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Texas Watch

TxPotomac lets you know what stories to look out for today — and later this week.

On Deck: Today

★ The Cato Institute will hold a discussion titled "The Moral Implications of Deficits, Debt, and the Budget Battles Ahead" at 4 p.m. EDT.

★ Center for Strategic and International Studies will hold a discussion titled "The Road to Nuuk: U.S. Policy Interests in the Arctic" at 4:30 p.m. EDT. Panelists include former LBJ School Dean Jim Steinberg and retired Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen.

On Deck: Later this week

★ Tuesday: President Obama delivers a major speech on immigration reform in El Paso.

 \bigstar Tuesday: President Obama raises money for the Democratic Party at Austin fundraising events.

★ Wednesday: The House Committee on Homeland Security subcommittee hearing "On the Border and in the Line of Fire: U.S. Law Enforcement, Homeland Security and Drug Cartel Violence."

Chairman Michael McCaul, R-Austin on the hearing:

"This administration is not giving the American people a complete picture of security on our border with Mexico. It is not 'better now than it has ever been' and the data on spillover crimes and violence is deceiving and underreported. Our state and local law enforcement on the front lines need help. Their firsthand accounts tell the real story of how we are outmanned, overpowered, and in danger of losing control of our own communities to narco-terrorists."

★ Thursday: The House Committee on Homeland Security subcommitee hearing on "Taking Measure of Countermeasures (Part 2): A Review of Efforts to Protect the Homeland Through Distribution and Dispensing of CBRN Medical Countermeasures."