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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

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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