

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATION OF
THE GERALD SCHOENFELD AND
BERNARD B. JACOBS THEATRES
ON BROADWAY

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gerald Schoenfeld and, posthumously, Bernard B. Jacobs on the occasion of the dedication of the Schoenfeld and Jacobs Theatres on Broadway. For over 20 successful years, Schoenfeld and Jacobs ran the Shubert Organization, America's oldest professional theatre company, as Chairman and President. With today's dedication, they are being honored with one of Broadway's most cherished and esteemed accolades.

Over the last 103 years, the Shubert Organization has owned hundreds of theatres and produced hundreds of plays and musical. Since the 1980s, the company's ticketing service has grown to become the leading ticket provider in New York City's thriving theatre industry. Founded at the end of the 19th century, three brothers, Sam, Lee and Jacob J. Shubert, from Syracuse, New York, founded the organization. Today, the Shubert Organization owns and/or operates 16 Broadway theatres and one Off-Broadway theatre in New York City, as well as theatres in Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

Bernard B. Jacobs was born in New York City in 1916. In his long career on Broadway, he produced hundreds of plays, and was nominated for and won numerous Tony Awards. In 1996, the Shubert Organization lost its beloved and much admired President, and he was posthumously honored with the Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in 1997.

Today, the Shubert Organization continues to thrive under the chairmanship of Gerald Schoenfeld. Schoenfeld was born in New York in 1924, and in his career has enjoyed tremendous success on Broadway. He is also deeply committed to the betterment of the City of New York, and is an active participant in civic affairs. Schoenfeld, with his former colleague, has produced hundreds of successful plays, and his been nominated for and won dozens of Tony Awards.

Under the leadership of Schoenfeld and Jacobs, the Shubert Organization was reorganized into the powerhouse it is today. Over the past three decades, the organization has dedicated its energies and resources to a long-term campaign for the revitalization of the American theatre. Its many projects have included the refurbishment of all Shubert playhouses, devoted participation in civic and community affairs, and a continuing effort to rehabilitate the Times Square Theatre District.

Today, May 9, 2005, I am pleased to join the Schoenfeld and Jacobs families, along with Hugh Jackman, Dame Edna Everage, and the cast of the Broadway hit "Avenue Q" as the Shubert Organization dedicates the

Gerald Schoenfeld and Bernard B. Jacobs Theatres.

For their commitment to the theatre, their passion for the arts, and their efforts to better the lives of all New Yorkers, I congratulate and honor the Shubert Organization, and specifically Gerald Schoenfeld, and Bernard B. Jacobs, here today.

HONORING LESLIE BURGER

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leslie Burger, who was recently elected president of the American Library Association. Ms. Burger will serve for two years, as president-elect from July 2005 through June 2006, and then will take over as president of the ALA until 2007.

The American Library Association is a Chicago-based organization with more than 64,000 members. Established in 1876, the ALA offers leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of libraries and librarians, to advance learning and guarantee access to information for everyone.

Leslie Burger is well prepared to serve as president of the ALA. She received a master's degree in organizational behavior from the University of Hartford, and a master's in library science from the University of Maryland—College Park, following graduation from Southern Connecticut State College. During her already accomplished career, she has continually fought to enhance and modernize libraries. Through her work at the Library Development Solutions, a firm which she founded over 10 years ago she has been a leader in integrating technology and developing new programs to keep libraries around the country up to date.

Leslie has been the director of the Princeton Public Library since 1999 in my district in New Jersey. Leslie was instrumental in securing funding for a new library in Princeton which opened over a year ago. She is a tireless worker in raising support (and funds) for the new building and services for the library. She has spent time working the "front line" of the library, where she works with patrons of all ages. She has reached out to underserved individuals by implementing new programs such as computer instruction in multiple languages and diverse cultural programming. Leslie also served as president of the New Jersey Library Association from 2001–2002.

Leslie has great plans for the future of the ALA. She hopes to improve salaries for librarians and other library workers, as well as modernize libraries so they are well equipped for the new technologies of the 21st century. She plans to fight against proposed library closings and cutbacks and extend the Campaign for America's Libraries. As president of ALA, she will ensure equal access for all individuals to library services and continue to de-

velop diverse educational programming for patrons.

Leslie Berger has worked hard providing important services to residents of Central New Jersey. I am sure all my colleagues join me in congratulating Leslie Berger on her election as president of the American Library Association. I have no doubt that she will continue to be a great advocate for libraries and library workers nationwide.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, which is being observed today in the United States, Israel, and in Jewish communities around the world.

Each year this day is one of grief and hope. We memorialize the 6,000,000 Jews, including more than 1,000,000 children, who were murdered in the Holocaust. We observe the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising and remember the heroism of those who fought back. We honor the survivors and the tremendous strength it took for them to rebuild their lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge two special commemorative ceremonies that took place in my district.

First, let me pay tribute to Café Europa, an association of Los Angeles area Holocaust survivors sponsored by Jewish Family Services. This week, Café Europa sponsored a special Yom HaShoah ceremony at Mount Sinai Memorial Park alongside Holocaust survivors from Café Europa of Tel Aviv and students from area schools. I want to particularly thank the survivors who courageously and poignantly shared their painful experiences through stories, poems, songs and photographs.

I would also like to recognize a community-wide ceremony in Pan Pacific Park sponsored by the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, The Jewish Federation, Second Generation, and the Los Angeles Holocaust Monument Fund. This year, the program's theme, "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice," marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps and the Nuremberg Trials to prosecute Nazi war criminals.

On this day we bear witness to the atrocities of the Nazi regime so that they are not forgotten and are never again repeated. We renew our commitment to Holocaust education to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust do not fade away as the generation that lived through these events passes on. And perhaps most importantly, we pledge to fight future genocide by taking action against the slaughter of innocents going on today in places like Darfur, Sudan.

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We cannot forget that the bloodshed could have been averted had the leaders of the world not been silent while Jews were being killed at Auschwitz. When we say "Never Again," let us learn from their mistakes.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF MRS. WILLIE STEPHENITCH

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of Mrs. Willie Stephenitch to the State of Nevada. Mrs. Stephenitch has been recently named one of eight national recipients of the "Making a Difference" award by the Bureau of Land Management. Mrs. Stephenitch has volunteered for Friends of Red Rock Canyon for many years and has been instrumental in preserving the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area for future generations.

Some examples of the hands-on approach Mrs. Stephenitch has taken include extensive educational outreach regarding Red Rock Canyon; the design and development of "Trash Bash Day," a semi-annual clean-up event; and aiding in the coordination of Red Rock Canyon's annual "Tortoise Trot" trail run.

Red Rock Canyon is one of Nevada's crown jewels, and I thank Mrs. Stephenitch for her hard work and dedication in helping to increase community awareness and involvement for the protection of this area. Her enthusiasm and love for public lands has been felt by thousands of area residents and visitors and should serve as an example for Americans to live by.

Thank you for your hard work, Mrs. Stephenitch.

CHRISTY REID

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of the House of Representatives to an individual from my district whose creativity and vision have brought due accolades to both herself and the great State of Idaho.

Christy Reid was chosen out of the Nation of fifth graders as the winner of the National Arbor Day Poster Contest. Her beautiful artwork will now represent the National Arbor Day Foundation all year long. She has been honored in our home state of Idaho, in Nebraska City—the home of Arbor Day—as well as in Washington, DC.

Not only is Christy's artistic talent on display in the posters, but she also had the honor of planting a tree in the National Botanical Gardens. As this tree grows, surely so will Christy's talent and her excellent representation of the many things that Idaho has to offer. I hope the House will join me in acknowledging Christy's achievement.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF REPRESENTATIVE JOE. E. MORENO, TEXAS STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—DISTRICT 143

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy as I pause today to pay tribute to my colleague and an outstanding public servant, Joe Moreno who died tragically this past Friday, May 6, 2005.

A native of Houston, Texas, Mr. Moreno represented District 143 in the Texas State House for more than seven years after being elected with overwhelming grassroots support in November, 1998. A graduate of St. Thomas High School, he attended St. Thomas University and Texas Southern University. His unexpected death leaves a huge void in the lives of all of us who knew and respected him. As a dedicated community activist, Representative Moreno will be remembered as a champion who never wavered in his commitment to improving the lives of his constituents. An active member of the Resurrection Catholic Church, the Harris County Tejano Democrats and the League of United Latin American Citizens Council, Joe was awarded the prestigious title of "Legislator of the Year" in 2003 in recognition of his skills as a Member of the State House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his career, Representative Moreno has been honored by the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, the East Harris County Manufacturing Association, the Houston Gulf Coast Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and the Hispanic Contractor's Association of the Greater Houston Area, Inc. During the 79th Legislative Session, he served on the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee as well as the Borders and International Affairs Committee.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, this is a sad day, and I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting Joe Moreno, a pillar of the community whose contributions will not be forgotten.

THE INTERWOVEN VALUES OF
FREEDOM AND MARKETS

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, in today's times, we often find that the principle values and activities of the United States are under attack. Too few defenses are offered against such attacks, even if they question the very fundamentals of how we live and work. It is therefore helpful and encouraging to see when someone takes this responsibility seriously. Here are some thoughts of Professor Michael R. Czinkota of Georgetown University who professes his belief on how to advance the cause of freedom.

ON FREEDOM AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

(By Michael R. Czinkota)

THE ISSUE OF FREEDOM

You may ask what freedom has to do with international marketing. Freedom is about

options. If there is no alternative, there is no freedom. A true alternative provides the opportunity to make a decision, to exercise virtue. In the blaze of the klieg lights, it is easy to make the "right" decision. That's not an exercise in virtue, because real alternatives are effectively removed. The true selection among alternatives takes place in the darkness of night when nobody is looking.

The focus and aim of international marketing is on crossing borders. The goal is to provide more than one choice for customers, letting them pick from a selection of options in order to maximize their satisfaction. International marketing does so in all corners of the globe, the glamorous ones as well as in the small and remote ones where the efforts are not seen by others. By operating both in the limelight and also well outside of it, international marketing offers the freedom to exercise virtue both to the seller and the buyer—be it in decisions of supplying or purchasing, pricing or selecting.

Another key dimension of freedom is not to confine, allowing people to go outside of the box. As a concept, freedom knows no international boundaries. But national borders usually are the box where business and government find their limits. Such borders are a mere point of transition for international marketing. The discipline thrives on understanding of how to successfully cross national borders, on coping with the differences once the crossing is done, and on profitably reconciling any conflicts.

International marketing contains the freedom of almost unlimited growth potential. Activities confined to domestic borders may well run into limits of expansion. International market opportunities relax these limits quickly. Instead of restrictions, the international marketing paradigm encourages the stripping away of restraints; instead of limitations, there is the encounter of opportunity.

Freedom also means not being forced to do something one does not want to do (Hayek, 1971). There are economic migration pressures that force people to move from their rural homes into urban areas or from their developing countries into industrialized ones. Industrialized nations, in turn, speak about immigration pressure. For both sides, little if any freedom is involved here. Most individuals who do the moving would much rather stay home but cannot afford to do so due to economic exigencies. The recipient countries might not want to welcome the migrants but do so in response to political and humanitarian pressures. International marketing may have been part of what triggered some of these migrations, but it also can provide the economic opportunity for individuals at home so that they need not migrate. Thus, it lets individuals become productive contributors to the global economy free from pressures to shift locations.

When the long-standing rivalry between socialism and market orientation was resolved, market forces and the recognition of demand and supply directly affected human rights and the extent of freedom. With all humility and gratefulness we can conclude: Markets were right! In country after country, market forces have demonstrated typically greater efficiency and effectiveness in their ability to satisfy the needs of people.

International marketing has been instrumental in stimulating these newly emerging market forces. In spite of complaints about the slowness of change, the insufficiency of wealth redistribution, and the inequities inherent in societal upheavals, a large majority of participants in market-oriented changes are now better off than they were before. Without the transition provided by international marketing, these changes would not have come about that swiftly.

THE COST OF FREEDOM

One keeps hearing about the large segment of the world population that is poor and therefore supposedly excluded from any international marketing efforts; the World Bank's former president called them the 3 billion \$2-a-day poor (Wolfensohn, 2001). By contrast, international marketers see them as an attractive \$6 billion-a-day opportunity for valuable exchanges!

What's more is that international marketing provides the opportunity to acquire resources without the deployment of force. Why fight if you can trade? Countries that have been historic enemies such as France, England and Germany are now all united in their close collaboration through international marketing. (Farmer, 1987) The field is, therefore, at the very least contributing to freedom from war while providing additional choices for consumption.

But the cost of freedom is rising. Terms like free trade or free choice are misleading since they all come with a price, which international marketers pay in terms of preparing their shipments, scrutinizing their customers, and conforming to government regulations.

We all are paying a higher price due to global terrorism. As freedom suffers, so does international marketing. In most instances, terrorism is not an outgrowth of choice but rather the lack of it. Terrorists may succeed in reducing the freedom of others but not in increasing their own. Who is typically most affected by terrorist acts? Attacks aimed at businesses, such as the infamous bombings of U.S. franchises abroad, do not bring big corporations to their knees. The local participants, the local employees, the local investors, and the local customers are affected most. Who can protect themselves against such attacks and who can afford to protect targets? Only the more wealthy countries and companies can. They have the choice of where to place their funds, with whom to trade, and whether to hold the enemy at bay through a security bubble created by changing business formulas via exporting or franchising. The poor players do not have choices. The local firms, the nations with economies in development, and the poor customers continue to be exposed to further acts of terrorism with very limited indigent ability to influence events.

But international marketing can enable the disenfranchised to develop alternatives. Multinational firms can invest in the world's poorest markets and increase their own revenue while reducing poverty. With support from shareholders and the benefit of good governance, international marketers can, and should, continue in their role as social change agents. The discipline has value maximization at its heart. If it is worthwhile to fulfill the needs of large segments of people, even at low margins, then it will be done. International marketers after all have as their key desire the creation of new customers and suppliers and they are delighted when, in fulfillment of their aims, they can bring about freedom from extremes of hunger, sickness, and intolerance.

VALUE AND FREEDOM

In a global setting, freedom can take on many dimensions. Privileges and obligations that are near and dear to some may well be cheap and easily disposed of by others. The views of one society may differ from views held in other regions of the world. Such differences then account for misunderstandings, surprises, and long-term conflicts.

There are two value dimensions at work here, both of them highly relevant to international marketing. One may be circumscribed as the freedom and values of a market economy. To make them work gov-

ernmental, managerial, and corporate virtue, vision, and veracity are required. Unless the world can believe in what institutions and their leaders say and do, it will be difficult to forge a global commitment between those doing the marketing and the ones being marketed to. It is therefore of vital interest to the proponents of freedom and international marketing to ensure that corruption, bribery, lack of transparency, and poor governance are exposed for their negative effects in any setting or society. The main remedy will be the collaboration of the global policy community in agreeing on what constitutes transgressions and swift punishment of the culprits involved, so that market forces can work free from distortion.

A second and even more crucial issue is the value system we use in making choices. Some years ago, the Mars Climate Orbiter mission failed spectacularly as a result of the use of different values by the mission navigation teams. One team was using metric units and the other used the English system of measurement. This mistake caused the orbiter to get too close to the atmosphere, where it was destroyed ("NASA's Metric Confusion," 1999).

There are major differences among what people value around the world. Contrasts include togetherness next to individuality, cooperation next to competition, modesty next to assertiveness, and self-effacement next to self-actualization. Often, global differences in value systems keep us apart and result in spectacularly destructive differences. How we value a life, for example, can be crucial in terms of how we treat individuals. What value we place on family, work, leisure time, or progress has a substantial effect on how we see and evaluate each other.

Cultural studies tell us that there are major differences between and even within nations. International marketing, through its linkages via goods, services, ideas, and communications, can achieve important assimilations of value systems. On the consumer side, new products offer international appeal and encourage similar activities around the world: many of us wear denim, dance the same dances, and eat pizza and sushi (Marquardt & Reynolds, 1994). It has been claimed that local product offerings help define people and provide identity and that it is the local idiosyncrasies that make people beautiful (Johansson, 2004). Some even offer the persistence of the specific breakfast habits of the English and the French as evidence of local immutability in the face of globalization (de Mooij, 1998). Yet, we should remember that values are learned, not genetically implanted. As life's experiences grow more international and more similar, so do values. Therefore, every time international marketing forges a new linkage in thinking, new progress is made in shaping a greater global commonality in values. It may well be that international marketing's ability to align global values which makes it easier for countries, companies, and individuals to build bridges between them, may eventually become the field's greatest gift to the world.

A JOINED OCCURRENCE

How do freedom and international marketing match with today's discontent so forcefully expressed by the disgruntlement of the anti-globalists? Many claim that never before in history has there been so much evidence about such strong opposition to globalization and to Americans as harbingers of international marketing.

Perhaps those making such claims are sadly mistaken. In looking at other "globalizers" in world history, such as the Vikings, the Mongols, the Tatars, and the Romans, there probably was both intellec-

tual and physical opposition (or do we really believe that everybody enjoyed Genghis Khan?). But protest was never allowed to become very vocal, or to engage in repeated, large demonstrations or widespread pamphleteering. Due to rather harsh policies of dealing with the opposition, very few records of such resistance are available today. Consequently, comparisons with past events are difficult to make and are likely to be highly inaccurate.

Today's news is good. The nations, institutions and individuals around the world are increasingly accepting freedom as the key foundation of the good life. We are discovering that international marketing, both as a discipline and as an activity is very closely interwoven with freedom—some even call it essential. It is the freedom Thomas Aquinas saw as the means to human excellence and happiness (Weigel, 2001) which international marketing helps us reach. In reciprocal causality, freedom causes and facilitates international marketing, while international marketing is a key support of the cause of freedom. A productive symbiosis at work!

IN RECOGNITION OF HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Yom Hoshuah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. We recognize now not only the more than six million Jews who lost their lives, but the human potential that was also extinguished during the dark days of World War II. We remember not just the mothers and fathers, the sons and daughters, the brothers and sisters, but also their descendants who never got to make their contributions to mankind. And we remember the heroes who gave their lives in the greatest fight for freedom and democracy the modern world has ever known.

By reflecting on this most solemn day, we join in a special bond with the victims of the Holocaust to ensure that the world will never suffer such a horrific tragedy again. It is through our reflection that we acknowledge the human loss and through our actions that we build a world free of such hatred and despair. Our greatest tribute to the millions who suffered at the hands of the Nazi regime will be to ensure that their memory will never be extinguished. By recognizing Holocaust Remembrance Day, we carry on the legacy of those who bore the greatest burden of one of the world's saddest times.

Now 60 years later, the fires of hate, which burned so brightly in Europe from 1939 through 1945, never really burned out. They were smoldering in the hearts of the terrorists on September 11th. Those same fires are ablaze today, in actions of homicide bombers in Tel Aviv, the West Bank, and in Gaza; and in genocidal practices in the Sudan. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp, we pray for an end to evils of hate throughout the world.

With these examples fresh in our minds, we marvel at the strength and character of the Jewish people. Their steadfast determination to rebuild their lives following the Holocaust has given the world a remarkable model of resolve. Through their example, we can glimpse the extraordinary human spirit that rises above the fruitlessness of anger and resentment. With this day and with our deeds we honor that spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Yom Hoshuah, May 5, 2005, and I urge my colleagues, and all Americans, to do the same.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1268,
EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DE-
FENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON
TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF
ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the inclusion of the REAL ID Act within the supplemental appropriations conference report. The REAL ID Act is an important step towards addressing a significant national security concern.

The inclusion of the REAL ID Act in this legislation will protect Americans from terrorists who seek to exploit weaknesses in our homeland security. By allowing homeland security officials to more closely scrutinize asylum claims and by expanding the grounds for deportation to include additional terrorist related activities, this act makes America more secure. The creation of minimal standards for drivers' licenses will help reduce the use of fraudulently obtained state IDs to access sensitive areas and board aircraft.

Last year, I voted against intelligence reform legislation because of the removal at the last minute of the REAL ID Act. I know Judiciary Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner strongly opposed the removal of the REAL ID Act from that legislation. When many had lost hope, he continued the fight to move the REAL ID Act through the legislative process. I thank Chairman Sensenbrenner for sticking by his convictions, providing leadership on this issue, and ensuring the inclusion of the REAL ID Act within this conference report.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH
STEFANI

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and sincerity that I rise today to honor the late Mr. Joseph Stefani. Known to many as simply "Papa Joe," he was an endearing friend, a successful businessman and beloved member of our community in Merced, California. At the age of 92, Joseph Stefani passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2005.

Joseph Stefani, a life-long resident of Merced, was the son of Italian immigrants Carlo and Annunziata Stefani. He was born October 28, 1912 on his parents' 20-acre farm on Franklin Road. He attended and graduated from Franklin Grammar School, and then continued on to Merced High School. However, before he was able to graduate, the Great Depression forced Joe to leave school in order to earn money to help pay property taxes on the family's farm.

Soon after leaving school to work as a grocery clerk, Joe was hired at the Workingmen's Clothing Store in downtown Merced. After only four years of learning the business, and at the young age of only 24, Joe opened his own store—Stefani's Sport Shop on June 1, 1936. With a lifetime of success and happiness ahead of them, Joe married his first love, Mary Gonella Stefani on February 5, 1938. In the years following, the Stefani's business expanded and prospered. They eventually opened an additional store in the Merced Mall, and in the neighboring communities of Atwater and Los Banos. After 51 years as a downtown merchant, Joe reluctantly retired in 1987. In addition to creating and maintaining a successful business, Joe and Mary created a beautiful family of three children, Bob, Larry and Kathleen.

Throughout his life, Joe Stefani remained committed to the growth of Merced and dedicated his time to countless civic and business committees including the Merced Downtown Improvement Association, and the Merced Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Downtown Rotary Club for more than fifty years and was a Paul Harris Fellow. His service to the community continued up to the time of his passing, as he was currently a member of many organizations including the Merced Elks Lodge, and the Italian Catholic Federation. Throughout his entire life, Joe was a devout Catholic and an active member of Our Lady of Mercy/St. Patrick's Parish. He was instrumental in the building of a new Our Lady of Mercy School which opened in 1956, and in the building of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in

the 1990's. During his life he had the distinct honor of a personal audience with Pope John Paul II which serves as further evidence of his lifelong commitment to his church.

Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary, his son Bob, and his brother Angelo Stefani. He is survived by his son Larry and daughter Kathleen, both of Merced, his sister Mary Lucich of Merced, his sister Caroline Cugia of Concord, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to join the community of Merced in recognizing Joseph "Papa Joe" Stefani. Our community benefits greatly from the example he set throughout his lifetime of service as a successful businessman who dedicated his life to his community, his family, and his faith.

COMMENDING SUPERINTENDENT
BARBARA WEST

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 9, 2005

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Barbara West, the superintendent of Voyageurs National Park, as she prepares to leave Minnesota for America's southwest. I thank her for her hard work and know that she will be missed, not only as one who has dedicated her life to preserving our nation's natural treasures, but as a friend.

Voyageurs National Park is one of the crown jewels in our national park system. It contains four large lakes covering forty percent of the park with a series of beautiful islands for one to explore. Voyageurs was named for the French-Canadian canoemen who traveled these waters in their birch-bark canoes. The park's waterways were an important stretch of the "voyageurs' highway" from the Great Lakes into the interior of the western United States and Canada.

With grace and confidence, Superintendent West has done an outstanding job of overseeing and protecting this area so future generations can enjoy its history and beauty. Minnesotans and visitors to our state have benefited from her stewardship of the park and her dedication to community and our natural resources.

Superintendent West, thank you for your years of service. I, along with many who treasure and love our national parks, wish you the very best in your new assignment at the Chaco Culture National Historic Park in New Mexico.

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, May 10, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 11

9 a.m.
Appropriations
 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2003, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers. SD-G50

Armed Services
 Strategic Forces Subcommittee
 Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition of Indian tribes. SD-106

Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine issues relating to spyware. SR-253

Appropriations
 Defense Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Missile Defense Program. SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine S. 895, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents. SD-366

Appropriations
 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine issues relating to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). SD-G50

Armed Services
 Personnel Subcommittee
 Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-232A

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
 Legislative Branch Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Government Printing Office, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Office of Compliance. SD-116

11:30 a.m.
Armed Services
 Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
 Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

2 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine 21st century biological threats. SD-430

Energy and Natural Resources
 Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 100, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado, S. 235 and H.R. 816, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 404, to make a technical correction relating to the land conveyance authorized by Public Law 108-67, S. 741, to provide for the disposal of certain Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, S. 761, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base. SD-366

2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
 Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

Foreign Relations
 European Affairs Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the United States-European Union regulatory cooperation on emerging technologies. SD-419

Intelligence
 To hold a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219

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9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
 Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226

Appropriations
 Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). SD-138

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government. SR-253

Foreign Relations
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations. SD-419

Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine issues relating to the planning, providing, and paying for veterans' long-term care. SR-418

2 p.m.
Appropriations
 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). SD-192

Appropriations
 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations. SD-124

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
 Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters. SH-219

3 p.m.
Aging
 To hold hearings to examine the threat of HIV affecting people over fifty. SH-216

4 p.m.
Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine pending executive nominations. SD-226

<p>MAY 13</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222</p>	<p>Judiciary To hold hearings to examine issues relating to protecting the judiciary at home and in the courthouse. SD-226</p> <p>10 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Business meeting to consider the proposed Workforce Investment Act Amendments of 2005, and pending nominations. SD-430</p>	<p>MAY 25</p> <p>10 a.m. Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Grain Standards Act. SR-328A</p> <p>Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-430</p>
<p>MAY 17</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Investigations Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the United Nations' Oil-for-Food Program, the illegal surcharges paid on Iraqi oil sales, and the nature and extent of the 2003 Khor al-Amaya incident. SD-562</p>	<p>MAY 19</p> <p>1 p.m. Foreign Relations International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the proposed Climate Change Technology Deployment in Developing Countries Act. SD-419</p>	<p>MAY 26</p> <p>10 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine issues relating to the 21st century workplace. SD-430</p>
<p>10 a.m. Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. SR-328A</p> <p>Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the Older Americans Act. SD-430</p>	<p>MAY 24</p> <p>2 p.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Education and Early Childhood Development Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine issues relating to American history. SD-430</p> <p>3 p.m. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold hearings to examine money laundering and terror financing issues in the Middle East. SD-538</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 20</p> <p>10 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion. 345 CHOB</p>
<p>MAY 18</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust. Room to be announced</p>		<p>POSTPONEMENTS</p> <p>MAY 11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Judiciary To hold an oversight hearing to examine the effectiveness of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's translation program. SD-226</p>