

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO SACRAMENTO VALLEY UNION LABOR BULLETIN

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin, one of the oldest labor newspapers on the west coast. On August 15, 2003, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with the publication of a Labor Day Special Issue. It is my honor to ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most trusted and important publications.

The Sacramento Central Labor Council and the Sacramento-Sierra's Building & Construction Trades Council, both AFL-CIO councils, own the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin. On September 3, 1928, under the leadership of editor Charles W. Lyons, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin first went to press with a Labor Day issue. In the ensuing seventy-five years, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has enjoyed unparalleled success. It has published without interruption. Every issue of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin is stored and available to the public at the California Room of the California State Library.

About 22 unions subscribe to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin for their members. These unions range from service unions such as the Northern California Media Workers Guild, Bakers, Amalgamated Transit Union, Sacramento Area Fire Fighters to Building Trades Unions such as the Sheet Metal Workers, Glaziers, Plumbers, Painters, and IBEW. The great diversity in readership is a great reflection of the far-reaching importance of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin in the Capital Region. Overall, there are 17,000 paid subscribers.

Throughout the course of its history, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has provided a vital forum for the expression of the messages and attitudes of the local labor community. In good times and bad, one can always look to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin in order to discern the pulse of the labor community.

The Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has also provided Sacramento with some of its most distinguished community leaders. Former editor J.L.R. Marsh's stewardship of the bulletin was so admired that Mercy Hospital dedicated its Memorial Physical Therapy Unit in his honor. Another former editor, Richard Marriott, would go on to become one of the most beloved mayors in Sacramento history.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin celebrates its 75th Anniversary, I am honored to pay tribute to an invaluable resource to the Sacramento community. The Bulletin's commitment to the local labor community has been commendable. I

ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin continued success in all its future endeavors.

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
MARGARET BUTCHER**

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to Margaret Butcher, in celebration of her 90th birthday on July 25. Mrs. Butcher has been a resident of the Glenville area of Cleveland for over 50 years.

The Butcher family has been a faithful member of St. James AME church for most of that time. She and her husband, Aljah Langston Butcher, raised five children, two of whom still reside in the Cleveland area. After having her 5th child, she went back to Kent State University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in teaching. She received her Master's from Case Western University.

During her Cleveland residency, Mrs. Butcher has held jobs with the IRS, a small boat factory and a church-based school. She taught with Cleveland City schools for approximately 30 years. Currently, she tutors young students. Margaret has volunteered for several community activities over the years, most notably, the creation of a neighborhood oral history that was eventually transcribed and placed in the Western Reserve Historical Museum.

Mrs. Butcher resides at 12800 Fairhill Rd in Shaker Heights, OH. A reception is tentatively scheduled in her honor, Saturday, July 26.

Margaret Butcher was my good neighbor, but more than that, she is my good friend. It is truly an honor to know her and it gives me great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to celebrate her today.

**COMMENDING MEDGAR WILEY
EVERS AND MYRLIE EVERS-WIL-
LIAMS, FOR THEIR LIVES AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution, which commemorates and honors the lives of Medgar Evers and Myrlie Evers-Williams. These two outstanding Americans dedicated their lives to the struggle for civil rights, and Medgar Evers paid the ultimate price with his life. What makes Medgar and Myrlie even more remarkable is that they sought to change the situation, instead of letting the situation overcome them, they tried to overcome it.

The struggles that Medgar and Myrlie witnessed and endured as they attempted to integrate African-Americans into larger society are struggles that all minorities can identify and empathize with. As someone that has experienced racism, I empathize with Medgar and Myrlie's struggle, as do many Americans black, white and all colors in between.

Against extraordinary odds, they both received post-secondary educations in a racial climate that was filled with tension, and challenged a system that said that blacks were not good enough, not equal but, actually inferior to their white counterparts.

Medgar Evers, with his wife by his side, led the charge for civil rights in Mississippi for African-Americans. After the United States Supreme Court determined that segregation was unconstitutional, Medgar was the first African-American to apply to the University of Mississippi Law School but he was denied.

This denial did not deter Medgar and Myrlie from their pursuit of justice and equality. In 1954, Medgar accepted a position with the NAACP as their Mississippi Field Secretary and made Myrlie his secretary.

Together they aggressively attacked the racist societal barriers that continued to oppress African-Americans. They worked tirelessly to empower African-Americans by registering them to vote. They also organized rallies, built the NAACP's membership, and traveled around the country to educate the public, despite numerous threats.

Even though it's the 21st century, we have an obligation to remember and acknowledge the people who dedicated themselves to the fight for civil rights in our past. We owe them a debt of gratitude and a commitment to continue their efforts.

**TRIBUTE TO CITY OF RANCHO
CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA**

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the city of Rancho Cordova, California and its dedicated citizens. On July 1, 2003, Rancho Cordova will officially be incorporated and become California's newest municipality. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing the city of Rancho Cordova the best of luck as it embarks on an exciting and promising future.

The modern history of Rancho Cordova began in 1846, when William Alexander Leidesdorf settled in his newly acquired 35,500-acre domain, the Rancho Rio de los Americanos. Within a few years, the massive flow of gold seekers, the FortyNiners, en route to the gold fields, would come to identify the area as Hangtown Crossing. In the 1870s, the construction of gristmills brought a new wave of residents to the area. These residents would eventually abandon the name of Hangtown Crossing for the more prosaic name of Mills Station.

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In the 1950s, postal officials and local vineyard owner, Ronald S. Federspiel, met to determine a new name for the area. In the years before, a great number of homebuyers related to the name, Rancho Cordova, since it was the name of their new neighborhood. When the postal officials and Mr. Federspiel discovered that the name fit perfectly on a stamp, the name Rancho Cordova was officially adopted.

In 1950, Aerojet General Corporation, developers of rocket fuels and space engines, choose Rancho Cordova as its home base. Subsequently, Mather Air Force Base, with the only navigation and electronic warfare training wing in the U.S.; McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft, missiles and space systems test center; PMI Manufacturers, Pittsburg Des Moines Steel Co., and many smaller industries would come to call Rancho Cordova home.

In many regards, Rancho Cordova already features some of the essential traits of a well-established city. By comparison, the city's population of approximately 57,000 is bigger than Santa Cruz, Fountain Valley, or San Rafael. In the Sacramento region, the only cities with greater populations are Sacramento, Davis, Roseville, Citrus Heights, and Elk Grove. Furthermore, Rancho Cordova is already the home to an impressive and growing list of businesses; Bank of America, Aerojet Industries, MCI, and Delta Dental, just to name a few. With another 55,000 jobs projected in the next decade, Rancho Cordova is well on its way to becoming one of the most important cities in the Sacramento region.

During the nearly two-decade drive to cityhood, the community leaders and citizens of Rancho Cordova displayed remarkable dedication, determination, and civic pride in ultimately achieving their goal. Judging from its citizens overwhelming commitment to promote and serve the best interest of the city, I have every confidence that Rancho Cordova will continue to achieve and realize greater goals and ambitions in the future.

Mr. Speaker, as the city of Rancho Cordova celebrates its cityhood; I am honored to welcome this vibrant community into our growing region. Rancho Cordova's future is bright and limitless. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing the city of Rancho Cordova continued success in all its future endeavors.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND IRS ACCOUNT ABILITY ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this is another example of the Republican leadership taking a non-controversial, bipartisan bill and adding provisions to turn it into a divisive and bitter battle. The underlying bill contains technical changes and provisions that would make it easier for taxpayers to manage the tax system. We all support these changes and this bill would pass unanimously without the games the leadership insists on playing.

Unfortunately, the games they are playing pose terrible threats to many working men and women across the country. In this instance, Republican leadership has included a provi-

sion that strikes important health insurance standards protecting workers laid-off as a result of trade-related competition.

Trade Adjustment Assistance, TAA, enacted just last year, provides for a tax credit for 65 percent of the cost of health coverage for eligible individuals and qualified family members and establishes protections designed to ensure coverage for all participants. H.R. 1528 undermines the consumer protection provisions provided in the current TAA law and would essentially allow insurers to avoid covering workers 55 and older, who are the majority of TAA participants.

The timing of this could not be worse considering the President was only recently granted Trade Promotion Authority by Congress and we are moving quickly on free trade agreements with several countries and regions around the world.

Overall, these free trade agreements will benefit our economy, but there will be sectors that will lose out to foreign competition. Knowing this, Trade Adjustment Assistance programs and benefits have been set up to help those negatively impact by free trade.

I am appalled at the Republican leadership's ability to take a productive, bipartisan bill that benefits taxpayers across the country, which the underlying bill does, and risk it all by including a provision that hurts American workers.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 660, the Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

This legislation aims to make health insurance more affordable for small businesses by allowing them to band together to increase their purchasing power and negotiate lower rates for health insurance.

I know that our small businesses are struggling with their health insurance costs. With double-digit increases in premiums, Madam Speaker, many small businesses simply cannot afford to continue to provide coverage for their employees. And while I support measures to make health insurance more affordable, I have concerns that this legislation would not achieve that end. In fact, studies by both the Congressional Budget Office and RAND have indicated that existing AHPs have not reduced insurance costs for participants.

I also have concerns about this legislation because it would exempt AHPs from state insurance regulations that protect patients and families.

In Texas, health plans are required to cover maternity care, immunizations for children, mammography breast cancer screening, diabetes treatments and supplies, and certain mental health services. H.R. 660 would exempt AHPs from covering these vital services.

I don't think that small businesses and trade associations should have to sacrifice quality in order to afford their health insurance. By taking away these vital patient protections, the policies purchased under AHPs would be

worth little more than the paper they are printed on.

The Kind/Andrews amendment, however, corrects many of these concerns by allowing small businesses to purchase insurance through a Small Employees Health Benefit Plan, similar to the FEHBP. This system would ensure that quality of health plans are protected, that low income employees have assistance to purchase policies, and that the smallest of small businesses get the additional assistance they need.

I urge my colleagues to support the Kind/Andrews alternative, and I yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO NEWARK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the New York State Class B Champion Girls Varsity Softball Team from Newark Central High School. Their win was a great testament to the hard work and dedication of this team and its coaching staff.

Head Coach Mike Muscolino has a lot to be proud of, as his Lady Reds brought home not only the State title, but the Section V title and the Class B State Sportsmanship award as well. Newark High School athletic teams have always had a reputation for fair play and good sportsmanship, and this year's girls softball team was no exception. Their award adds an extra ounce of pride to their title, making their victory just that much sweeter.

On behalf of the people of the entire 25th District of New York State, I would like to congratulate the following champions on their outstanding triumph: Brandice Balschmitter, Amanda Baker, Jane Parcerero, Holly Perry, Brittney Peters, Tab Pullen, Andrea Rommel, Sylina Santell, Christine Seppeler, Carrier Sheehe, Rachael Stowell, Sarah Wlodarczyk, Shelly Graham, Alex Hincley, Karli Clingerman, Shannon Schulmerich, Corrie VanDemortel, Thalia Wheaton, as well as Head Coach Mike Muscolino and Assistant Coaches Lee Prong and Dan Pullen.

CONGRATULATING THE NCAA D-II BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the Central Missouri State University (CMSU) Baseball Team on their NCAA-Division II Baseball Championship.

With the leadership of Coach Brad Hill, "MIAA Coach of the Year," the CMSU Mules defeated Tampa 11 to 4 in the championship game to claim its second national title. The Mules ended the season 51-7, their fourth straight season with 50 or more wins.

The Mules also were led by the dedication of its six seniors: Rob Bergin, Boomer Berry,

Eric Horner, Brandon Pugh, Brian Shewmaker, and Matt Whitney. Three members of the CMSU team made the NCAA-Division II All-Tournament Team: Zach Norman, Danny Guidry, and Danny Powers.

Mr. Speaker, this outstanding team has played a wonderful season of baseball and has made the people of Missouri proud. I know that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating them on their NCAA-Division II Baseball Championship.

CALLING ON JAPAN TO APOLOGIZE TO WOMEN FORCED INTO SEXUAL SLAVERY DURING AND PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a resolution calling on Japan to issue an apology to the women and girls forced into sexual slavery during and prior to World War II.

During the war and the colonial occupation of South East Asia, Japan forced over 200,000 young women and girls, known euphemistically as "comfort women" by the Japanese, into military brothels. This sexual enslavement of mostly Korean and Chinese women was officially commissioned and orchestrated by the Government of Japan. Women throughout Southeast Asia were recruited by force, coercion, or deception, transported across national borders, and kept at the mercy of the Japanese military in sub-human conditions. They endured such horrific crimes as gang rape, forced abortions, sexual violence, and human trafficking.

However, the horror of this experience did not end with the cessation of hostilities. Many comfort women were killed by Japanese soldiers after Japan surrendered. In addition, some of these women had no family or homes to return to, and found themselves abandoned in hostile lands where they were viewed as collaborators. The few remaining survivors live daily with the painful memories of their enslavement, and many still suffer serious health effects as a result of violent physical and sexual abuse and sexually transmitted diseases contracted during their ordeal.

While the facts of these crimes are incontrovertible, Japan has not officially acknowledged guilt or assisted the victims. Japan has paid \$1.3 billion in war reparations, yet none of it has gone to the victims of sexual enslavement and not one person has been tried for their crimes. Japan waited over 44 years to even acknowledge the use of comfort women and then only issued a very ambiguous apology. Japanese textbooks rarely mention this enslavement and extreme nationalists still deny Japan's involvement. A private fund set up to compensate comfort women is, according to the United Nations Special Rapporteur's reports, a complete denial of legal responsibility.

There are only a handful of these victims still alive. For too long, these women have had to live in silence and shame. My resolution calls for Japan to issue a clear and unambiguous apology, render state compensation to the victims, and provide historical accountability for these horrific crimes. The sexual en-

slavement of hundreds of thousands of women should not disappear into history without a full apology and compensation.

RECOGNITION OF MR. YASHVANT PATEL AND MATRI, INC.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Mr. Yashvant Patel, and the organization he created, Matri, Inc. Mr. Patel and Matri, Inc. have created a unique and important forum where Gujarati youth can uphold their traditional values while searching for a life partner using more modern methods. This forum has been the starting ground for many happy couples, and has provided a much-needed service to America's young Gujarati people.

Mr. Patel founded Matri, Inc. in 1995 with a specific vision of a forum where Gujarati youths could uphold their traditional values while searching for a life partner. The first Matri was hosted by Anand Pragati Mandal in Kearny, NJ, and it had less than 100 attendees. In the last nine years the event has grown drastically and become a professional non-profit organization, providing annual conventions with over 300 participants.

Matri serves an important role in the unique Gujarati youth culture. Although it is a matrimonial forum, it does not force ideas of marriage but instead encourages networking and meeting with people who share similar ideas and principles, who may become lifelong friends or even marriage partners in the future. It is their belief that similarities in dharma, poshaak and khorak (religion, dress and food) are necessary to create a successful marriage. Matri allows Gujarati parents to fulfill their duty to pave the way for their children and give them a prosperous and happy life by honoring Gujarati traditions.

Matri is actually the Sanskrit term for friendship, which is a key element in any successful marriage. Since the participants are allowed to meet without the pressure of parents, the event gives them the opportunity to meet other people and develop relationships. Matri estimates that approximately 15 percent of all participants meet with success each year.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Patel and his organization for the fine and important work they have done over the past eight years. His organization is doing an enormously important service to an important group of our nation's citizens, and we thank him for it.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF CDC OFFICIAL FRANCIE DE PESYTER

HON. W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and great appreciation that I rise today to commemorate the retirement of someone who has been a treasure to the United States Congress for the last 28 years.

Ms. Francie de Peyster will be retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on June 30, 2003, after many years of distinguished leadership and of tireless dedication to improving our Nation's public health.

Ms. de Peyster's prestigious career in public service began right here in the House of Representatives for what is now my committee, the Energy and Commerce Committee. She worked for more than five years for Representative Tim Lee Carter on the staff of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Following her tenure in the House, Ms. de Peyster went to work for the CDC in its Washington office in 1980. Ms. de Peyster became Deputy Director of the CDC/Washington office in 1984. In June 2001, she received the Secretary of Health and Human Services' Award for Distinguished Service. And just last year, she worked closely with my Committee as we drafted and passed into law one of the most important public health and national security initiatives in recent history—the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

Ms. de Peyster's professionalism, civility, experience, and dedication will be greatly missed by her friends and colleagues in the Senate and the House, and we will remain eternally grateful for her outstanding contributions to this Nation. I know all my colleagues would want to join me in expressing our sincerest thanks and wishes of happiness to Francie as she enters retirement.

HONORING FUTURE FOOTBALL GREAT RYAN HOAG

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, for the past 28 years, the Orange County community has given out its "Irrelevant Week" award to the last player selected in the National Football League draft—an award premised on the "simple act of doing something nice for someone for no reason."

This year's award, Irrelevant Week XXVIII, honors Ryan Hoag, a wide receiver from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MI, who was selected 262nd in the NFL draft by the Oakland Raiders. Ryan, who checks in at 6 feet 2 inches tall and 200 pounds, caught 56 passes in the 2002 season, racking up 808 yards and 10 touchdowns. This rock-solid performance earned Ryan his second straight first-team selection to the all-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference team—and apparently also caught the eye of scouts for the Oakland Raiders, who hope that he can make a significant contribution to their team's future success. In addition to his football skills, Ryan is clearly a tremendous all-around athlete: he was a soccer and tennis star in high school, and he also competes on his college track team, where he recently placed third in the NCAA Division III national championships for the 100-meter race, with a cheetah-fast 10.51-second dash. And when his football playing days are over, Ryan says that he hopes to follow his true passion, teaching, by becoming a kindergarten teacher.

While Ryan will surely have a lot of hard work ahead of him if he is to earn his way

onto the Oakland Raiders roster, long odds do not dampen the enthusiasm of Orange County community leaders like Paul Salata, who puts Irrelevant Week together. That is because we recognize that fame is fleeting, that humility is a virtue, and that even the last round NFL draft pick is a significantly better athlete than any member of Congress.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Ryan Hoag and everyone else who is involved in the Irrelevant Week celebration. In some ways, this celebration has outgrown its name, for I cannot think of anything more relevant to our spirit of community and our common humanity than doing nice things for other people. On behalf of the U.S. Congress and the people of Orange County whom it is my privilege to represent, congratulations to everyone associated with Irrelevant Week XXVIII, for being more relevant than you care to admit.

TRIBUTE HONORING 2003 LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, It is a sincere pleasure to recognize the finalists of the 2003 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program: Ashley Herlein of Spring Arbor, Michigan; Kristen Przybylski of Clinton, Michigan; Brian Jones of Battle Creek, Michigan; and Evelyn Levine of Albion, Michigan. This special honor is an appropriate tribute to the academic accomplishment, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement displayed by these remarkable young adults. We all have reason to celebrate their success, for it is in their promising and capable hands that our future rests.

The finalists of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program are being honored for showing that same generosity of spirit, depth of intelligence, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan. They are young men and women of character, ambition, and initiative, who have already learned well the value of hard work, discipline, and commitment.

These exceptional students have consistently displayed their dedication, intelligence, and concern throughout their high school experience. They stand out among their peers due to their many achievements and the disciplined manner in which they meet challenges. While they have already accomplished a great deal, these young people possess unlimited potential, for they have learned the keys to success in any endeavor.

As a Member of Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to join their many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to the finalist of the 2003 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship program.

INTRODUCTION OF DC PARENTAL
CHOICE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2003

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation, along with Education and Workforce Committee Chairman JOHN BOEHNER, that would provide relief to some of the long-standing challenges facing students in the District of Columbia public school system. The "DC Parental Choice Initiative Act of 2003," H.R. 2556, would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million in new Federal funding to the District of Columbia to provide individual students up to \$7,500 in scholarship money to be used at private schools of their own choosing in the District of Columbia.

One thing is clear: too many kids in our Nation's capital are not getting the education they need and fully deserve. Lower-income families concerned about the quality and safety of their children in District of Columbia public schools should not have to resign to sending their children to under-performing schools where students are not adequately motivated to perform.

At the same time, a school should not take for granted that it will automatically enroll every child that lives within a given radius of the school. Instead, that school should be striving everyday to ensure that it provides a learning environment that will attract new students and parents.

Over the past decade, Congress has spent considerable time and resources working with the District to reform its education system. Enacted laws, such as the "District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995" and the "D.C. College Access Act of 1999," have provided an impetus to level the playing field and brighten the future for D.C. students.

However, the ability of D.C. schools to meet key performance goals has long been plagued by financial mismanagement as well as a host of other problems. Despite concerted efforts by local officials to improve the public school system, little evidence of progress in improving academic performance is available.

Poor academic achievement scores are unsettling to say the least: Only 6 percent of 4th graders in the District tested "proficient" or higher in math.

Standardized test scores remain stagnant for D.C. public schools: the average D.C. SAT score is 799 while the national average is 1020.

The National Assessment of Educational Process just released a "Reading 2000" Report Card: the District's school children were ranked as the worst readers in the country.

The disparity is too glaring to ignore. The drop out rate is about 40 percent. The current condition of schools is unacceptable.

I have traditionally opposed Federal dollars going to private schools because I think Federal dollars ought to be targeted to public schools. But, for the District, I think we have to ask this question: Wouldn't more choices funded by Federal dollars provide a needed alternative for low-income children attending low-performing schools?

As the United States Representative representing a district neighboring the District of

Columbia, I have worked with the District on a number of initiatives to improve the standard of living in the District of Columbia, and along with it, the standard of living of the entire capital region. That is why I cannot ignore the grave challenges facing the District of Columbia public school system and that is why I am introducing the "DC Parental Choice Incentive Act of 2003."

The goal of school choice in the District of Columbia is to be an addition, not a subtraction. We all want the District's education system to improve, and this is at the very least a short-term effort to do something about it.

The bill I am introducing today, along with Chairman BOEHNER, would expand educational opportunities to D.C. students in under-performing elementary and secondary schools. The D.C. Choice Program would be established through a competitive process administered by the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that the public or private entity administering the initiative would be dedicated and capable of carrying out a top-notch program.

The D.C. Choice Program would provide scholarships of up to \$7,500 to eligible students to cover the cost of tuition, fees, and transportation expenses, if any. The scholarship would be considered assistance to the students and not the schools. In order to ensure accountability, an evaluation would be conducted that would consider the impact and academic achievement attained by the program.

This legislation is the result of considerable negotiation and consultation with city officials, the Administration and the key committees of jurisdiction in Congress. And for the first time ever, the Mayor of the District of Columbia has come to the conclusion that ". . . if done effectively, this program would provide even more choices for primarily low income families who currently do not have the same freedom of choice enjoyed by their affluent counterparts."

I look forward to working with my colleagues on this important legislation.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF LT. COL. STEVE GAY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Lt. Col. Steve Gay, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville district engineer and commander. His command at the Nashville district is coming to an end next month, as he will retire from the Corps.

Colonel Gay has been a tremendous asset to the Corps and its Nashville district, which covers parts of seven states and more than 59,000 square miles of the basins of the Cumberland and the Tennessee rivers. He is an invaluable leader who has performed his duties with great distinction and honor.

Colonel Gay's leadership at the Corps' Nashville district has helped make the region a better place to live through excellent management of water resources. Projects enhancing and protecting those resources have made Middle Tennessee a desirable location for

many top-notch companies, which brought with them good jobs for our residents.

Colonel Gay has served the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers well and has garnered extensive awards and decorations in the process, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Assault Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

I congratulate him for all the good work he has done with the Corps and for Middle Tennessee and wish him well in his retirement and his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT GILES, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, SCIENCE COMMITTEE

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the contribution and service of Mr. Scott Giles to the United States Congress. Scott is an outstanding public servant, truly committed to effecting positive change and improving the lives of all Americans.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Scott since January 2001, when he was appointed to serve as deputy chief of staff for the House Committee on Science. And as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Research, I have had the benefit of Scott's expert advice and diverse legislative talents on a wide range of issues.

Scott's expertise on Federal research and development and education policy has been key to our Subcommittee's legislative success, and to the Science Committee's growing influence in the House of Representatives. Scott was lead staff negotiator on several pieces of legislation we successfully shepherded through the Committee, to the House floor and eventually, onto the President's desk. Most notable of these pieces of legislation were the Cybersecurity Research and Development Act (Public Law 107-305) and the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-368), which included the National Math and Science Partnerships Act and the Tech Talent Act.

But Scott's impressive career began long before he came to the Science Committee. From 1982 to 1986, he served as legislative director for his Rochester, NY hometown Representative, the Honorable Frank Horton (R-NY). In 1986, he took a job as a senior associate and team leader at Cassidy & Associates. At Cassidy he provided government and public affairs services to colleges, universities, hospitals and non-profit organizations.

After 10 years at Cassidy, Scott and his wife, Kate headed to the University of Virginia, where Scott pursued a doctorate in ethics. In 1997 he felt the lure of Congress once again when he was asked to serve on the professional staff of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions HELP. On the HELP Committee, Scott advised the Chairman on budget, education and research policy, served as the Committee's

chief staff negotiator for budget and appropriations and was a principal staff member on the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1998, and the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998.

Now, Scott, Kate and their three children, Abigail, Sam and Eliza, are embarking on a new adventure. They are moving north to Vermont, where Scott has been appointed Vice President of Policy, Research and Planning for the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Although the students and universities in Vermont are thrilled with this move, Congress is losing a valuable, incredibly talented staff member.

On behalf of Chairman BOEHLERT and all the members and staff of the Science Committee, thank you for your service to Congress. Scott, we wish you all the best in your future.

IN HONOR OF SOLOMON NEWBORN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American and a great New Yorker, Solomon Newborn, who passed away on June 16, 2003 at the age of 86, after a life dedicated to public service, his community of Plainview, the Town of Oyster Bay, his religion, and—most importantly—his family.

After growing up as the poor child of Austrian immigrants, Solomon worked his way through New York University, where he received both his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and his Master's Degree in Education.

During World War II, Sol decided to enlist in the Navy. But the Navy told him that it was no longer enlisting men, so Sol, determined to serve his country and his flag, enlisted in the Army Air Corps, the forerunner of the United States Air Force. Solomon Newborn became a decorated Captain who served valiantly in flight and in uniform fighting the Nazi regime.

Sol's dedication to the highest standards of his profession was always evident in his work. A Certified Public Accountant and recognized specialist in the fields of municipal auditing, Solomon was elected the Receiver of Taxes of the town of Oyster Bay in 1996, a position he held until 1983. He was also an author on taxation and municipal accounting, subjects he taught at Adelphi University and Queens College, my alma mater.

Sol also understood how important it was to be a part of a community. As soon as he and his wife, Rita, moved into their home in Plainview, New York, in 1953, they began to develop the idea for the Plainview Jewish Center. Sol was not only one of the founders, but the synagogue's first president. Today, The Plainview Jewish Center continues to thrive as one of the largest synagogues on Long Island. Ironically, Sol died a full half century to the day after the first planning meeting was held in the Newborn's own living room.

Solomon Newborn was the organizer of the Annual Brotherhood Conference of Plainview Service Clubs, served as Chairman of the Red Cross for Plainview and was the Senior Vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans in Hicksville. His tireless efforts on behalf of his

community and various groups have earned him the "Man of the Year" award from Yeshiva University and the "Masada" award from the United Jewish Federation.

Solomon is survived by Rita—his wife of 54 years, four children and one granddaughter: Ira, Evan, Jud, Kym and Stacey.

Solomon Newborn was the kind of man who led by his heart and always encouraged other public officials to be true to themselves. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring and thanking Solomon for his service to our nation and to extend to his family our deepest sympathies and condolences.

THANKING THE NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), specifically Mary Miller and John Knapp of the La Junta, Co., NRCS Office for all of the wonderful work they do for rural Colorado and many of my constituents in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District.

NRCS has worked diligently to help farmers and ranchers in Eastern Colorado through this time of hardship and drought. Moreover, Mary and John have given special attention to briefing congressional staffers on many of the issues facing these farmers and ranchers. Their service to the agricultural communities of Eastern Colorado is greatly appreciated by my staff and myself.

DR. WILLIE MANLEY:
AMBASSADOR OF PEACE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I am glad to have the opportunity to recognize and congratulate Dr. Willie E. Manley as a recipient of the Ambassador of Peace Award.

I am honored to be presenting this award to Dr. Manley on Tuesday, June 24, 2003. Dr. Manley is one of 100 recipients from around the world. As the award states, it is granted to individuals who have dedicated their lives to promoting "strong family life, interreligious cooperation, international harmony, renewal of the United Nations, a responsible public media, and the establishment of a culture of peace. Transcending racial, national and religious barriers, the Ambassadors for Peace contribute to the fulfillment of the hope of all ages; a unified world of peace wherein the spiritual and material dimensions of life are harmonized." Dr. Manley is certainly deserving of such an award.

Dr. Manley's life has exemplified those very values. At home, he is the loving husband of Vertis, and the dedicated father of seven children. In addition to his work at the Greater Life Baptist Church, he is a community activist: he has traveled as a missionary to South

Africa and West Africa; been a Goodwill Ambassador to Korea; and served as a past President of the NAACP San Diego Chapter. Simply by reading his résumé, one realizes that Dr. Manley is a man who is dedicated in every way to his family, to his community, to his religion and to this world. He has worked at the local level, the national level and the international level; with the government, with non-governmental organizations, and at the grassroots.

His work has focused on peace and understanding among the people of the world. He has worked to improve race relations in the San Diego area. He has also worked to promote inter-denominational and inter-religious relations in San Diego and around the world. Indeed, I can think of no better candidate for the Ambassador of Peace Award than Dr. Willie E. Manley.

THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF MARK MEAKER

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mark Meaker for his many years of dedicated service to a number of Northern California fire departments, and also to congratulate him on the occasion of his upcoming retirement.

Mark Meaker began his fire service career in 1971 as a volunteer firefighter with the Arcade Fire District. After a year with Arcade, he went to work with the Citrus Heights Fire District in 1972 and worked his way up through the ranks. Chief Meaker spent eight years as a company officer, six as a battalion chief and five years as an Operations assistant chief for the Sacramento County Fire Protection District. In that period, he played a key role in the development of their ambulance program and was incident commander on many large-scale emergency operations.

Mr. Meaker became Fire Chief of the Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department in July of 1997. Since becoming Fire Chief, the department has completed construction of three new fire stations, and is scheduled to begin construction on a \$2.7 million fire training facility this spring.

Under Chief Meaker's leadership the Elk Grove CSD Fire Department has dramatically improved upon the rate at which its crews respond to emergency situations. The department now executes an emergency response time of 5 minutes or less 75 percent of the time the crew is called into action. This is a 35 percent increase, up from 40 percent in the years prior to his service. Mr. Meaker sup-

ported the improved education and motivation of line personnel, implemented an aggressive move-up policy along with restrictions on units leaving their cover areas, and aided in the construction of additional fire stations. These improvements, along with Mr. Meaker's dedication and hard work, are responsible for the dramatic improvement in the Elk Grove CSD Fire Department's emergency response time.

After six years of serving as Fire Chief for the Elk Grove Community Service District Fire Department and more than 30 years of dedicated duty to California's fire service, Mark Meaker is retiring. It is my pleasure to honor him today; his hard work and dedication will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO IRONWOOD AARP CHAPTER #556 IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 35TH YEAR OF SERVICE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a group of senior citizens who have kept their Ironwood American Association of Retired Persons Chapter #556 active and healthy for 35 years in Ironwood, Michigan.

Some of the charter members who were there when AARP Chapter #556 was first organized are still active members. Current Chapter President Ray Maurin presides over meetings the first Monday of every month at the Ironwood Senior Center.

Chapter #556 is involved every year in a workshop that brings Upper Peninsula AARP chapter presidents and others from Michigan AARP together, usually in the Ironwood area, to discuss legislative issues. These workshops are open to the public, are always informative and often lead to enthusiastic political discussions.

On an individual level, members of Chapter #556 this year joined forces with Lake Superior AARP Chapter #1791 to improve home safety for 52 homebound senior citizens by providing and installing home smoke detectors. This program was so popular that Grace Nurkkala, Michigan AARP Chapters Specialist, says she has a list of 25 additional seniors who have asked to be included.

Members of Chapters #556 and #1791 have also recently delivered cheerful, bright coffee mugs and live plants to brighten the lives of 52 seniors who receive home meal delivery through the Ironwood Senior Center.

As they stay active and engaged in political activity, reach out to their neighbors and join together for fellowship and action on issues important to senior citizens, the many mem-

bers of Ironwood AARP Chapter #556 can be proud of their 35 year record of accomplishment on behalf of seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and the other members of this body will join me in extending our heartiest congratulations to Ironwood AARP Chapter #556 on the 35th anniversary of its organization.

VETERANS LOSE ONE OF THEIR BEST FRIENDS

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, on June 20 the Nation lost a dedicated public servant and its veterans and Armed Forces personnel worldwide a loyal and steadfast champion. Our colleague, former Arizona Congressman Bob Stump, whose legacy is a remarkable record of programs that will benefit active duty service men and women, National Guard and Reserve personnel, and veterans for generations to come, passed away after a lengthy illness.

I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve in the House of Representatives with this gentleman from 1987 to the day of his departure—some 14 years, the full time for which we both served as members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. In that time, I never encountered a more generous, more courteous, more affable, nor more resolute individual in this body. I am proud to have served as Ranking Democrat under his very capable chairmanship of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and to have worked with someone who so clearly understood and practiced true bipartisanship.

Bob was one of those all-too-rare individuals in elected office—an unassuming, behind-the-scenes workhorse who eschewed self-promotion and who knew his way and how to get there. It didn't take long for one to understand that Bob's kindly manner sometimes belied the firm hand he kept on the helm of leadership in veterans' affairs and armed services, and in the cause of his constituents.

Those who have served in uniform, and those still serving, likely will never know the full measure of what this good man gave them, but they will feel it every day in a broad range of benefits and services that bear his mark. His near half-century of contributions to his country, beginning as a combat medic in the Pacific Theater of World War II, through service in both houses of the Arizona legislature, 26 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and chairmanship of two committees, will forever be held in the same high regard as the man we came to know and appreciate.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on 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, June 24, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 25

- 9:30 a.m.
 - Armed Services
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General John P. Abizaid, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command. SH-216
 - Environment and Public Works
 - Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine the consulting process required by Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. SD-406
 - Foreign Relations
 - To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (P.L. 106-200). SD-419
 - Appropriations
 - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
 - Business meeting to consider proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. SD-124
 - 10 a.m.
 - Energy and Natural Resources
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366
 - Governmental Affairs
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-342
 - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 - Business meeting to consider S. 1248, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and pending nominations. SD-106
 - Judiciary
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice Inspector General's Report on the 9/11 detainees. SD-226

- 2 p.m.
 - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 - Economic Policy Subcommittee
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine certain measures to strengthen the economic situation in rural America. SD-538
 - Judiciary
 - To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Louise W. Flanagan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Samuel Der-Yeghiayan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Lonny R. Suko, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, and Robert C. Brack, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. SD-215
 - Foreign Relations
 - Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee
 - Judiciary Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee
 - To hold joint hearings to examine constitutionalism, human rights, and the Rule of Law in Iraq. SD-226
 - 2:30 p.m.
 - Foreign Relations
 - European Affairs Subcommittee
 - To hold hearings to examine the progress and challenges to the successor states to Pre-1991 Yugoslavia. SD-419
 - Energy and Natural Resources
 - Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 - To hold oversight hearings to examine grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, focusing on grazing permit renewal, BLM's potential changes to grazing regulations, range monitoring, drought, and other grazing issues. SD-366

JUNE 26

- Time to be announced
 - Governmental Affairs
 - Business meeting to consider the nominations of Judith Nan Macaluso, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Fern Flanagan Saddler, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Joshua B. Bolten, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-538
 - Room to be announced
 - 9 a.m.
 - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 - To hold hearings to examine H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, includ-

- ing catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape. SR-328A
- 9:15 a.m.
 - Foreign Relations
 - Business meeting to consider S. Res. 90, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate strongly supports the non-proliferation programs of the United States, and the nominations of Marsha E. Barnes, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, John F. Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, Greta N. Morris, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), and William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia. SD-419
 - 9:30 a.m.
 - Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 - Business meeting to consider S. 1264, to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission, S. 1218, to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program, H.R. 1320, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, S. 1262, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and S. 1106, to establish National Standards for Fishing Quota Systems, an original bill authorizing funds for TEA-21 programs, and pending nominations. SR-253
 - Judiciary
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226
 - 10 a.m.
 - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 - To hold hearings to examine affiliate sharing practices in relation to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. SD-538
 - Finance
 - To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and James J. Jochum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. SD-215
 - 11 a.m.
 - Indian Affairs
 - Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-485

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Business meeting to consider proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

SD-192

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Department of State's Office of Children's Issues, focusing on responding to international parental abduction.

SD-106

Judiciary

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the growing Wahhabi influence of terrorism in the United States.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 9

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

SD-106

JULY 16

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

SR-485

JULY 23

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

SR-485

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine certain pending matters.

SD-226

JULY 30

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 578, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include Indian tribes among the entities consulted with respect to activities carried out by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

SR-485

POSTPONEMENTS

JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pamela Harbour, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; to be followed by a hearing on Radio Ownership.

SR-253