

that each student in his classroom was given every opportunity to succeed. Although classroom teaching has always been his passion, Joe's ability to develop strong coalitions of educators, community members and legislators has led him into a variety of important leadership roles. He served as Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Special Education, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, and Associate Superintendent for Business. For the past 18 years, Dr. Joseph Ovick has been at the helm of Contra Costa County Office of Education working tirelessly to assure that all students receive the very best education. In addition to his administrative work, Dr. Ovick has taught in a variety of schools including Chapman University's Graduate School of Education and San Jose State University.

Joe has also devoted a great deal of his time to community service. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the East Bay Leadership Council, Contra Costa County's Children and Families Policy Forum and has served as the President of the Executive Board of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. He has also served as Chairman of the Bay Area Leadership Foundation, the Federal Policy and Legislation Committee for the Council of Administrators for Special Education, as vice-chair of the Federal Advocacy for California Education, he is past president of the Association of California School Administrators and a former chair of the Bay Area Region Superintendents Association.

It is easy to see why in 2008 Dr. Joseph Ovick was named Citizen of the Year by the East Bay Leadership Foundation. He has also been awarded the Superintendent of the Year Award and the Ferd Kiesel Memorial Award by the Association of California School Administrators and he received the President's Circle Award for Outstanding Service to Education and the Community from Diablo Valley College Foundation. These are only a few of the many commendations that over the years have recognized Dr. Ovick's outstanding service to our students, teachers, and our entire community.

But what is most important to know about Joe Ovick is that he has always been a "students first" type of educator. He has made it a point to personally visit students and teachers throughout the year, lending freely his support and hands-on experience to ensure that every child has an opportunity to thrive in the classroom. And it is clear from the energy and enthusiasm Joe brings to every facet of his job, that this has been a 45-year love affair with the learning process.

I ask my colleagues to join with me today in commending my friend, Dr. Joseph Ovick, on

his outstanding career and to thank him on behalf of the thousands of students and teachers who have been the beneficiaries of his work over the years. We join with his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him the very best as he begins his well-earned retirement.

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, December 9, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 10

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, focusing on the effective enforcement and the future of derivatives regulation.
SR-328A
- Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on enhancing coordination to protect the financial sector.
SD-538
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Colette Dodson Honorable, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
SD-366
- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for

Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Daniel Henry Marti, of Virginia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on African Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Ebola epidemic, focusing on the keys to success for the international response.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine passenger rail, focusing on investing in our nation's future.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the President's executive action on immigration and the need to pass comprehensive reform.

SD-226

DECEMBER 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the President's executive order on Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider an original resolution entitled, "to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joan Marie Azrack, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Copeland Biggs, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Elizabeth K. Dillon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy.

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