

Known for his quick wit, diplomatic instinct, and passion for the job, he has served Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs honorably and has been a great resource and friend to the Irish-American community.

There are few Irish Citizens, and perhaps even few Americans, who could compete with his encyclopedic knowledge of United States politics and history.

Born in Limerick, he studied law at University College Dublin, and joined the Irish Foreign Service in April 1997. Prior to this posting in our nation's capital, he has served as Consul General in Boston, Press Officer for the Department of Foreign Affairs, Head of Irish Community Affairs at Ireland's Embassy in London, First Secretary for British-Irish Intergovernmental Secretariat in Belfast, and vice-consul in Edinburgh, Scotland.

I know that his departure will leave a void to many in the Irish-American community, where he has been a strong presence at events and celebrations throughout the country. We wish him the best in his future endeavors, as he continues his service in Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs.

#### 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, July 11, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JULY 16

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Facebook's proposed digital currency and data privacy considerations.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 143, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, S. 174, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, S. 253, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools, S. 520, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot pro-

gram, S. 715, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 816, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, S. 859, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 903, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, S. 983, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, S. 1064, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, S. 1085, to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies, S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, S. 1245, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 1286, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential, S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, S. 1685, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for the research, development, and demonstration of commercially viable technologies for the capture of carbon dioxide produced during the generation of natural gas-generated power, S. 1706, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities, S. 1857, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to improve Federal energy and water performance requirements for Federal buildings and establish a Federal Energy Management Program, H.R. 347, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado, H.R. 762, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for the dissemination of information regarding available Federal programs relating to energy efficiency projects for schools,

and H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine United States engagement in Central America.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, and Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine long-term management options for the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine Iraq, focusing on a crossroads of United States policy.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on conducting a secure and accurate count.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine Google and censorship through search engines.

SD-226

##### JULY 17

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on bipartisan policy recommendations from the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine economic mobility, focusing on whether the American dream is in crisis.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans for deep space exploration, focusing on the Moon to Mars.

SH-216

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine electric battery production and waste, focusing on opportunities and challenges.

SD-406

JULY 18		JULY 23	
Committee on the Judiciary			
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.	10 a.m.	10 a.m.	
SD-226	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	
2:30 p.m.	Subcommittee on Water and Power	To hold hearings to examine the United States' interests in the Freely Associated States.	SD-366
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	To hold hearings to examine opportunities to increase water storage and conservation through rehabilitation and development of water supply infrastructure, including S. 1570, to provide flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, S. 1932, to support water infrastructure in Reclamation States, and S. 2044, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rule curves pilot project within the Bureau of Reclamation.		
Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management		2:30 p.m.	
To hold hearings to examine the Federally incurred cost of regulatory changes and how such changes are made.		Committee on the Judiciary	
SD-342		Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights	
Committee on Indian Affairs		To hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcement of the antitrust laws.	SD-226
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report on tribal access to spectrum, focusing on promoting communications services in Indian Country.			
SD-628		JULY 25	
Committee on the Judiciary		10 a.m.	
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property	10:30 a.m.	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Copyright Office.	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	To hold hearings to examine the importance of energy innovation to economic growth and competitiveness.	SD-366
SD-226	To hold hearings to examine agricultural research and 2018 Farm Bill implementation.		
	SR-328A		