

Why does the government fail to realize the importance of our youth?
 Governor, I have some things I'd like to say
 But they would be inappropriate
 So Jorman, it's your turn to play
 JN: Jacky ya kind of mad ya need to rest
 At least both of us got that stress off our chest
 So that's just a part of what we know I hope
 this wasn't a loss
 I just want to let ya see a couple of our points get across
 JT: Yo Jorman look at their faces, don't they look kind of stunned?
 JN: And that was just us two imagine all of us as one anniversary
 JT: Man, if they only knew the power they hold in their hearts and in their voices
 JN: Together they have the power to move mountains its all up to there choices
 JT: So Jorman don't you think it's about time they get involved?
 JN: Yeah cause if all of us unite all out problems would be solved
 JT: Yeah, we should follow the examples of Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, and Dr. King
 JN: Cause they all fought for what they believed in and now they're letting freedom ring
 JN & JT: You have power in a lot of things, don't listen to all their lies
 Cuz no one can ever take away your right to organize

This powerful poem demonstrates the level of awareness these youth possess and their strong commitment to empowering their community.

Mr. Speaker, through housing and education initiatives as well as youth empowerment programs the NWBCCC continues to provide invaluable service to the people of the Bronx. For their 30 years of service, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this remarkable organization.

HONORING MEGHAN PASRICHA

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 29, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Meghan Pasricha upon her nomination as a Jefferson Award finalist. Ms. Pasricha is founder of the successful Anti-Tobacco Action Club at Sanford School in Hockessin, Delaware. As a 10th grader, Meghan started her organization with 12 members and a goal: raising teenage awareness of tobacco-related health hazards.

Her hard work has paid off and today Meghan is the State chairwoman of the Kick Butts Generation, an anti-tobacco organization with over 4,000 local members. Ms. Pasricha's dedication to educating people about the dangers of tobacco is limitless. She recently gave a presentation at the World Conference on Tobacco in Heis, Finland, and has reached out to groups of children in places as far away as Mhau, India.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Pasricha upon her nomination as a finalist for the Jefferson Award. Her determination and drive to educate and empower others serves as an example to us all. She is truly worthy of this honor.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 31

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State.

SD-419

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To resume hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on soft-dollar practices.

SD-538

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and world wide threat assessment.

S-407, Capitol

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Manage-

ment, and Office of Environment, Safety and Health.

SD-138

1:30 p.m.

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in meeting the nation's water resource needs in the 21st century.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To continue hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on fund costs and distribution practices.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effects of the Madrid Terrorist Attacks on U.S. European cooperation in the war on terrorism.

SD-419

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention programs.

SD-124

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter and ozone.

SD-406

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified and regional commands; to be followed by a possible closed session in SR-222.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, concluded at Cape Town, South Africa, on November 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108-10), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of May 28, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-13), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Amending the Treaty Between the