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**SCHUMER TO HOLD HEARING TO  
INVESTIGATE THREAT OF SUBPRIME  
LENDING TURMOIL TO THE BROADER  
ECONOMY**

*CBO Chief to Testify Along with Top Housing Experts Shiller and Eakes*

*Nearly 2 Million Homeowners Could Face Foreclosure Over the Next 15 Months*

*Solutions to Avert Foreclosure Storm and Limit Broader Economic Damage Will  
Be Examined in Detail at the Joint Economic Committee Hearing*

Washington, D.C. – As the evidence mounts that the subprime mortgage market crisis is posing a real threat to the U.S. economy, **U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC)**, will hold a hearing, *“Evolution of an Economic Crisis?: The Subprime Lending Disaster and the Threat to the Broader Economy”* to take a closer look at the direct and indirect economic shocks resulting from the deterioration of the housing market, on **Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 9:30am in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.**

**WHAT:** **Joint Economic Committee Hearing: “Evolution of an Economic Crisis?: The Subprime Lending Disaster and the Threat to the Broader Economy”**

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 9:30am**

**WHERE:** **Room 216, Hart Senate Office Building**

**Witnesses:**

- **The Honorable Peter R. Orszag**, Director, Congressional Budget Office
- **Dr. Robert J. Shiller**, Stanley B. Resor Professor of Economics, Yale University
- **Mr. Martin Eakes**, Chief Executive Officer, Center for Responsible Lending

- **Mr. Alex J. Pollock**, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

***Bad news for the housing sector and broader economy is piling up:***

- Nearly two million homeowners could face foreclosure in the next 15 months, according to Moody's Economy.com.
- The National Association of Realtors predicted that the housing market will not recover until 2008, indicating that home sales in 2007 will fall by 8.6 percent.
- In the second quarter of 2007, delinquencies and foreclosures were up in both the prime and subprime categories, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.
- Job growth was down for the first time since June 2003, driven by large job losses in the construction industry.
- There has been significant tightening of credit markets this summer, as worries about mortgage lending have spread, leading to turmoil and uncertainty throughout many sectors of the economy.

In the face of continuing bad economic news, and increasingly dire warnings from a growing number of public and private sector economic and housing experts, the JEC has assembled a distinguished panel of experts to shed light on how the subprime lending turmoil has affected the broader economy and what can be done to reduce the threat of potential economic recession.

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