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Congressional Hearings
Learning Objectives

• Learn about Congressional Hearings
  – General background and related information

• Learn about the Congressional Hearings collection in FDsys
  – Availability and discovery of content
Congressional Hearings: What is a hearing?

• A hearing is a session, most often of a legislative committee, in which testimony is taken from witnesses and ‘heard’ by members of the committee
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Types of Hearings

• Legislative hearings
• Investigative hearings
• Oversight hearings
• Confirmation hearings
Legislative Hearings

• The most common type of hearing
• Frequently occur when a specific measure is being considered
BUILDING AMERICA: CHALLENGES FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS

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OF THE
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Investigative Hearings

- Investigate a topic of interest
- Possible illegal activities
Oversight Hearings

• Look more closely at the administration of Federal agencies
• May gather information if questions have arisen about management
• Can occur during reauthorization of a program
THE FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL MALL

OVERSIGHT HEARING

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Confirmation Hearings

- Senate conducts confirmation hearings
- Conducted for presidential nominees
- Not a requirement for all nominees
Field Hearings

• Held outside of the capitol, at a site usually related to the topic of the hearing
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OPENING STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN TIM JOHNSON

Chairman JOHNSON. Good morning. I call this hearing to order, and I welcome my colleagues and our witnesses.

Today’s hearing is part of our oversight efforts to ensure effective enforcement of the Iran sanctions regime overseen by this Committee. We will assess what additional tools might enable the President to intensify the economic pressure on Iran’s leaders to make clear that they must reverse course and satisfy the unified demands of the international community to abandon their illicit nuclear activities and support for terrorism.

Two weeks ago, the Senate again made clear where we stood, voting 99-0 for a resolution expressing support for aggressive sanctions enforcement and for Israel’s right to defend itself against threats from Iran.

In addition to sanctions on Iran in place prior to 2010, in the last 3 years Congress adopted and the President signed into law an unprecedented four new sanctions measures. These measures, coupled with those imposed by the Administration, the European Union, and the U.N. Security Council, have had profound effects. They have slowed Iran’s nuclear and missile program by restricting its
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