

with The Sunshine Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to children with cancer, and a frequent guest speaker for various Japanese reparation organizations. Kellye is the Artistic Director and Artist-in-Residence for the Towne Singers, sings with the California Philharmonic, and has been a long-time volunteer judge for Representative SCHIFF's 28th Congressional District Art Competition Forum & Exhibit.

Long-time Pasadena residents, Kellye and her husband David, have two children, daughter Nalani, son William, and four grandchildren, David, William, Max and Grayson.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Kellye Nakahara Walleit.

RARE DISEASE MONTH, HONORING
DR. ABRAHAM ABUCHOWSKI

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Abraham Abuchowski, a constituent from Warren, NJ, for his contributions to the rare disease community, his important role in bringing innovative orphan therapies to market and his support of the biotechnology industry in New Jersey.

Last month Dr. Abuchowski was presented with the Dr. Sol J. Barer Award for Vision, Innovation and Leadership. This award recognizes outstanding research and business leaders who have made and who continue to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the biosciences industry in New Jersey and throughout the world.

After receiving his doctorate from Rutgers University, Dr. Abuchowski went on to develop PEGylation, the most widely used protein drug delivery system in the world. He founded Enzon to commercialize the technology and it later became the first biotechnology company in New Jersey to obtain Food and Drug Administration approval of a product.

Three decades later, New Jersey has become a leader in the biotechnology industry and our companies have secured more than thirty drug and medical device approvals in 2014 alone. Dr. Abuchowski is continuing his work to improve health outcomes for individuals affected by rare diseases and the company he currently leads, Prolong Pharmaceuticals, recently received an orphan drug designation from the Food and Drug Administration for a therapy he has been working on to treat sickle cell disease.

I am proud of the contributions that Dr. Abuchowski has made to advance medical research and to develop innovative treatments for rare diseases in New Jersey and around the world. I ask my colleagues to continue to support rare disease research and treatment development to ensure affected individuals have access to innovative therapies and improved health outcomes.

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, March 17, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 697, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-562

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the impact of patent litigation practices on the American economy.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation from multiple veterans service organizations.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Northern Ireland, focusing on Stormont, collusion, and the Finucane inquiry, includ-

ing other issues of accountability for past government collusion in paramilitary crimes.

RHOB-2175

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the postures of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

Committee on the Budget
Business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 35, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects, S. 465, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, and the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine an original bill, entitled "the Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 2015".

SD-628

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2015.

SD-562

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the Affordable Care Act at five years.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy
To hold hearings to examine the United States-Africa leaders summit seven months later, focusing on progress and setbacks.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security
To hold hearings to examine the evolving cyber insurance marketplace.

SR-253

- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine U.S. crude oil export policy.
SD-366
- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management
To hold hearings to examine Federal rulemaking challenges and areas of improvement within the existing regulatory process.
SD-342
- Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine patent reform, focusing on protecting innovation and entrepreneurship.
SR-428A
- 10:30 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for the Veterans Benefits Administration.
SD-124
- 2 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the United States Secret Service.
SD-138
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
To hold hearings to examine Air Force force structure and modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-222
- Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219
- 3:30 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts
To hold hearings to examine reining in amnesty, focusing on *Texas v. United States* and its implications.
SD-226
- MARCH 24
- 10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine waters of the United States, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule.
SD-106
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system.
SD-366
- Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership, focusing on advancing research and development for patients.
SD-430
- MARCH 25
- 9 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Defense Health Program.
SD-192
- Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
To hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-222
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
To hold hearings to examine the current state of readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-232A
- Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-222
- MARCH 26
- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review.
SD-366
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-222