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Congress is on recess, and President Obama departs on vacation.

President Obama visits a battery manufacturer, [ZBB Energy Corp](#) [1], in Wisconsin today and then travels to Los Angeles to raise campaign cash. On Tuesday the President is in Seattle to promote exports and speak at a fundraiser. On Wednesday he speaks on the economy in Ohio and [attends a campaign event in Columbus and then Miami, Fla.](#) [2] The President and his family depart Thursday for a vacation in Martha's Vineyard. See [President's schedule](#) [3], [CQ Politics](#) [4].

The Senate reconvenes [on Monday, Sept. 13, at 2:30 p.m](#) [5]. The House reconvenes at [2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14](#) [6].

John Engler, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, speaks Thursday to Nebraska [chambers of commerce at their the 2010 Legislative Summit](#) [7], taking place at the Strategic Air and Space Museum near Omaha.

Senate Committee Hearings: Monday — Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) holds the first of [three committee field hearings in eastern North Dakota](#) [8], starting in West Fargo, "Devils Lake Flooding Disaster: A Red River Valley Perspective." **Tuesday** – Chairman Mary Landrieu (D-LA) sponsors a Senate Small Business committee holds a field hearing in Lafayette, La., "[The Deepwater Drilling Moratorium: An Economic Disaster for Louisiana's Small Business?](#) [9]" The Senate Commerce Committee conducts a field hearing in Barrow, Alaska, "[The Changing Arctic: Implications for Federal Resources and Local Communities](#) [10]." Another Senate Budget Committee hearing is scheduled for the [Stake Out Supper Club and Lounge](#) [11] in Lisbon, N.D., "Devils Lake Flooding Disaster: How Should Downstream Impacts be Addressed?" **Wednesday** — The Senate Budget Committee meets in Wahpeton to consider, "Transportation Infrastructure's Role in Economic Growth: [ND 13](#) [12]," with testimony from Bobcat and Cargill executives.

Executive Branch: Commerce Secretary Gary Locke is in Louisiana today [for events on the Gulf seafood industry](#) [2]. The U.S. Trade Representative's office [hosts the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement negotiations](#) [13] in Washington starting today, a very private affair. Treasury Secretary Geithner speaks [at an Administration-sponsored conference on housing finance](#) [14] in Washington Tuesday.

Economic Reports: *New York Times* [summarizes:](#) [15] "Data will include the [Producer Price Index](#) [16] for July, housing starts for July, and industrial production and capacity utilization for July (Tuesday); and weekly jobless claims, Philadelphia

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Fed manufacturing index for August and leading economic indicators for July (Thursday)." See also *Washington Post's* [column on the week ahead](#) [17].

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