

H.R. 4, THE VOTING RIGHTS  
ADVANCEMENT ACT**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 4, The Voting Rights Advancement Act (VRAA). The VRAA restores the protections and enforcement of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) to its former strength after being gutted by the 2013 Shelby County v. Holder Supreme Court decision. The VRAA responds to the wave of voter suppression tactics enacted by states and localities since that decision, requiring states with a recent history of voter discrimination to seek federal preclearance for election changes.

Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest. In the previous two elections, we have seen an unprecedented increase in the engagement of voter suppression tactics. Specifically, in my home state of Texas, there have been ongoing suppression efforts, such as including additional obstacles for voter registration, cutbacks on early voting, and stricter voter identification requirements.

The VRAA will counteract these unfair practices by requiring a nationwide, practice-based preclearance for “known discriminatory practices,” such as the creation of at-large districts, inadequate multilingual voting materials and cuts to polling places. The VRAA will also increase transparency by requiring reasonable public notice for voting changes. Finally, the bill will allow the Attorney General authority to request federal observers to be present anywhere in the country where a serious threat to voter access and fair elections exists.

The reality is that we continue to see a number of significant obstacles to the free and fair exercise of the right to vote. Congress must do everything in its power to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote. I support this critical legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill as well.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I would have voted “yes” on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 995, as amended, which was considered on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

## TRIBUTE TO HENRY LEE JONES

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man of faith, Henry Lee Jones. He was a husband, father, grandfather and entrepreneur from the Fourth Congressional

District of Wisconsin. Henry Lee Jones was born on July 19, 1943 in Aberdeen, Mississippi to the union of Elloyd and Rohdana Jones and passed away on February 18, 2019.

Mr. Jones moved to Milwaukee in his late teens and was employed by A. O. Smith as a welder for 12 years. In 1975, Henry and Bobbie’s Bungalow was established on the corners of 14th Street and Keefe Avenue in Milwaukee. The restaurant featured specialties such as a variety of soul food, BBQ seafood and scrumptious desserts. The Bungalow’s signature dessert is peach cobbler.

The Bungalow Restaurant provided catering services to many individuals in the community, as well as businesses and organizations. One of the most famous organizations he catered to was the Green Bay Packer franchise. In fact, as quoted in the Shepherd Express Newspaper, “The authenticity of Bungalow’s Southern-styled menu heavy on pork, chicken, beef and fish has even captured the attention of the Green Bay Packers. Members of the Green & Gold have had Bungalow employees truck their soulful grub to Green Bay for many years now. Whether ordered from Lambeau Field or the Bungalow’s cozy brick building, options abound. You’ll find relatively rare dishes such as oxtails and smoked ham hocks in addition to more common fare like fried chicken, steak and catfish. And though the Bungalow staff takes pride in making healthy meat and sides, including yams, turnip greens and okra, one can still order “gravy, gravy and more gravy.” Even if you don’t spot a Packer on a day you visit this establishment, you can still enjoy the many autographed photos on the walls.

As a successful entrepreneur, he was inspired to expand his business to other locations across the city of Milwaukee and Kenosha. He was never a complainer but rather a doer. Mr. Jones’ children share his passion and continue to carry on his legacy and business.

He married Bobbie Jones on July 29, 1967 and their union was blessed with 5 sons: Henry, Jr., Milton, Rodney, Demetrius and Laval. Henry was preceded in death by his parents. He leaves many family and friends to cherish his memory including his wife Bobbie Jones and Children: Mitch Malone, Richard Jones, Henry Jones Jr., Milton Jones. Demetrius (Nichole) Jones and Laval Jones; Siblings: Dorothy (John) Williams, Delores Tools, Elloyd (Parline) Jones, Yvonne Jones; Grandchildren: Latoya (Emmanuel) Amoah, Deaquann Forrest, Vegas Jones, Naytasha Jones, Xavier Jones, Corey Malone, Britany Malone, Marcus Malone and Cortez Malone; 6 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Henry had a significant impact on the community who not only enjoyed his cooking but his loving and joking spirit as well. He was a pillar of the community, the patriarch of his family. I have known Mr. Jones for over 30 years, well before I began my legislative career and he was my friend. He has made a positive impact on Milwaukee and it is truly an honor for me to pay homage to someone who has contributed so much to Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I rise to pay tribute to a man whose legacy will continue to benefit the Fourth Congressional District.

## 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, February 28, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the electricity sector in a changing climate.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine states’ role in protecting air quality, focusing on principles of cooperative federalism.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine vaccines, focusing on preventable disease outbreaks.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SVC-217

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

- Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights  
To hold hearings to examine concentration and competition in the United States economy. SD-226
- 3 p.m.  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
To receive a closed briefing on the status of the North Korea denuclearization effort post-Hanoi. SVC-217
- MARCH 6
- 9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold a hearing to examine recommendations to reduce risk of waste, fraud, and mismanagement in Federal programs. SD-342
- Special Committee on Aging  
To hold hearings to examine the complex web of prescription drug prices, focusing on patients struggling with rising costs. SD-138
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the state of the American maritime industry. SH-216
- Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine the economic benefits of highway infrastructure investment and accelerated project delivery. SD-406
- Committee on Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John P. Abizaid, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, both of the Department of State. SD-419
- Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Customs and Border Protection's response to the smuggling of persons at the southern border. SD-226
- Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. SD-G50
- 10:30 a.m.  
Committee on Rules and Administration  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Library of Congress. SR-301
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Personnel  
To hold hearings to examine the military services' prevention of and response to sexual assault. SR-222
- Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine small business and the American worker. SR-428A
- MARCH 7
- 9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the chain of command's accountability to provide safe military housing and other building infrastructure to servicemembers and their families. SH-216
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
To hold hearings to examine private sector data breaches. SD-106
- Special Committee on Aging  
To hold hearings to examine the complex web of prescription drug prices, focusing on untangling the web and paths forward. SD-138
- 2 p.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations. SD-G50
- MARCH 12
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations. SD-G50
- MARCH 13
- 2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian programs on the Government Accountability Office High Risk List. SD-628
- MARCH 14
- 10 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other emerging health threats. SD-124