

MOURNING THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE WALTER BEAMAN JONES, JR., MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American and a distinguished member of this House, the Honorable WALTER B. JONES, Jr.

The Honorable WALTER B. JONES, died on Sunday, February 10, 2019 after a long illness.

In addition to being a beloved and highly respected member of the House, WALTER JONES was also a small business owner and a veteran of the National Guard.

His presence will be greatly missed and we all mourn his loss and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

WALTER BEAMAN JONES, Jr. was born February 10, 1943 in Farmville, North Carolina to Walter B. and Doris Long Jones, where he was raised.

Madam Speaker, WALTER JONES attended Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) in Wilson, North Carolina.

Shortly after graduation WALTER JONES joined the North Carolina National Guard while also working as an executive with his family's business supply company.

In 1982, WALTER JONES, the son of Congressman Walter B. Jones, Sr., was first elected as a Democrat to the North Carolina House of Representatives.

After serving five successful terms and being known for his advocacy of campaign finance reform and lobbying reform, in 1994, WALTER JONES sought and won a seat in the United States House of Representatives representing the Third Congressional District of North Carolina.

WALTER JONES was a dedicated and tireless advocate for his community and always put the interests of his district before the interests of his party.

In Congress, WALTER JONES was an effective and powerful voice for those serving on active duty as well as veterans.

In 2000, WALTER JONES fought to help clear the names of two Marine pilots wrongly blamed for the deadly crash of a V-22 Osprey.

In 2016, the Navy issued a clarification about the cause of the fatal crash.

Anyone who met WALTER JONES knew of his tenacity and abiding love for the military.

WALTER JONES fought against the corrosive influence of money in politics for much of his career.

As co-chair of the Campaign Finance Reform Caucus, WALTER JONES pushed for reforms to lessen the impact and role of large campaign contributions and called for the repeal of the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United, v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), which opened the floodgates for dark money and super PACs, and he advocated for public financing of election campaigns.

During his quarter century of service in Congress he served on the Committee on Armed

Services as well as its Subcommittees on Tactical Air and Land Forces and on Military Personnel.

Madam Speaker, a dear colleague has fallen but he will not be forgotten.

We are all saddened by the passing of the Honorable WALTER B. JONES, Jr. but we are happy to have served with him and our prayers and condolences are with his family and loved ones.

Madam Speaker, WALTER B. JONES, Jr. was a faithful public servant, a great legislator, and a good man, who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable WALTER BEAMAN JONES, Jr., of North Carolina.

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, February 12, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 13

Time to be announced

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on cyber operations to defend the midterm elections.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Janice Miriam Hellreich, of Hawaii, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, Don Munce, of Florida, and Bruce M. Ramer, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and a routine list in the Coast Guard.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the invasive species threat, focusing on protecting wildlife, public health, and infrastructure.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 380, to increase access to agency guidance documents, S. 396, to amend section 1202 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the continuation of service provision for members of the Merit Systems Protection Board, S. 394, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions, S. 195, to require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish and maintain a website accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place, S. 196, to save taxpayer money and improve the efficiency and speed of intragovernmental correspondence, S. 395, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule, S. 406, to establish a Federal rotational cyber workforce program for the Federal cyber workforce, S. 375, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, S. 315, to authorize cyber hunt and incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, S. 333, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, S. 74, to prohibit paying Members of Congress during periods during which a Government shutdown is in effect, S. 387, to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, H.R. 504, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and the nominations of Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, both to be a Member, all of the of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on asset recovery in Eurasia.

SD-562

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration
Business meeting to consider S. Res. 50, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees for the 116th Congress, and committee rules.

SR-301

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold a joint hearing to examine the current condition of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A