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# House to Hold Global Warming Hearing

ATLANTA – The House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee will hold a hearing on global warming, climate change and state policies on Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in room 403 at the State Capitol.

The hearing, entitled, “Climate Change: Fact or Fiction?” will feature leading national speakers on the issue including climatologists, environmental scientists and air quality analysts from Georgia Tech, the University of Virginia, the University of Alabama at Huntsville, the Cato Institute and the American Enterprise Institute.

“We are fortunate to have such noted scholars come to Georgia to review the popular perceptions about global warming and what they see as fact or fiction,” said Rep. Jeff Lewis (R-Cartersville), chairman of the House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee. “We will learn how states have reacted to the science and what Georgia should or should not do.”

States including California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and others have responded to recent climate change news by enacting state energy, environmental and transportation policies, some which have drawn significant criticism.

The speakers for the Aug. 21 hearing include: Robert Dickinson, professor in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology. Dickinson formulated the computer models that simulated the basic workings of the Earth’s atmosphere, showing how atmospheric dynamics affect the Earth’s climate.

Also scheduled to speak:

- John Christy, director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Christy has studied global climate issues since 1987.
- Patrick J. Michaels, senior fellow in environmental studies, Cato Institute and professor of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia. *Nature* magazine has named Michaels the most popular lecturer in the nation on the issue of global warming.
- Joel Schwartz, senior fellow and scientist, American Enterprise Institute. Schwartz is a policy analyst specializing in air pollution and its relation to climate change.