

HONORABLE BILL ANOATUBBY
GOVERNOR OF THE CHICKASAW
NATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege today to rise in recognition of a good friend of mine, the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Governor Bill Anoatubby. On October 26, 2007, East Central University will induct Governor Anoatubby into its Hall of Governors; he is only the fourth individual to receive such a prestigious recognition. He joins former U.S. Senator and former Governor Robert S. Kerr; former Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice, former U.S. Senator, and former Governor Ernest McFarland; and former Governor George Nigh. Reflecting upon the caliber of these individuals who have contributed so much to the State of Oklahoma, I know Governor Anoatubby truly appreciates the honor he is being given and that he so richly deserves.

Madam Speaker, graduating from East Central University in 1972 was merely the beginning, because from that day forward Governor Anoatubby has worked tirelessly to make Oklahoma a better State and the Chickasaws of Oklahoma a more prosperous people. His passion to this end is reflected in the litany of civic and community activities, affiliations, leadership roles, awards and honors contained in his biography.

But Madam Speaker, the Governor's impressive resume aside, I am honored today to recognize this award on the floor of the United States House of Representatives because I am a member of the Chickasaw Nation and I have witnessed the Governor achieve amazing things for our tribe, for the State of Oklahoma, and for tribes across the country. The Governor has presided over the Renaissance of the Chickasaw Nation by focusing on increasing economic development, expanding health coverage, improving education, and preserving and reviving the tribe's cultural and historical heritage so important for our future vitality and self-identity.

But Governor Anoatubby's accomplishments do not stop there, Madam Speaker. He not only fulfills his duties as the leader of the Chickasaw Nation, but has become one of the most respected Native American leaders in the country. He understands the unique status of tribes, and as such, he recognizes the unique opportunities available not only at a state level, but nationally and internationally for tribal development and prosperity. He has an unequalled willingness to reach out and make partnerships between tribes and businesses, institutions, organizations, and other governments.

Madam Speaker, Governor Anoatubby profoundly understands that neither the Chickasaw Nation nor the State of Oklahoma can thrive independently of one another. He has demonstrated time and time again that working together, the two can bring remarkable benefits to all Oklahomans, native and non-native alike. Simply put, Madam Speaker, Governor Anoatubby has changed the way people live in the State of Oklahoma for the better,

and I congratulate him on being inducted into East Central University's Hall of Governors.

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, October 23, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations
African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the United States role in consolidating peace and democracy in the Great Lakes region.

SD-419

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Business meeting to markup the 2007 Farm Bill.

SR-328A

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the future of radio.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ways to build an effective terrorist screening system.

SD-342

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald Jay Tenpas, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Joseph N. Laplante, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Reed Charles O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Thomas D. Schroeder, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Amul R. Thapar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Aging
To hold hearings to examine hidden 401K fees, focusing on ways that disclosure can increase retirement security.

SD-628

1:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the role of federally-funded university research in the patent system.

SD-226

1:45 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, David T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Gail Dennise Mathieu, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Eunice S. Reddick, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, William H. Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, George E. Pataki, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations; to be immediately followed by an open hearing to examine issues relative to the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine international accounting standards, focusing on opportunities, challenges, and global convergence issues.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Environment and Public Works
Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases.

SD-406

OCTOBER 25

9:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism
 Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine sweatshop
 conditions in the toy industry in
 China.
 SR-253

10 a.m.
 Finance
 To hold hearings to examine small busi-
 ness health insurance, focusing on
 building a gateway to coverage.
 SD-215

Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider S. 1946, to
 help Federal prosecutors and investiga-
 tors combat public corruption by
 strengthening and clarifying the law,
 S. Res. 347, designating May 2008 as
 "National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife
 Stewardship Month", S. Res. 346, ex-
 pressing heartfelt sympathy for the
 victims of the devastating thunder-
 storms that caused severe flooding dur-
 ing August 2007 in the States of Illi-
 nois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wis-
 consin, and the nominations of John
 Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United
 States Circuit Judge for the Seventh
 Circuit, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas,
 to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland
 Security.
 SD-226

Environment and Public Works
 Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Se-
 curity, and Water Quality Sub-
 committee
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine
 the effectiveness of federal drunk driv-
 ing programs.
 SD-406

2:30 p.m.
 Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
 fairs
 Federal Financial Management, Govern-
 ment Information, Federal Services,
 and International Security Sub-
 committee
 To hold hearings to examine single au-
 dits, focusing on a recent study on the
 potential impacts that implementing
 certain recommendations could have to
 help ensure that federal funds are safe-
 guarded.
 SD-342

Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings to examine cer-
 tain intelligence matters.
 SH-219

OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine
 the Uniformed services Employment
 and Reemployment Rights Act
 (USERRA).
 SD-562

10 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine universal
 telephone service.
 SR-253

NOVEMBER 1

10 a.m.
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the nomina-
 tions of Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jer-
 sey, to be Solicitor, and Howard
 Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy
 Secretary, both of the Department of
 Labor.
 SD-430

NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine
 the performance and structure of the
 United States Court of Appeals for Vet-
 erans.
 SR-562

10 a.m.
 Rules and Administration
 To hold hearings to examine the Govern-
 ment Accountability Office report fo-
 cusing on funding challenges and facili-
 ties maintenance at the Smithsonian
 Institution.
 SR-301

POSTPONEMENTS

OCTOBER 24

5 p.m.
 Intelligence
 To hold a closed conference to examine
 the fiscal year 2008 Intelligence Au-
 thorization bill.
 S-407, Capitol