

IN HONOR OF ERNEST "ERNIE"  
DIPETRO

# **HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 1, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor a dear friend, Ernest "Ernie" DiPietro. Ernie passed away on April 24th at the age of 73. Ernie dedicated his life to public service, leaving behind a legacy in Cheshire, Connecticut that will never be forgotten.

Ernie was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 27, 1944. He graduated from Croft High School in Waterbury, before going on to earn his Bachelor's Degree at the University of New England, and his Master's Degree at the University of Hartford. Ernie proudly served our country in the U.S. Army Reserves during the Vietnam War. Reflecting his commitment to all who have served in the Armed Forces, Ernie served as American Legion Commander for Storrs Post 92 of Cheshire, enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

A committed educator, Ernie taught for the Wolcott Public School System and was a member of the Mattatuck Community College faculty. Ernie will always be remembered by friends and family for his great passion for politics and the nearly three decades that he led the Cheshire Democratic Party. I am grateful for his many years of friendship and his guidance to me and so many others who have served our beloved town.

Ernie's involvement and leadership in numerous social organizations has made an immeasurable impact on the Cheshire community. Ernie was a co-marshal for Cheshire's Memorial Day parade, as well as an integral member of the Cheshire Veterans Council. Fellow member of the Cheshire Veterans Council, Leslie Marinaro, remembers Ernie's years of dedication fondly, stating, "Ernie's footprint will remain forever in Cheshire and among our veterans." In addition, Ernie was active in many other organizations, including the Cheshire Kiwanis Club, Cheshire Land Trust, Cheshire Historical Society, and the Friends of Cheshire Library.

Ernie was also a devoted family man. He loved his wonderful wife of 46 years, Carol, who shared his passion for politics and public service. Ernie will also be missed by his brother-in-law, cousins, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and his many friends.

I had the great fortune to know Ernie DiPietro and call him my friend. His warm heart, sense of humor, infectious smile, and love of life touched all who knew him. He truly left the world a better place.

Ernie's life embodied the spirit of civic engagement that strengthens our communities, and makes our country a better place. His contributions to the Town of Cheshire, the State of Connecticut, and to the United States of America will not be forgotten. Ernie, we love you and miss you.

## 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, May 2, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense laboratories and their contributions to military operations and readiness.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine investing in America's broadband infrastructure, focusing on exploring ways to reduce barriers to deployment.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine infrastructure project streamlining and efficiency, focusing on achieving faster, better, and cheaper results.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy

To hold hearings to examine global philanthropy and remittances and international development.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine defense innovation and research funding.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the economy and private sector growth.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine building a flexible personnel system (F.A.S.T. Force) for a modern military.

SR-222

MAY 4

Time to be announced

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 139, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the threat posed by electromagnetic pulse and policy options to protect energy infrastructure and to improve capabilities for adequate system restoration.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine international development, focusing on value added through private sector engagement.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine telemedicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on leveraging technology to increase access, improve health outcomes, and lower costs.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine questions, answers, and perspectives on the current state of airline travel.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 8

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine Russian interference in the 2016 United States election.

SD-226

MAY 10

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert

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grants, and S. 825, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska.

SD-628

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine aging with community, focusing on building connections that last a lifetime.

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 4

SD-562 2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs.

SR-232A