

Mr. Nix has lived his life as a hardworking family man who is always the first to help those in need. He is a lifelong member of the local VFW and the local Baptist Church. His love of family and commitment to community confirm Mr. Nix's integrity and character.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Nix and other men and women who have given so much for our freedom. Like so many other members of the "Greatest Generation," Mr. Nix set aside his ambitions and risked his life for our nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing my heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the patriotic service of Mr. Roy Herbert Nix.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN HOLTORF,
JR.

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 13, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Holtorf, Jr., for his impressive contributions to Colorado agriculture. John is a successful producer who is a leader in the use of innovative agricultural practices. He has compassion for the land and has been able to consistently demonstrate good stewardship. Additionally, John's willingness to involve local area youth in the daily ranch activities has had an extensive impact on numerous young lives.

John attended a one-room schoolhouse as a young person, and then went on to attend Colorado A&M College, now Colorado State University. He joined the U.S. Army and served from 1956–1957. Following his service, he returned home to the family ranch 14 miles north of Akron. In 1961, John became secretary-treasurer of Holtorf Incorporated and manager of the 8,000 acre Buffalo Springs Ranch. Under his management, pastures were reseeded and fenced to prevent overgrazing and the Hereford cow operation was converted to a crossbred Angus cows/Hereford bull operation. In 1994, John built a 3,000-head custom feedlot.

John tested and incorporated many innovative management practices, including artificial insemination, estrus synchronization and rotational grazing. He has worked with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to reintroduce antelope to the area, and to select a suitable location for prairie chickens. He offered the spring-fed ponds at Buffalo Springs for local public fishing and established a trophy bass breeding and Canada Goose reserve. John and his brother Tom became the first U.S. certified natural and organic beef producers and feeders in the region.

John has been a positive influence on many young lives in the area by opening his home to the area youth by sharing his time and knowledge. He has taken young people under his wing and taught them responsibility, respect for the land, the value of hard work, and the ability to embrace new challenges with enthusiasm. He has helped them select, train, and prepare beef cattle for shows. He shared with them all the joy of living, learning and working in agriculture. He and his wife Lea raised 3 boys; Vincent, a Lieutenant Colonel serving in the U.S. Army; Victor, who owns his own consulting firm and Richard, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Colorado National Guard.

John's lifelong contributions to agriculture have earned him induction into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame in February of 2006. He has helped sustain a way of life that honors the land while helping feed the world. I am proud to honor John Holtorf, Jr., for his devotion to Colorado agriculture.

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, March 14, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 15

9 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace.

SD-430

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, proposed comprehensive immigration reform legislation, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

SD-226

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F136 Alternative Engine

Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future year's defense program.

SH-216

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Post-Palestinian election challenges in the Middle East.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children.

SR-485

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ground forces readiness in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Navy.

SD-192

Aging

To hold hearings to examine eliminating retirement income disparity for women.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, including an update on the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

1:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine hospital group purchasing, focusing on if the industry's reforms are sufficient to ensure competition.

SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the progress of the programs on the Government Accountability Office's high-risk list, including whether a proposal to create a Chief Management Officer at the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense would foster a culture of accountability necessary for improved high-risk program performance.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Air Force and Navy tactical aviation programs in