

This would deny access to safe and legal abortion to American women.

This legislation prevents women serving our country in the military from receiving comprehensive health care through their military or veterans' health care.

H.R. 7 punishes small business owners who offer comprehensive health care to their female employees, even when it comes entirely from private funds.

Finally, this legislation directly attacks the rights of women in the District of Columbia by making it harder for them to access safe and legal abortion.

Every woman should be able to make her own decision about her health care without interference from either the government or her employer. Regardless of her income or her insurance policy, each woman should be able to access quality health care services that are right for her and her family.

Instead of restricting access to critical health services and threatening the health and economic security of women and families, President Trump and Congressional Republicans should be supporting affordable, quality health care as a basic right for all Americans.

This past weekend, I stood with millions of women across the United States, including 100,000 in Minnesota, marching to demand our voices be heard and our health care be protected. My constituents can count on me to keep standing up and speaking out against President Trump and Republicans' attacks on women's rights and women's health.

**LEGISLATION TO STOP TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FROM DENYING HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO REFUGEES WHO ARE LAWFULLY ENTITLED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES**

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 30, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I, a senior member of the House Homeland Security and Judiciary Committees today am giving the following statement in response to the Executive Order issued by the President regarding admission of refugees to the United States:

Today, I am introducing the Universal Security of American Values Act of 2017 (USA Values Act of 2017), which declares the Executive Order issued by the President on January 27, 2017 to be null and void and of no force and legal effect. In addition, USA Values Act prohibits the issuance or implementation of any Executive Order that has the effect of abridging any of the privileges and immunities of Americans or would discriminate against any person seeking entry to the United States on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation and identity, place of birth, place of residence, ethnicity, religion, age, or statuses that pose no undue health threat to the general population.

As Americans we are best when we are true to the values we hold dear, beginning with fidelity to the Constitution and the laws of the United States. The executive order issued last

Friday by President Trump is a radical departure from these principles and I call upon him to rescind this order immediately.

This Executive Order has affected 67,000 refugees thoroughly vetted by an 18 to 24 month screening process, many of whom have been separated from their families despite processing the proper paperwork.

I agree with President Barack Obama's statement that he "fundamentally disagrees with the notion of discriminating against individuals because of their faith and religion.

Arbitrarily excluding Muslims from our country will not make us safer and makes a mockery of our reputation the world's most welcoming nation.

America is a country founded by persons escaping religious persecution. We must be ever vigilant to ensure we remain the land religious liberty. Innocent lives are being put at risk as a result of a political theater and reactionary policies of the current Administration without even going through the normal review and clearance process.

'The USA Values Act,' which affirms the nation's core values, compliments the 'Statute of Liberty Values Act,' (SOLVE Act) introduced today by my colleague Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN of California and sponsored by me and more than 125 Members of the House which bars ethnic and religious discrimination against refugees.

**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 Tuesday, January 31, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

**FEBRUARY 1**

Time to be announced

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

TBA

9:40 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original

resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing from Department of Homeland Security officials.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine a growth agenda, focusing on reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens.

SH-216

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Affordable Care Act, focusing on stabilizing the individual health insurance market.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2017-2027.

SD-608

10:45 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, and the nomination of Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SD-106

Special Committee on Aging

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine stopping senior scams, focusing on developments in financial fraud affecting seniors.

SD-562

**FEBRUARY 2**

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

**FEBRUARY 8**

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine emergency management in Indian Country, focusing on improving the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Federal-tribal relationship with Indian tribes.

SD-628

**POSTPONEMENTS**

**FEBRUARY 1**

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine fencing along the southwest border.

SD-342