

This attack was a desperate attempt to squelch the independence movement that was gaining momentum in Azerbaijan and to rescue the totalitarian regime, the rule of Communist Party, and the whole Soviet Union. This attack, however, produced opposite results, further inflaming the independence movement in Azerbaijan as well as those in other Republics of the former Soviet Union.

Popular pressure led the country to break away from Soviet rule and declare its independence. On August 30, 1991, Azerbaijan's Parliament adopted the Declaration on the Restoration of the State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and on October 18, 1991, the Constitutional Act on the State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan was approved.

November 1991 marked the beginning of international recognition of Azerbaijan's independence. The United States was among the first nations to recognize the young country's independence when we established diplomatic relations on February 28, 1992 and opened an embassy in Baku in March.

Today, the U.S. and Azerbaijan share many interests and objectives for the region as we cooperate on a broad range of issues, especially energy development and security concerns.

I encourage my colleagues to join with me and the Azerbaijani people as they remember this tragedy.

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, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 29

9:30 a.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine China and Russia.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine access to care, focusing on health centers and providers in underserved communities.

SD-430

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 116th Congress.

SD-342

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine drug pricing in America.

SD-215

12:15 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration
Business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee during the 116th Congress.

S-219

1 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity
To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense enterprise-wide cybersecurity policies and architecture.

SR-222

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2019–2029.

SD-608