

2017, Airbnb had implemented non-discrimination policy changes that made great strides to ensure all consumers are treated equally when using Airbnb services.

Among other efforts to root out racism and discrimination, particularly in the wake of the Unite the Right white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017, which was organized on social media, I sent a letter to social media giants Twitter and Facebook, raising questions about diversity issues related to social media platforms. John assisted in leading the congressional effort to convince Facebook to implement standards to curb abusive and hateful on-line content. While there is still much work to be done in eliminating racism and discrimination on social media platforms, I'm happy to say that progress is being made.

I have also consistently supported and fought for the inclusion of minorities in positions of leadership. Last year, with John spearheading my initiative, we were able to persuade the Internet Association—a prominent technology group that represents the interests of some of Silicon Valley's largest companies—to announce a new Diversity and Inclusion Initiative and Director Position aimed at conducting inclusion efforts and confronting the potential challenges of artificial intelligence and algorithms in technology, including financial technology.

During my time in Washington, I have worked diligently to protect American consumers from fraudulent or discriminatory lending practices, and John has played a pivotal role in many of these efforts. Over the past year, John has worked tirelessly to help me provide a report on the lending practices of financial technology companies, otherwise known as FinTech companies. Thanks to his tireless research and outreach to numerous FinTech entities, I was able to release a detailed and revealing report on the small-business lending practices of the rapidly-expanding field of FinTech. Although there is more work to be done, this report was an important step in the right direction to ensuring these relatively new companies are promoting fair lending practices.

The last, but maybe most important, accomplishment I would like to note came in 2015 when I co-authored H.R. 3700, the Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act. This legislation was a comprehensive housing bill that made long-needed changes to public housing and the Section 8 rental assistance programs, as well as programs within the Federal Housing Authority and Rural Housing Services. With John's help implementing a legislative strategy to manage the bill through the House, I am proud to say it passed with unanimous bipartisan support and was signed into law by President Obama. It was the largest public housing overhaul in three decades, and I could not be more appreciative of John's leadership in shepherding it through the House with unanimous support, something almost unheard of for a bill as extensive and impactful as H.R. 3700.

These are but a drop in the bucket of the various projects, events, and initiatives that John successfully managed while overseeing my congressional office. Since 2014, John has helped me manage everything from navigating legislation through the arduous process of becoming law to implementing communications strategies to investigating and addressing con-

stituent concerns back home. As everyone in this chamber understands, a Member of Congress is only as good as the staff they surround themselves with. I can say, without a doubt in my mind, there is not a single member in this esteemed chamber that wouldn't be extremely fortunate to have John Jones running their office.

Having known John for years now, I can say he is a patriotic, intelligent, and compassionate individual. He's a loving father and as hard-working and caring as they come. As he leaves the halls of Congress for other opportunities, Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing John Jones for his dedication to public service and for all he has accomplished for our great nation. On behalf of the Fifth District of Missouri, thank 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 Thursday, September 27, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2785, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 3178, to amend title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a deprivation of civil rights, and the nominations of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Jonathan A. Kobes, of South Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, John M. O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Martha Maria Pacold, Mary M. Rowland, and Steven C. Seeger, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

SD-226

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine implementation of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine Russia's role in Syria and the broader Middle East; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution
To hold hearings to examine threats to religious liberty around the world.

SD-226

OCTOBER 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine implementation of positive train control.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven Dillingham, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census, and Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine big bank bankruptcy, focusing on 10 years after Lehman Brothers.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of sound and transparent science in regulation.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security
To hold hearings to examine protecting United States amateur athletes, focusing on examining abuse prevention efforts across the Olympic movement.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Subcommittee on Children and Families
To hold hearings to examine rare diseases, focusing on expediting treatments for patients.

SD-430

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Government Accountability Office reports relating to broadband internet availability on tribal lands.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities for small businesses through the tax code.

SR-428A

OCTOBER 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine combating money laundering and other forms of illicit finance, focusing on regulator and law enforcement perspectives on reform.

SD-538