

Errol Campbell 08/14/2012.
 Johnny Armstong 08/27/2012.
 Esmerito Perez Mendez 09/24/2012.
 Ramon Perez 09/24/2012.
 Sonja Rivera 09/27/2012.
 Omar Santana 10/05/2012.
 Shane Oliver 10/20/2012.
 Verall "Anthony" Hampton 11/11/2012.
 Ricardo Arroyo 12/03/2012.
 Jazzy Delgado 12/23/2012.
 Sawaire Kirchindath 02/28/2013.
 Kwante Feliciano 03/25/2013.
 Kelly Cooper 03/25/2013.
 Jimmy Q. Roberson 04/03/2013.
 Kelly McCaskill Coupe 04/25/2013.
 Shaman Jenkins 04/28/2013.
 Javar Pretson 05/05/2013.

In the words of Senior Pastor, Stephen Camp of the Faith Congregational Church in Hartford, "We pray for those parents and relatives who grieve still for the loss of their loved ones taken by senseless violence . . . these victims whom we remember, leave mothers and parents who search still for God's hope and God's assurance."

May all of our actions in this Congress reflect the hope of these parents, and parents everywhere who pray that no other mother or father knows what it means to mourn a child lost to senseless violence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2013

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, I missed rollcall votes numbered 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, and 160 because I was in Kansas.

Rollcall No. 155 was a vote on the Previous Question. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 156 was a vote on the rule for H.R. 1062, the SEC Regulatory and Accountability Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 157 was a vote on an amendment to H.R. 1062 offered by Representative HURT to express the sense of Congress that rules adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) comply with the same standards required of the SEC, and requires the SEC to ensure that any rules adopted by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), and other national securities associations comply with the standards set forth in the bill. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 158 was a vote on an amendment to H.R. 1062 offered by Representative MALONEY to strike all text after the enacting clause and insert findings and a sense of Congress that the SEC is already required to conduct economic analysis as part of its rulemaking. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 159 was a vote on a motion to recommit H.R. 1062. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 160 was a vote on passage of H.R. 1062. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

HONORING GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR DECIDING TO SERVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor fifty-four high school seniors in Camden County for their commendable decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces. Of these fifty-four, twenty have joined the Army: Kristina King, Leroy Jones, Thomas Harkin, Kristopher Ponce, Laura Aune, Page Scarretto, Anthony Andrews, Michael Whelan, Cordeiro Dougherty, Travis Daniels, Jose Acevedo, Marco Medina, Samuel Adames, Harley Marks, Spencer Barber, Quiomy Abelaria, Fernando Santiago, Zachariah Gill, Michael Brown, and Isaiah Johnson. Four have joined the Navy: Dioned Gonzalez-Cabral, James Lewis, Linh Tran, and Petrell Vereen. Three have joined the Air Force: Brandon Nataro, Salvatore Mannino, and Kyle Bedwell. Twenty-three have joined the Marine Corps: Joseph Rodano Jr., Richard Sheldon, Adam Dobson, Christopher Taylor, Andrew Morgan, Tristen Boggs, Kevin Dickson, Christian Dobush, David Groff, Timothy Leadley, Allen Reid, Gregory Sycz, Walter Holloway, Detaniel Jackson, Garrett Mercer, Jose Baez-Claudio, Pabel Arrizaga, David Pellet, Jesus Ortega, Justin Benejan, Eric Regensberger, Roy Ensign, and Evan Magargel. And four have joined the New Jersey National Guard: Tucker Patten, Trinidad Rodolfo, Alicea Yolanda, and Brendann Murphy. All fifty-four will also be recognized on May 21st at "Our Community Salutes of South Jersey."

Later this month, these young men and women will join their classmates in celebration of graduation. At a time when many of their peers are looking forward to pursuing vocational training or college degrees, they instead have chosen to dedicate themselves to military service in defense of our country. They should rest assured that the full support and resources of this chamber, and of the American people, are with them in whatever challenges may lie ahead.

It is thanks to the dedication of untold numbers of patriots like these fifty-four that we are able to meet here today, in the House of Representatives, and openly debate the best solutions to the many and diverse problems that confront our country. It is thanks to their sacrifices that the United States of America remains a beacon of hope and freedom in a fractious world.

Mr. Speaker, their decision to serve our country will not go unrecognized. I want to personally thank these fifty-four graduating seniors for the selflessness and courage that they have shown by volunteering to risk their lives in defense of others. We owe them, along with all those who serve our country, a deep debt of gratitude.

HONORING PFC CODY TOWSE

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2013

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated soldier and American hero who died tragically while aiding a fellow soldier in Afghanistan. While responding to an injury from a roadside bomb, Army medic PFC Cody Towse was killed when a second roadside bomb detonated. Three other brave soldiers also lost their lives during the incident.

Only 21 years old, PFC Towse had recently earned an Army Combat Medic Ribbon for saving another life under fire. His family was not surprised to learn he died in an act of service, treating the injuries of another. We honor his service and sacrifice to our safety and security.

Known as the "Candy Doctor" by Afghan children in the Kandahar region, PFC Towse had earned a reputation for spreading joy in the form of candy. When he turned 21 on May 8, he asked his family to send over more candy for him to share.

A Class of 2010 graduate of Utah's Salem High School, Towse loved to help people, choosing to become an EMT the day he turned 18. He later became a firefighter, but ultimately joined the military, where he felt he could use his training and skills to save lives. He did save lives, even at the cost of losing his own. He dreamed of one day becoming a LifeFlight medic. Towse carried on a proud and honorable tradition as he comes from a military family dating back to World War II.

We honor the tremendous personal sacrifice of PFC Towse's family. He leaves behind his parents, Jim and Jamie Towse, two brothers, 20-year-old Will and 14-year-old Christian, and a sister Callan who is 17. The Towse family has endured a terrible tragedy and made an extraordinary sacrifice on behalf of all Americans and we are forever thankful.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Army PFC Andy Towse, as well as each man and woman in our Armed Services. They put themselves in harm's way and toil daily to hold back the forces of terrorism. I also ask that we recognize the sacrifice and burdens these families bear on behalf of each of us. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the many men and women who have given their lives to preserve our freedom.

RECOGNITION OF CAMEROON'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2013

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Republic of Cameroon as it celebrates its National Day today, May 20th. Known by many as "Africa in Miniature," Cameroon represents within its borders the whole of Africa's wondrous geographic diversity. This Central African nation, a strong ally of the United States, has made important strides both politically and economically over the past year.

For example, last month, on April 14th, Cameroon held its first Senatorial elections, fulfilling its Constitutional requirement to sit an upper house of its National Assembly. This new legislative body, which commenced its first session last week, reinforces the steps Cameroon has taken on its path to a full and vibrant democracy.

On the economic front, Cameroon has also made important strides on its road toward responsible development by joining the Kimberley Process and working toward validation under the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. In January of this year, the Government approved the establishment of two new financial institutions to strengthen the financing of small and medium rural enterprises in Cameroon.

Mr. Speaker, it must also be noted that Cameroon also represents the collective African desire to enhance bilateral trade with the United States and last month, I cosponsored legislation that would do just that. Among other things, H.R. 1777 would create jobs in the United States by increasing U.S. exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years. This legislation complements the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), a system that reinforces African reform efforts and provides improved U.S. market access for African countries.

African countries such as Cameroon benefit from AGOA in part because it helps build an economic foundation upon which a broader bilateral relationship can be built, and I urge my colleagues to support renewal of this important legislation before it expires in 2015.

While Cameroon continues to make measured progress, challenges remain. Nevertheless, I am encouraged by the engagement that exists between our two nations, as it will help the Government of Cameroon consolidate its democratic gains and economic growth, both of which create a brighter future for the people of Cameroon.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my best wishes to the people of Cameroon as they celebrate their National Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2013

Mr. DesJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, at the conclusion of congressional business on Friday, May 17th, I was unable to cast three rollcall votes and voted erroneously on one amendment due in order to travel back to Tennessee in time to make it to my son's high school graduation ceremonies. On rollcall vote No. 157, Representative Hurt's amendment to H.R. 1062, I am recorded as not being present. I would like the record to show that I would have voted in favor of this amendment. Next, I mistakenly voted in favor of rollcall vote No. 158 thinking the vote was still open for the rollcall vote No. 157, and I would like the record to indicate I intended to vote against rollcall vote No. 158. Lastly, I would like the record to indicate that I would have voted against rollcall vote No. 159, the motion to recommit with instructions and would have voted in favor of rollcall vote No. 160, passage of H.R. 1062.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2013

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast rollcall votes on the afternoon of May 16th and all day on May 17th. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

- On rollcall 153, I would have voted "yes."
- On rollcall 154, I would have voted "no."
- On rollcall 155, I would have voted "no."
- On rollcall 156, I would have voted "no."
- On rollcall 157, I would have voted "no."
- On rollcall 158, I would have voted "yes."
- On rollcall 159, I would have voted "yes."
- On rollcall 160, I would have voted "no."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 22

- 9 a.m.
 - Committee on Appropriations
 - Subcommittee on Department of Defense
 - To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Army. SD-192
- 9:30 a.m.
 - Committee on Appropriations
 - Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
 - To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the United States Forest Service. SD-124
- 10 a.m.
 - Committee on Finance
 - To hold hearings to examine S. 662, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities. SD-215
 - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 - Business meeting to consider S. 959, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to compounding drugs, S. 957, to amend

the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain, the nominations of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, Harry I. Johnson III, of Virginia, and Philip Andrew Miscimarra, of Illinois, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations.

- SD-430
 - Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 - To hold hearings to examine performance management and congressional oversight, focusing on 380 recommendations to reduce overlap and duplication. SD-342
- Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 - To hold hearings to examine how the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Pipeline can develop a high-skilled American workforce for small business, focusing on bridging the skills gap. SR-428A
- Joint Economic Committee
 - To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook. SD-G50
- 10:30 a.m.
 - Committee on Foreign Relations
 - Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps
 - To hold hearings to examine different perspectives on international development. SD-419
- 2 p.m.
 - Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 - To hold an oversight hearing to examine business practices of durable medical equipment companies. SD-342
 - Special Committee on Aging
 - To hold hearings to examine the Medicare prescription drug program, focusing on 10 years later. SD-366
- 2:30 p.m.
 - Committee on the Budget
 - To hold hearings to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through tax reform. SD-608
 - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation. SR-253
 - Committee on Environment and Public Works
 - Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife
 - To hold hearings to examine nutrient trading and water quality. SD-406
- MAY 23
 - 9 a.m.
 - Committee on Environment and Public Works
 - To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. SD-406