

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on January 22, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 24 and 25. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 24: "yes"—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 307

Rollcall No. 25: "no"—On Motion to Adjourn

HONORING ROSA PARKS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rosa Parks' 100th Birthday.

Rosa Parks is a true American icon and a civil rights activist. She is best known for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama to a white passenger in 1955. Consequently, she was arrested for civil disobedience.

Rosa Parks' actions were a catalyst for the Montgomery Bus Boycott. African Americans in Montgomery, Alabama boycotted local buses and used other methods of transportation to get to work. The boycott lasted 381 days and helped bring about the repeal of the law requiring segregation on public buses. Her actions helped bring additional national attention to race inequality throughout the United States.

Her courage and resolve was emblematic of the efforts made during the civil rights movement. Her actions remain part of the story of the fight to secure every individual's right to share the American dream.

Rosa Parks' legacy continues to resonate throughout the country. For example, in my own district, the Aspire Rosa Parks Academy in Stockton, California celebrates Rosa Parks' birthday. This tremendous event serves as an important reminder of how far we have come as a nation and serves as an educational and historical tool. It brings the community together to recognize one of the true pioneers of the civil rights movement.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing not only one of our nations' most well-regarded activists and her contributions to American history, but the countless schools and groups like the Aspire Rosa Parks Academy who celebrate her legacy every year.

HONORING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because 40 years ago our Supreme Court determined that every woman has the right to decide whether or not to continue her pregnancy. While that ruling stands today, we must remain vigilant.

As we speak, anti-choice activists are working to erode that right, not only by making abortions illegal, but by making them unavailable. In 2011, a record 92 abortion-regulating laws passed in 24 states, imposing onerous waiting periods, invasive ultrasounds, and dangerous parental consent requirements—All in an effort to make such services inaccessible.

As President Obama said on Monday, "while these truths may be self-evident, they have never been self-executing." Yes, abortion is legal, but we have to fight to ensure it remains accessible. The good news is, most Americans are with us. A recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News Poll found 7 in 10 Americans believe Roe v. Wade should stand.

On the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade let's reflect on the rights we have won, and renew the fight to protect them.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of 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 Thursday, January 24, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 29

- 10 a.m.
 - Committee on Foreign Relations
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. S-116
 - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 - Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging
 - To hold hearings to examine primary care. SD-430
- 2:30 p.m.
 - Select Committee on Intelligence
 - To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

JANUARY 30

- 10 a.m.
 - Committee on Foreign Relations
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. S-116
 - Committee on the Judiciary
 - To hold hearings to examine gun violence in America. SH-216

JANUARY 31

- 9:30 a.m.
 - Committee on Armed Services
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SD-G50
- 10 a.m.
 - Committee on Foreign Relations
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. S-116
- 2:30 p.m.
 - Select Committee on Intelligence
 - To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219