



Committee Members Urge NASA to Speed Release of Air Safety Survey Data

On November 14, Chairman Bart Gordon (D-TN) and Subcommittee Chairmen Mark Udall (D-CO), Brad Miller (D-NC), and Rep. Jerry Costello (D-IL) sent a letter to NASA Administrator Michael Griffin requesting a more detailed explanation as to why data from an air safety survey has not been publicly released. The letter



Chairman Gordon questioning NASA Administrator Michael Griffin on the delay the NAOMS report.

followed a hearing the Committee held on October 31 to discuss NASA's refusal to release the National Aviation Operations Monitoring Service (NAOMS) survey data. Two days later Subcommittee Chairman Mark Udall discussed Dr. Griffin's testimony with Ira

Flatow, host of NPR's *Science Friday*.

[Read the letter to Dr. Griffin>>](#)

[Read more on the October 31 hearing>>](#)

[Hear Udall's comments on *Science Friday*>>](#)

Committee Reviews NASA Projects

On November 8, Members of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing to review NASA's report on Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) and discuss their findings and recommendations. Subcommittee Members found NASA's report to be incomplete and directed NASA to form a survey plan. Subcommittee Chairman Udall said, "I will continue to work with NASA and hold the agency accountable until their plan is complete."

[Read more on the November 8 hearing >>](#)

On November 29, Chairman Gordon reacted to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report prepared at his request on NASA's Planned Ares I Crew Launch Vehicle. Among other findings, the GAO report determined that continued instability is obstructing the Ares I project.

[Read Gordon's reaction to the GAO report >>](#)

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Newsletter Spotlight

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Sincerely,

Bart Gordon, Chairman

Additional November Agenda Items

Nov. 6, 2007 — *The Globalization of R&D and Innovation, Pt. IV: Implications for the Science and Engineering Workforce*
Nov. 15, 2007 — *Next Generation Border and Maritime Security Technologies: H.R. 3916*

Nov. 30, 2007 — *Chairman Urges U.S. Not to Take a Back Seat on Climate Change*

Subcommittee Completes Series of Hearings on Globalization of R&D and Innovation

The reasons behind the offshoring of U.S. jobs to locations overseas has been a focus of the Science and Technology Committee since the 109th Congress. During the 110th Congress the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a series of four hearings to examine the implications of offshoring of high-tech jobs on the American workforce and economy. The final hearing, on [November 6](#), explored the implications of globalization for the American science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce.

A report on these hearings is forthcoming from Committee Staff.

Read more about these hearings:

[June 12 hearing >>](#)

[July 26 hearing >>](#)

[October 4 hearing >>](#)

[November 6 hearing >>](#)



Subcommittee Chairman David Wu questions a witness at the November 6 hearing, *The Globalization of R&D and Innovation, Pt. IV: Implications for the Science and Engineering Workforce*.

Chairman Gordon Receives the First 'Innovation in Education Award' from the Verizon Foundation

At an event celebrating American Education Week on [November 14](#), Chairman Gordon received the Verizon Foundation's first 'Innovation in Education award' for his ongoing commitment to education.

As a longtime advocate for science and math education, Chairman Gordon was the primary House sponsor of [H.R. 2272](#), the *America COMPETES Act*. This legislation promotes educational advances in an effort to maintain America's competitive lead.



Chairman Gordon with Patrick Gaston, *President*, and Kathryn Brown, *Senior Vice President*, of the Verizon Foundation.

[Read more about Gordon's award>>](#)

[Read more on H.R. 2272>>](#)

Looking Ahead

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