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| **Weekly Legislative Update** |
| 07-07-2008 |
| *On the Hill***Transportation and Infrastructure****Blumenauer Expected to Introduce Legislation to Combat Rising Gas Prices*** Rep. Earl Blumenauer is expected to introduce legislation to help people cope with rising gas prices. The package would give federal subsidies to companies for those who take transit, bike, walk or telecommute to work. It would encourage walking or biking to school by expanding the “Safe Routes to Schools” program and provide housing assistance to those who want to live near public transportation.

**Transportation Hearings*** On Thursday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee is holding a hearing on renewable fuel standards. Also on Thursday, the Senate Financial Services Committee has scheduled a hearing on transportation infrastructure.

**Budget/Appropriations*** On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee is scheduled to markup their draft the fiscal 2009 spending bill for the Department of Transportation. On Thursday, the full committee is scheduled to mark up the draft.

 *Calendar***SENATE:**Wednesday, July 9 Subcommittee markup of 2009 Transportation budget Appropriations Committee 12:00 PM, 116 Dirksen Thursday, July 10Hearing on renewable fuel standard Environment and Public Works Committee 10:00 AM, 406 DirksenThursday, July 10 Hearing on transportation infrastructure Finance Committee 10:00 AM, 215 Dirksen Thursday, July 10 Mark up of Transportation-HUD, Energy-Water and Financial Services spending bills Appropriations Committee 2:00 PM, 106 Dirksen **HOUSE:**The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 8. |