ABA BJ Puzzle of the Week: The Solution to:

Rhyme Time goes D.C., 10/29/09 puzzle

This week's puzzle was inspired by "Tricky Ricky Kane's" popular newspaper feature, "Wordy Gurdy," one of our own favorites and distributed by United Features Syndicate Inc. But we've put a new banking twist on Kane's concept. Each answer is a pair or trio of words that rhyme, and both have the same number of syllables. They all have a connection to the Washington politics of money or banking today. The number in parentheses after the clue represents the number of syllables each word contains. Here's a sample:

The clue: **"Marketing-minded cash dispenser. (2)"**
The answer: **"Seller Teller."**

Good luck!

1. "House Financial Services Committee bigshot punishes financial institution." (1)
FRANK • BANK • SPANK

2. "Congressional efforts to find fault sound familiar." (1)
SAME • BLAME • GAME

3. "Political contribution setup runs slowly into the red from former color." (1)
PAC • BLACK • SLACK

4. "When volunteer political effort by D.C. aficionados really opens doors." (2)
KNOBBY • LOBBY • HOBBY

5. "Complaints about government capital infusions to banks." (1)
TARP • CARP

6. "When management takes a pay cut to show they are tightening their belts." (4)
COMPENSATION • DEMONSTRATION

7. "When supporters reduce monies sent to political candidates." (4)
CONTRIBUTION • DIMINUTION

8. "Departure for home of House and Senate members, after an electoral defeat." (4)
CONGRESSIONAL • RECESSIONAL

9. "The talent shown by legislative aides in writing preliminary versions of laws." (1)
DRAFT • CRAFT

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