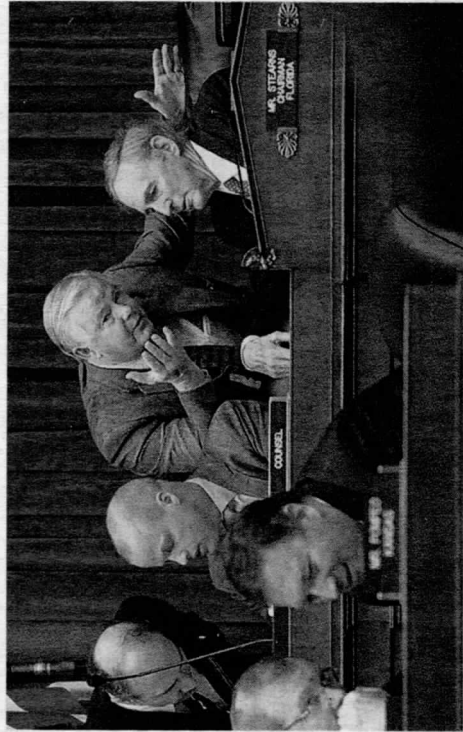


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Solyndra's loan under fire

Chairman Cliff Stearns (right) talks with Joe Barton during a hearing of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee on the Solyndra loan guarantee.



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Energy chief to be grilled on restructuring

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WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats agreed Friday to call Energy Secretary Steven Chu to testify on the \$528 million federal loan guarantee to bankrupt Fremont solar energy company Solyndra, even as one California Republican worried aloud that the UC Berkeley physicist and Nobel laureate may be headed for a fall.

Testifying at a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's oversight panel, two Treasury officials, one a 28-year veteran, said they had never seen the government put private investors ahead of taxpayers in the kind of loan restructuring the Energy Department gave to Solyndra last spring.

The Energy Department softened the terms of the loan and let private investors, who **Hearing continues on A10**



Energy Secretary Steven Chu will be called to testify on Capitol Hill.