

founding many organizations of his own. He was instrumental in establishing the Columbus Partnership amongst a host of other organizations, in addition to serving on the boards of over 20 businesses and civic, educational, and philanthropic organizations throughout Central Ohio.

Throughout his prestigious career, Mr. Wolfe received numerous well-deserved honors and special recognitions, and awards, including public service awards from the FBI, the Ohio Newspaper Association, the Ohio Hospital Association, and the John Glenn College of Public Affairs. He also was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Franklin University, Otterbein College and The Ohio State University.

John is survived by his loving wife and three daughters. I offer them my prayers and hope that they find comfort in their wonderful memories and having been touched by such an outstanding person.

OPPOSING THE POINT OF ORDER  
REGARDING THE MAIL-DELIVERY  
STANDARDS IN H.R. 5485

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify the meaning of the Point of Order.

First, it means that the amendment the Appropriations Committee added to the bill, requiring the Postal Service to maintain highest quality delivery standards, is nullified. This amendment was passed for FY 2017 without objection in our Committee and it was included in last year's bill and was passed as well. It stands as a strong measure of support for the US Postal Service in both rural and urban America. Those that neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays them from the swift completion of their appointed rounds—deserve our respect. It is our Constitutional responsibility in Article 1.

Second, the Chaffetz point of order will actually cost our citizenry more money by in fact \$66M due to the added transportation costs that results from drastically slowing down the processing and delivery of the nation's mail.

The timely processing and delivery of mail is critical. The Postal Service delivers 154 billion pieces of mail annually to 155 million delivery points, accounting for 47 percent of the world's mail. This equals over 2,000 percent more than the total business for UPS or FedEx.

Third, Mr. Speaker, it would not have been unusual or extraordinary for the Rules Committee to have protected from a point of order the mail delivery standards added to this bill.

The Rules Committee actually voted to waive points of order on over 30 partisan riders included in this bill, thereby protecting from removal controversial, legislative provisions impacting the SEC, IRS, CFPB, FCC, and District of Columbia.

Finally, further the Ranking Member for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government (Mr. SERRANO) has made it clear that the mail-delivery standards are off budget and do not impact scoring.

The future of our public Postal Service is threatened by delayed mail. Delayed mail harms small businesses, rural America, and our economy in general.

Representatives are hearing from their constituents that mail service has fallen off a cliff with late mail. In fact, a bipartisan majority (235 Republicans and Democrats) has co-sponsored H.Res 54, calling upon the Postal Service to take all appropriate measures to restore service standards.

The mail service standard language imposes no legislative mandate of specified action on the part of the Postal Service—let me repeat—no legislative mandate of specified action on the part of the Postal Service. The mail service standard language is direction from the House Appropriations Committee to the Postal Service that they must correct an administrative and operational situation that actually costs more money, and which undermines prompt reliable and efficient service to all Americans.

When it comes to ensuring the timely delivery of mail for the American people and businesses, Congress holds the ultimate responsibility over postal operations. And now that the Postal Service is being wed to a plan that reduces service standards and slows down America's mail, it is crucial for Congress to exercise this authority.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would reconsider their point of order. Let us do everything in our power to protect the mail delivery standards provision that the Appropriations Committee with bipartisan support added to this bill.

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, July 07, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold closed hearings to examine national security cyber and encryption challenges.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission's proposed privacy regulations, focusing on how they affect consumers and competition.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Stark Law, focusing on current issues and opportunities.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the 2016 Trafficking in Persons Report.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act at Fifty, focusing on whether the Sunshine Law's promise has been fulfilled.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine encouraging entrepreneurship, focusing on growing business, not bureaucracy.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security

To hold hearings to examine the FAST Act, the economy, and our nation's transportation system.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Energy

To hold hearings to examine protections designed to guard against energy disruptions, including S. 3018, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector.

SD-366

JULY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Florence Y. Pan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for the nuclear cruise missile.

SD-138

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.

SD-124

2 p.m.  
 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
 To hold hearings to examine combatting the opioid epidemic, focusing on a review of anti-abuse efforts by Federal authorities and private insurers.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.  
 Committee on Appropriations  
 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
 To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for the nuclear cruise missile.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
 Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness  
 To hold hearings to examine NASA at a crossroads, focusing on reasserting American leadership in space exploration.

SR-253

Committee on Finance  
 Subcommittee on Health Care  
 To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's disease, focusing on the struggle for families and a looming crisis for Medicare.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations  
 Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues  
 To hold hearings to examine Zika in the Western Hemisphere, focusing on risks and response.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary  
 Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism  
 To hold hearings to examine researching the potential medical benefits and risks of marijuana.

SD-226

2:45 p.m.  
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 To hold hearings to examine campus safety, focusing on improving prevention and response efforts.

SD-106

JULY 14

10 a.m.  
 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine evaluating the financial risks of China.

SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 To hold hearings to examine Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from stakeholders on proposed regulations.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary  
 Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and the nominations of Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Donald C. Coggins, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and David C. Nye, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

SD-226