in front of House and Senate Appropriation Committees and unveiled the "HHS Pandemic Influenza Plan" which covers the medical and public health components of pandemic preparedness and response. Leavitt also hosted a conference call along with Deputy Secretary Sampson and WH staff for 20 Association representatives to discuss preparedness and response efforts related to pandemic influenza and the private sector. Senate Democrats called on the President to insist that the House agree in conference to a Senate-passed plan providing nearly \$8 billion to prepare the nation for a potential outbreak: "He should publicly insist that the House accept what we did," said Senator Harkin (one of the sponsors of the flu amendment that was attached to the Labor-HHS spending bill last week). Tonight, Fran will send a memorandum to all Cabinet Secretaries asking them to assign a senior representative to oversee their Department's planning efforts and coordinate their participation in the preparation of the implementation plan. HSC's goal is to have a draft of the implementation plan complete in time for a tabletop exercise with the President and members of the Cabinet on December 10<sup>th</sup> and then be ready to publicly release a final version of the implementation plan by the end of the year.

**Tsunami Response.** All six commissioners of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) (an independent agency) voted this afternoon not to revoke the antidumping orders on shrimp from India and Thailand following the impact of the December 2004 tsunami on their industries. The ITC's decision can be challenged in court, but the decision ends for the foreseeable future any prospect of Indian or Thai shrimp entering the United States free of antidumping duties. Having pressed the U.S. government to find a way to lift these duties after they were imposed in February 2005, the Indian and Thai governments are likely to again press for relief through alternative means now that the ITC has issued its decision.

**GO Zones.** Maggie in IGA has arranged for a call to take place tonight between Al and Mayor Nagin. The purpose of the call is for Al to explain the details of our Gulf Opportunity Zone Proposal to the Mayor.

## Other Issues

- Amtrak (Sharp/DPC; Hook)
- Asbestos (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- *Associated Health Plans (Leggitt/DPC; Katz) - Yesterday, Senator Enzi introduced his AHP bill entitled the "Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act of 2005." The bill differs dramatically from the Administration's AHP proposal because, among other things, it fails to authorize self-insured AHPs and attempts to federalize a floor for mandated benefits. DPC will lead a PCC tomorrow to discuss the bill.*
- *Aviation System Financing (Sharp/DPC; Hook) - This afternoon, DOT and FAA met with DPC, OMB, CEA, and OVP to present their proposal for reforming the finances and governance of our airport and air traffic control network. Our aviation system is funded largely through dedicated ticket and fuel taxes. These fees are not tied in any way to the actual cost of running the system, nor to the cost imposed on the system by individual users. The overall goal of the Department's plan is to more equitably distribute the costs of the system based on use. This generally means the large high-fare commercial carriers will pay less, and low-fare airlines and the general aviation community will pay more. DPC will initiate a policy process for EOP consideration of DOT's proposal.*
- *Bahrain FTA (Daly/NSC; Katz) - Today, House Ways and Means held a mock mark-up of the Bahrain FTA bill (Senate Finance has not yet scheduled its own mock mark-up). Although USTR believes the Bahrain FTA will pass in both chambers, there are some difficulties getting buy-in from House Democrats due to concerns regarding Bahrain labor practices. USTR is working with Bahrain and Congress to resolve the concerns. State has proposed that Secretary Rice contact the Democratic and Republican committee leaderships to help push the FTA through. Following the mock mark-ups, USTR will send to the NSC the formal legislation to be sent to the Hill, which will likely occur within the next few weeks.*
- *Brazil Compulsory Licensing of HIV/AIDS Drugs (Hunter/NSC; Katz)*
- *BSE (Sommers/NEC; Katz) - It came to our attention yesterday that there could be a minor hitch in the resumption of beef trade with Japan. USDA initiated an enhanced BSE surveillance program 18 months ago per the recommendation of an International Review Team (IRT) that came to the U.S. to determine our vulnerability to widespread BSE infection. Per the IRT's recommendation, this surveillance program is set to expire at about the same time Japan's 30 day comment period on reopening ends (Dec 2). There has been some concern that the sunset of this program could lead Japan to back off their commitments on beef trade. Consequently, NEC worked with OMB and USDA to ensure this program continues until after Japan's market has re-opened.*
- *CAFE (Sharp/DPC; Hook)*
- *Campaign Finance Reform (Taylor/OPA; Hook)*
- *Canada Lumber (Hunter/NSC; Katz)*
- *Case Management for Evacuees (Streeter/DPC; Hook) – DHS announced last week through a press release that they have awarded the \$66 million case management contract to UMCOR, an NGO that will be hiring 600 case managers and enlisting 2,400 volunteer case managers to help evacuees get stabilized. The contract is for a two-year period. DHS predicts that one month will be required to get the program ramped up, which essentially involves recruiting the case managers and getting them distributed throughout the evacuee population.*
- *China (Herrmann/NSC; Katz) - Last night U.S. and Chinese negotiators initialed a tentative agreement on textile and apparel trade that will take effect on January 1, 2006. The agreement establishes quotas on trade in 20 product categories and will provide for annual growth rates*

ranging from 8 to 17 percent until the agreement expires on December 31, 2008. Negotiators separately concluded a "bridge agreement" that will establish a quota on sock imports for the remaining two months of this year, at which point a quota on socks contained in the broader agreement will take effect. Ambassador Portman and Minister Bo will likely sign the agreement on Monday in Geneva. In the interim, based on a commitment to Minister Bo, USTR will respond to inquiries by indicating that we are very close to reaching a final agreement, but that a few remaining issues still must be resolved. While this is factually accurate, the remaining bracketed text will not stand in the way of formally concluding the agreement on Monday. NSC will be working with USTR and Commerce on a roll-out strategy.

- Clear Skies (Stolpe/CEQ; Hook) -
- Community College Grants (Sharp/DPC; Hook)
- Cotton (Daly/NSC; Katz)
- Davis Bacon (Sharp/DPC; Katz)
- Doha (Hunter/NSC; Katz) - Portman testified before the House Agriculture Committee today. Responding to questions Portman said the basic elements of a farm trade deal must be settled in meetings next week in Europe for Doha to stay on track. "The pressure is on. The clock is ticking," Portman told the House Agriculture Committee. NSC/NEC believe they need to bring Portman and Johannis in this week to engage them in discussions on their plan for next week and leading into December.
- Drug Reimportation (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Education (Troy/DPC; Hook) - The OMB Director's review for Education was held today. The two priorities discussed were the high school initiative and the creation of a choice incentive fund ("Pell for Kids"). Under OMB's tentative recommendations, the 2007 budget would likely propose the same program terminations and reductions as in the FY06 budget—a net decrease of 4-5%, along with spending offsets in the Perkins Loan institutional fund recall, and not including the CPIU increase for Vocational Rehabilitation. Additionally, the budget would not propose FY 06 Budget/campaign initiatives that Congress has or is likely to reject in reauthorization, along with not including programs that Congress has rejected in appropriations for the FY06 budget.
- Eminent Domain (Ho/DPC; Hook) - Rep. Sensenbrenner's Private Property Rights Protection Act) is scheduled for a floor vote tomorrow. The bill passed the House Judiciary Committee on a 27-3 vote just last week, and was not expected to be on the floor so soon. Co-sponsored by Rep Conyers, the bill would prohibit States and localities from using eminent domain powers for purposes of mere "economic development" if they receive federal economic development funds during the same fiscal year. Any violation of this prohibition would result in ineligibility for such federal funding for two years. The legislation also prohibits the federal government from using its own power of eminent domain for economic development purposes. Senator Cornyn has introduced a similar, but narrower, bill in the Senate. Senator Cornyn's bill would apply only when states and local governments use federal funds to pay for the taken property. Both the Sensenbrenner and Cornyn bills seek to counter the U.S. Supreme Court's recent (and widely unpopular) Kelo decision, which held 5-4 that "economic development" can be a "public use" under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause. A SAP expressing support for House passage of the Sensenbrenner bill in order to safeguard private property rights, but leaving room to work with both Houses to address some concerns, is in the OMB clearance process.
- Endangered Species Act (CEQ; Hook) – On 9/30 the House passed Pombo's rewrite of the ESA by a vote of 229-193.
- Exon-Florio/CFIUS Hearings (Hunter/NEC; Katz)

- FAA (Sharp/DPC; Hook) - FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association continue to negotiate a new contract.
- Farm Bill (Sommers/NEC; Katz)
- FDA (Thompson/DPC; Katz) - Tomorrow, an FDA federal advisory board will discuss the possibility of allowing rapid HIV tests to be sold over-the-counter. This move has been controversial for years, since the time when finding out that one is HIV+ was a certain death sentence. AIDS activists are slowly supporting the idea recognizing that HIV is now a chronic disease and the need for people to know their status is crucial to curbing the growth of the epidemic.
- FDIC Reform (Warsh/NEC; Katz)
- Federal Sentencing Guidelines (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- Fiduciary Duties of Union Officials (Sharp/DPC; Hook) – DOL has formally submitted to OMB clearance a request for information regarding the fiduciary duties of union officials under the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act.
- Flood Insurance (Warsh/NEC; Katz) - House Financial Services increased the borrowing authority of the Federal flood program by \$5 billion; floor action is expected this week. Senate Leadership instructed Senate Banking on Friday to await House action, and then provide an additional \$5 billion (total \$10 billion) so they can avoid a second vote on the subject until late January.
- Florida Everglades (Hannegan/CEQ; Hook)
- FMLA (Sharp/DPC; Hook)
- Global Fund (Thompson/DPC; Hook) - The World Health Organization IG is preparing a report on allegations of misconduct/misuse of funds at the Global Fund. The report is expected to be released sometime before the Global Fund board meeting in Morocco on Dec. 12-16. We do not yet know how severe the findings will be, but the head of the WHO has privately said the report will be “substantial.” It could range from someone having not followed proper administrative procedures to evidence of the need for the Executive Director to step down. The Coordinator's Office is working on possible communications options when the report is released.
- GSEs (Warsh/NEC; Katz)
- *Gulf Coast Transportation Infrastructure Reconstruction Proposal (Sharp/DPC; Hook) - Today DOT briefed DPC, OVP, CEA, NEC, and OMB on a proposal that would establish a long-term infrastructure bank governed by a state/local/Federal/private sector Board of Directors, to serve as a conduit for vetting and financing transportation improvement projects in the Gulf Coast Region. Louisiana and Mississippi have requested billions of dollars for improvement projects (as opposed to repairs) that we have thus far declined to support. DOT believes this bank would be a check against wasteful spending if federal funding is ultimately provided by reserving a role for the Federal government in approving projects and ensuring regional coordination. DPC, NEC and OMB will vet this proposal through the Interagency Council process, in coordination with Don Powell.*
- Head Start (DPC; Hook) - The House has approved a Head Start bill. The bill introduces more competition to the program and involves states and localities to a greater degree.
- *Health Care Big Ideas (Ramthun/NEC; Katz) - Tomorrow NEC will host a Principals meeting to present four options for equalizing tax subsidies for Health Care. NEC's hopes to make this a decisional meeting so that options can be presented with recommendations from the President's advisors in Policy Time next week.*
- Health IT (Leggitt/DPC; Katz) – The target date for the next AHIC meeting is November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Helping America's Youth (Medina/DPC; Hook) -

- Homesteading (Streeter/DPC; Hook) - DPC, OMB, and HUD have worked through all of the outstanding issues that Sen. Allard's staff and Senate Banking staff had raised before Allard would agree to introduce the bill. The issues centered on whether an authorized budget amount would be included and whether HUD would have the ability to make certain financing arrangements available as part of the program. We agreed that Allard could include an amount if he wished, but we left it to his staff to determine the number in conjunction with the FHA experts. And we all agreed that no new financing arrangements were needed, since financing instruments currently on the market are sufficient. While we have heard Allard is "eager" to introduce the bill, we still do not know when.
- Housing (Streeter/DPC; Hook) - Michael Jackson met on 10/31 with Al Hubbard and EOP deputies to discuss transitional housing issues. They discussed how to handle the population that reaches the maximum of direct cash assistance it can receive from FEMA but still has rental housing needs, and how to deal with the flow of trailers into the region. There was basic agreement that trailers could continue so long as they were needed for people whose work required it or who would locate on their property while their homes are being rebuilt. FEMA must demonstrate it clearly understands these criteria. They also agreed that FEMA should pay for additional rent on a means-tested basis for families that have reached the maximum of FEMA cash assistance for legitimate reasons other than rent. There will be a firm 18-month maximum for all FEMA rental assistance and other FEMA funded trailers and apartments. DHS will follow up by giving us a clear communications plan, which has been lacking up to now.
- Immigration (Ho/DPC; Hook) – Tomorrow, HSC, DPC, and CoS will meet with Judiciary Committee and Homeland Security Committee staff to discuss immigration reform. Chairman Sensenbrenner intends to drop a border security bill tomorrow or Friday, but Chairman King will wait until mid-November. HSC chaired an interagency conference call this evening and asked for legislative language we would like the committees to consider.
- Indian Trust/Cobell (Ho/DPC; Hook) - The Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit granted on 10/25 the Justice Department's request for an emergency stay of Judge Lamberth's most recent order in the Cobell case. Judge Lamberth had ordered the Interior Department to shut down all its computer systems that involve Indian trust data either directly or indirectly. The Justice Department argued that the terms of the order are very broadly defined, and that it imposes extremely burdensome obligations on the Interior Department.
- Legal Reform (Ho/DPC; Hook) - HSC hosted an interagency meeting to discuss DHS's draft legislation regulating chemical facilities. It includes significant liability protections that would (1) ensure consistency of regulation as between federal, state, and local authorities; (2) ensure that state tort law cannot set a different regulatory standard than federal regulators have determined is appropriate; and (3) offer companies that qualify the liability protections embodied in the SAFETY Act, such as protection against punitive damages where companies have complied with applicable, governing federal laws and regulations. The liability protections offered by the draft legislation would also likely operate as a strong incentive for companies who might otherwise not be subject to the Act to nonetheless comply voluntarily so as to receive the liability protections. The draft legislation thus has the potential to further the President's legal reform agenda of reducing the burden of litigation on law-abiding companies (and so on consumers).
- LIHEAP (Hannegan/NEC; Katz) - NEC hosted a Principals meeting today with OLA, CEQ and OMB to discuss whether we should be willing to trade more spending on LIHEAP for Clear Skies and NSR codification. Candi indicated that we were "getting something" in exchange for increased LIHEAP funding, namely ANWR, and that there is no room to add Clear Skies and NSR codification on our push for getting the votes necessary for reconciliation. The consensus was to revisit the issue next year.

- MCC (Shirzad/NSC; Katz)
- Medicaid Clawback (Ramthun/NEC; Katz)
- Medicaid Commission (Ramthun/NEC; Katz)
- Medical Liability (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- Methamphetamine (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Microsoft (Altbach/NSC; Katz)
- Municipal Finance (Warsh/NEC; Katz)
- NASA (Russell/NEC; Katz)
- Native Hawaiian (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- NCLB (Medina/DPC; Hook)
- Partial Birth Abortion Ban (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- Patriot Act (Mitnick/HSC; Hook)
- Pensions (Blahous/NEC; Katz)
- Personal Stockpiles (Rapuano; HSC; Hook)
- *Philadelphia Transit Strike (Sharp/DPC; Hook) – Last night, both sides met for the first time since the strike began for a two-and-one-half hour bargaining session. Neither side budged. No future sessions are scheduled at this time. The Transport Workers Union president, the largest union involved, this morning called for Pennsylvania elected officials to intervene in the transit strike. U.S. Rep. Bob Brady (D-PA), who has helped resolve other labor disputes, briefly dropped in on last night's talks. Philadelphia Mayor John Street announced he planned to help mediate "at the appropriate time."*
- Physician Payments (Ramthun/NEC; Katz)
- Postage Rate Increase (Sharp/DPC; Hook) -- The Postal Rate Commission (PRC) today approved the Postal Service's (USPS) request for a 5.4 percent across-the-board rate increase - up two cents to 39 cents for a first-class stamp and up one cent to 24 cents for postcards. The PRC attributed the increase solely to USPS's need to fund the \$3 billion current-law escrow requirement that begins near the end of FY 2006. The USPS Board of Governors will meet to approve the PRC recommendation and set a date for the new rates to take effect. We anticipate the new rates would take effect on January 16, 2006. The last rate increase took effect on June 30, 2002. The House passed its postal reform bill in July, but the Senate has yet to consider Senator Collins' bill because of an objection by Senator Bond. Both the House and Senate bills would mitigate the current rate increase by eliminating the escrow requirement so USPS can use the proceeds to fund operations. The Administration believes the escrow money should not be used for short-term rate relief, but should be applied to USPS's long-term unfunded retiree health care liability.
- Price Gouging (Warsh/NEC; Katz) - Per Senator Frist's request, FTC Chairman Majoras and an official from DOE are expected to testify on November 9 in the Senate at a joint hearing of Energy and Commerce. They will appear after the first panel with the Big 5 Energy CEOs.
- Prison Industries (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- Project Safe Neighborhoods (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- Railroads (Sharp/DPC; Hook) – On Tuesday, the CEOs of Union Pacific, CSX, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Norfolk Southern met with DPC to discuss their plans to deploy new GPS-based technology to ensure compliance with railroad signals and increase the safety of freight movements. The unions representing the engineers and the conductors oppose the new technology because it will render obsolete one of the two workers currently in the locomotive. The railroads say they will not lay people off, but will capture the efficiency through attrition. If the unions do not agree to a negotiated settlement on this issue, the railroads will ask for a release from the National Mediation Board early next year. If the NMB releases the parties,

they are free to strike unless the President intervenes to establish a Presidential Emergency Board.

- Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (Streeter/DPC; Katz)
- *Reconciliation (Hennessey/NEC; Katz) - Sen Grassley offered an amendment to the Senate Ag reconciliation bill today that would impose a new payment limit on farmers receiving federal agriculture benefits. It would limit the payments to \$125,000 per individual or \$250,000 per couple. CBO scores this amendment to save \$1.1B. Grassley would use these savings to pay for new food stamp and conservation programs. The amendment is expected to pass handily when they vote on it tomorrow. OLA believes it will probably not survive conference, but it will give us extra leverage to ensure Congress does not extend the farm bill.*
- Ryan White (Thompson/DPC; Katz)
- Saudi Arabia WTO (Hunter/NSC; Katz)
- SBA Loans (Heath/NEC; Hook) -
- Secure Flight (Sharp/DPC; Hook)
- Single Family Housing Tax Credit (Streeter/DPC; Hook) -- Senators Santorum, Kerry, Stabenow, and Ensign sent a letter to Grassley urging the Finance committee to move on S. 859, which is the President's single family housing tax credit. Despite bi-partisan support in both the Senate and House, the bill has not moved out of committee. The letter urges Grassley and Baucus to move on the bill because of the resources it would provide for the development of affordable homes for ownership in the Gulf region. To grease the proposal, the Senators suggest a willingness to make the program temporary and limit it to the Gulf. While DPC has reservations about those concessions, they present an opportunity for action on the bill. OLA is appraised and will be following up.
- Stem Cells (Levin/DPC; Hook)
- Steroids (Ho/DPC; Hook) –
- TANF (Streeter/DPC; Hook) –
- Tax Reform (Hennessey/NEC; Katz) -
- *Telecom (Russell/NEC; Katz) - Today, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit joined another federal appeals court in holding that the federal government does not have the statutory authority to collect the three percent excise tax on "toll telephone service." Although the decision was not surprising, if left to stand it could result in up to \$9 billion in immediate refund claims for taxes paid over the last three years, and perhaps \$6 billion annually in lost revenues going forward. The United States has ninety days to determine whether to seek review in the Supreme Court.*
- *TRIA (Warsh/NEC; Katz) – Tomorrow, Under Secretary for Domestic Finance Randy Quarles will deliver a speech at the Cato Institute on the Administration's principles regarding TRIA.*
- Tricare Rx (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Union Officer Conflict of Interest Reporting, LM-30 (Sharp/DPC; Hook) – Last week DOL published a rule for notice and comment that tightens reporting requirements for union officers to expose and deter any potential conflicts of interest.
- Veterans (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- Voting Rights Act (Ho/DPC; Hook)
- Vouchers (Pardue/DPC; Hook)
- White House Conference on Aging (Leggitt/DPC; Katz)
- WTO Case Against Turkey (Hunter/NSC; Katz)

## Working Group Calendar

### WORKING GROUP CALENDAR

| Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Wednesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
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| <p>10:00 OMB: Meeting on FY07 HHS budget – Director’s review</p> <p>2:15 DHS/DOL: Immigration Briefing – Deputies</p> <p>4:00 NEC: Housing Meeting – Deputies</p> | <p>1:00 HSC/DPC/HHS: Call on Avian Flu Preparedness</p> <p>3:00 DPC: Weekly ED Call – PCC</p> <p>5:30 DPC: Weekly DOJ Call – PCC</p> <p>6:30 NEC: Medicare Strategy Call – Deputies</p> | <p>11:00 DPC: Weekly Conf Call w/ DOL (BH)</p> <p>12:00 DPC: Job Training Meeting – PCC</p> <p>4:00 COMM: Business Outreach on Avian Flu – Deputies</p> | <p>10:00 DPC: Weekly Call w/ HHS (JK)</p> <p>10:00 OMB: Meeting on FY07 HUD budget – Director’s review</p> <p>11:00 NEC: SBA study on AHPs – PCC</p> <p>11:30 NEC: Meeting on Medicare – PCC</p> <p>1:00 DPC: Weekly Asbestos Call – PCC</p> <p>2:00 OMB: Meeting on Pay Review with DDM – Director’s review</p> <p>3:30 NEC: Medicare Meeting – PCC (JK)</p> <p>4:00 NEC: Medicaid Meeting – PCC (JK)</p> <p>4:30 NEC: Big Picture Health Care – Deputies</p> <p>5:30 NEC: Health Care Meeting on Financing – Principals</p> | <p>9:00 DPC: Health care issues – PCC</p> <p>10:00 OMB: Meeting on Income Maintenance Review – Director’s Review</p> <p>11:00 DPC: Amtrak approps/reform strategy meeting – PCC</p> <p>2:00 OSTP: Meeting on the House/Senate Conference strategy on DTV – Deputies</p> |

## Working Group Calendar

| Monday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> | Tuesday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Wednesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Thursday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> |
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|                                  | 9:00 NEC: Biweekly Pension Call – PCC (JK)<br><br>9:15 DPC: Weekly DOT call – PCC<br><br>3:00 DPC: Weekly ED Call – PCC<br><br>5:30 DPC: Weekly DOJ Call – PCC | 11:00 DPC: Weekly Conf Call w/ DOL (BH) | 9:00 NEC: Biweekly Pension Call – PCC (JK)<br><br>10:00 DPC: Weekly Call w/ HHS (JK)<br><br>1:00 DPC: Weekly Asbestos Call – PCC<br><br>2:30 NEC: Medicaid Meeting – PCC (JK)<br><br>3:30 NEC: Medicare Meeting – PCC (JK) | NO MEETINGS - HOLIDAY             |

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CABINET MEMBER SCHEDULE

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THURSDAY 11/03/2005

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**Administrator Johnson**

11:00am – 11:45am      **Room 164**      Meeting with Jim Connaughton

**Secretary Snow, Secretary Gutierrez, Secretary Chao, Secretary Leavitt, & Director Bolten**

5:30pm – 6:30pm      **TBD Room**      Financing

*Participants:*

White House

Secretary Card, CoS

Karl Rove, DCoS

Dan Bartlett, Counselor

Claude Allen, DPC

Mike Gerson, OPSP

Al Hubbard, NEC

Nicolle Wallace, Communications

Candi Wolff, OLA

Ben Bernanke, CEA

David Addington, OVP

Keith Hennessey, NEC

Roy Ramthun, NEC

Doug Badger, OLA

CMS

Mark McClellan, Administrator

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FRIDAY 11/04/2005

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**Administrator Johnson**

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**Secretary Gutierrez**

3:30pm – 4:30pm      **CL Conf Rm**      Immigration Briefing

*Participants:*

White House

Ken Rapuano, HSC

DOL

Steven Law, Deputy Secretary

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MONDAY 11/07/2005

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**Secretary Norton**

3:30pm – 4:15pm      **Room 164**      Meeting with Jim Connaughton- Asia-Pacific Partnership

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TUESDAY 11/08/2005

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**Secretary Jackson**

10:15am – 10:45am      **Room 164**      Meeting with Liza Wright- Introduction

10:45am – 12:15pm      **Room 164**      Office Time

**Secretary Johanns**

4:00pm – 4:45pm      **CL Conf Rm**      Kitchen Cabinet Meeting

*Participants:*

White House

Jim Connaughton, CEQ  
Barry Jackson, Senior Advisor's Office  
Neil Patel, OVP  
David Anderson, OMB  
Megan Hauck, OLA  
Peter Rowan, OLA  
Michael Sommers, NEC

USDA

Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary  
Dale Moore, CoS  
Drew DeBerry, DCoS  
Beth Johnson, DCoS  
Terri Teuber, Director Of Communications

4:45pm – 6:00pm      **Room 164**      Office Time

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WEDNESDAY 11/09/2005

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## POLICY TIME – NOVEMBER 2005

| SUN | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                                     | THURSDAY                                 | FRIDAY        | SAT |
|-----|--|---|---|--|---------------|-----|
| 30  | 31<br><br>1:30-2:15 NEC: Energy Supply | 1<br><br>2:10-2:55 NEC: Innovative Health Ideas (Mass Health and FL Medicaid) | 2<br><br>2:35-3:20 NEC/CEA: Economic Overview | 3<br>NO TIME                             | 4<br>NO TIME  | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br>NO TIME                           | 8<br><br>1:30-2:15 NEC: Health Big Think                                      | 9<br>NO TIME                                  | 10<br><br>1:05-1:50 OMB: FY07 Budget     | 11<br>NO TIME | 12  |
| 13  | 14<br>NO TIME                          | 15<br>NO TIME   | 16<br>NO TIME                                 | 17<br>NO TIME                            | 18<br>NO TIME | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br>NO TIME                          | 22<br><br>DPC/HSC: Immigration (45 min)                                       | 23<br>NO TIME                                 | 24<br>NO TIME<br><br><i>THANKSGIVING</i> | 25<br>NO TIME | 26  |

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**Possible November Policy Times: China Overview; SOTU; 07 Budget; Voucher Expansion; NASA; Family Agenda**