

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF CATHEDRAL
INTERNATIONAL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join Cathedral International, the historic Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey as it celebrates its 120th Anniversary this year. Since its incorporation in 1904, Cathedral International has provided a center for worship, family life, and community development to Middlesex County residents.

The rich history of this church began when an honorable group of 34 African Americans expanded on their membership with the predominantly white congregation of First Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. They established an independent assembly that would become officially incorporated as The Second Baptist Church, later renamed Cathedral International in 2004. The mission of this Church is to Evangelize, Educate, Emancipate, Empower, and Expand in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. In 2024, Cathedral International's Mercy House Food Pantry assisted 25,000 people through their food distribution events. Through dynamic leadership, they have lifted and liberated their community.

Over their 120-year history, the work of their vibrant ministry is evident in the glorious expansion of their houses of worship. In New Jersey, Cathedral International has churches in Perth Amboy, Asbury Park, and South Plainfield. The church has an admirable devotion to fostering divine connections between the congregation and the local community. It is believed that American Baptist Churches in the United States are inspiring models for growth, and I join the entire Cathedral International family in acknowledging their 120 years of faith. Currently, Bishop Hilliard stands as the Senior 14th Pastor and is recognized for leading the church through momentous growth. In honor of the unveiling of their Cathedral Legacy Museum this October 2024, I applaud Cathedral International's ongoing commitment to providing soulful service.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating Cathedral International, as its members and supporters gather to celebrate its 120th Anniversary on September 20, 2024. Cathedral International is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 456, I mistakenly voted YEA when I intended to vote NAY.

HONORING CHIEF JASON MARTIN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Jason Martin and his service to the Napa County Fire Department and extend my best wishes to him upon his retirement.

Chief Martin began his career with CalFire in 1988 and moved to Napa County for a fire-fighting position in 1995. Throughout his time in Napa, he worked in various areas and incident management teams until 2020. In 2019 he was promoted to Assistant Chief, where he oversaw all fire operations for Napa County.

In 2021, Chief Martin was appointed as Napa County's Fire Chief. For the past three years, his leadership has led the Napa County Fire Department to make significant strides to prevent fires in our region. This included the treatment of 2,356 acres of land for shaded fuel breaks, clearing of 219 miles of roadside areas, and management of 353 grazed acres. Chief Martin also oversaw the County Chipping Program, which provides a free chipping service for residents that live in a designated fire hazard zone. In his tenure as Chief, the department helped chip 386,679 cubic yards of potential fire hazards in our area.

Chief Martin has also helped build relationships with community organizations through the expansion of the department's public outreach program. This program offers consulting inspections and instructional videos on YouTube to ensure the community is properly prepared for fires. The department has also partnered with the Napa Communities Fire Foundation to implement the Fuel Mapper program, a resource developed to help residents identify and assess wildfire fuel hazards on their properties.

Chief Martin has also worked to coordinate fire protection measures with Napa County's wine community. Partnering with the Napa Valley Vintners and Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Chief Martin has helped create cohesive coordination for fuel work and open burning in our county. Chief Martin's innovative approaches to fire protection provides an effective roadmap for other counties.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Jason Martin's career in firefighting has left an indelible mark on CalFire and the Napa County Fire Department. Through his leadership, dedication, and commitment to community collaboration, Chief Martin has greatly advanced Napa County's fire safety and awareness of wildfire risks. I extend our community's gratitude for his years of dedicated service to the county. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on November 12, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 456; NAY on Roll Call No. 457; NAY on Roll Call No. 458.

CONGRATULATING ST. JOHNS
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE ON ITS 120TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, located in St. Augustine, Florida, on its historic 120 years of outstanding service to our community. Since 1904, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce has played an important role in promoting economic development, business growth, education, and quality of life in St. Johns County.

The Chamber has been a driving force in encouraging collaboration between local businesses, government, and community organizations to help transform our area into a hub for commerce, innovation, and cultural enrichment.

Over the last century, the Chamber has provided essential support to local businesses of all sizes, advocating for policies that foster economic prosperity for our local economy and workforce. Thanks to its exceptional leadership, the Chamber has helped St. Johns County achieve the economic success and vitality we see today.

On this historic occasion, I congratulate and recognize St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on its momentous 120th anniversary. I thank the Chamber and its members for their dedication and service to St. Johns County as a whole. May our community, with the help of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, continue to flourish and prosper for centuries to come.

DAVID L. HOBSON OBITUARY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, David Lee Hobson passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio after a brief illness.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Born on October 17, 1936, in Cincinnati to Winton Lee Hobson and Florence Todd Hobson, Dave grew up with his sisters, Martha and Susan. His father worked for the U.S. Postal Service and died when Dave was in the eighth grade. He and his sisters were raised in the Bond Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati by his mother, an elementary school teacher, and her sister-in-law. He graduated from Withrow High School in Cincinnati, Ohio Wesleyan University and The Ohio State University College of Law.

He met the love of his life, Carolyn, at Ohio Wesleyan and, after marrying on December 20, 1958, they were inseparable throughout their 65 plus years together. Their marriage blessed them with three children whom they raised in Springfield, Ohio.

Dave served in the Air National Guard and was called up to active duty during the Berlin Wall Crisis. In 1965, he moved his family to Springfield, Ohio to work at the Kissell Company and later for several commercial real estate companies in association with Howard Noonan and Martin Levine, who served as mentors throughout his life. He was a member of Rotary International, a 33rd Degree Mason, and remained active in his college fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon—all experiences that instilled in him a compassion to help others and the value of community service.

At the age of 46, Dave brought his business acumen, developed in commercial real estate and his commitment to community involvement to the Ohio Senate where he served for eight years. During his service, his peers elected him to the leadership positions of Majority Whip and President Pro Tempore.

In the Ohio Senate, his work focused on health and human services. He led the effort to enact the first state law in the nation to provide support to people diagnosed and living with HIV and AIDS, helped increase state resources for Alzheimer's Disease and spearheaded reforms to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. In 1990, Dave was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represented Ohio's 7th Congressional District until his retirement in 2009. During his nine terms in Congress, he gained a reputation as a pragmatic and bipartisan lawmaker, committed to fiscal responsibility and a strong national defense. He served as the second-ranking member of the House Budget Committee and helped lead efforts in 1998 to balance the federal budget for the first time since 1969. He also served as a key member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he chaired the Military Construction and Energy and Water Development subcommittees. In these positions Dave championed improvements in housing for military personnel and their families around the world, improved technology for members of the Armed Forces and led new investments in commercial and recreational waterways, the Florida Everglades restoration and natural resources conservation across the country.

Some of Dave's most notable achievements were on behalf of Springfield Air National Guard Base, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland and the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. His leadership also helped establish the D-Day Visitors Center at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France, and in recognition of these and other contributions, Dave was inducted into the Ohio Veterans

Hall of Fame and the Dayton Region's Walk of Fame. Additionally, Wright-Patterson AFB named a street "Hobson Way" in his honor, Clark State College named its Beaver Creek center "Dave Hobson Hall" and several universities bestowed him honorary degrees.

Beyond his legislative accomplishments, Dave was known for his humility, integrity, and kindness, all of which he expressed in his careful dedication and attention to constituent service and being accessible to the people of his district.

Dave is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn (Alexander) of 65 years, children Susan (Jeff) Nunner, Lynn (Jay) Foran and Doug (Stephanie) Hobson; grandchildren Katherine, Alexander (Summer) and Samuel Nunner, Whitney (Alex) Fagan, Jameson, Callan and Brennan Foran, and Evan Hobson; great-grandchildren Ryker, Declan and Finn Fagan, sisters Martha Lampe and Susan Hoerner, and a loving nephew and nieces. A memorial service celebrating Dave's life and legacy will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 11:00 am at High Street United Methodist Church, 230 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio. The service was live-streamed on the High St. United Methodist Church's YouTube channel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Springfield Foundation, c/o the Dave and Carolyn Hobson Charitable Fund, 333 N. Limestone Street, Suite 201, Springfield, OH 45503-4250, www.springfieldfoundation.org.

In honor of Dave's life, the family hopes that you will be inspired to carry forth his mission of helping people and bringing together others for positive solutions for all.

RECOGNIZING METRA COMMUTER RAILROAD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Metra Commuter Railroad as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. Over the last four decades, Metra has provided hundreds of millions of rides to its passengers while gaining a reputation for timeliness, reliability, and safety. At its inception in 1984, Metra faced multiple challenges. It inherited an under-invested rail system and was immediately tasked with addressing a history of unstandardized fares and services in addition to stabilizing struggling private rail lines. Through acquisitions, subsidizations, and streamlining of services, Metra delivered on unifying commuter rail across the Chicago region.

Though Metra still faces steep funding challenges for its capital and operational needs, it remains a steady, reliable source of transportation for its riders. It continues to rebuild and replace downtown stations, outlying stations, track and signals, and other infrastructure. Metra has purchased new locomotives and railcars, modernized and expanded service, and has survived through underground floods, polar vortexes, and a global pandemic.

I commend Metra's workers for continuing to provide rides every day to my constituents, and I thank Metra's leadership for continuing

to push innovation in Chicago's commuter rail system. I congratulate Metra on its 40th anniversary and look forward to many more years of reliable commuter rail service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly held up and missed two roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 456; and YEA on Roll Call No. 457.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on November 12, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call Nos. 456, 457 and 458.

Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on Roll Call No. 456, "NAY" on Roll Call No. 457, "NAY" on Roll Call No. 458.

RECOGNIZING METRA COMMUTER RAILROAD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate Metra on its 40th anniversary. For the last forty years, Metra has provided safe, reliable commuter rail and hundreds of millions of rides to the communities it serves in the Chicago area, including many in the 9th Congressional District.

The first Board meeting of the newly formed Commuter Rail Division, created as part of a reform of the Regional Transportation Authority, was held in June of 1984. That Board adopted "Metra" as a unifying name for all the disparate parts that made and still make up the commuter rail system in the region.

At the time, Metra inherited a threadbare system and was tasked with modernizing and unifying commuter rail in Chicagoland.

Since then, Metra has come a long way, acquiring new lines and subsidizing operations on others owned by freight railroads, continuing to improve the rider experience, and expanding the communities it serves.

Most recently, Metra purchased zero-emission, battery-powered trainsets. I am proud to share that Metra will be one of the first in the nation to operate this innovative technology.

The trainsets will also have low-level boarding and will be equipped with lifts to make them ADA-compliant. They will include features like passenger information signs, bike racks, luggage racks, and more. The purchase demonstrates Metra's commitment to cleaner, more inclusive, and rider-friendly transportation options.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Metra for forty years of service. The future of Metra is bright, and I look forward to many more years of reliable, safe commuter rail service for my constituents.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
OF SEBASTIAN

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, December 8, 2024, marks the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the “Town” of Sebastian, which was followed by the re-incorporation of the “City” of Sebastian in 1925, the same year Indian River County was created by the Florida Legislature. During a meeting on December 8, 1924, at 7:30 p.m., eighty-two of the 105 registered voters were present and voted on motions to incorporate the proposed corporate limits as outlined in the meeting notice, selecting the name of the new municipal corporation as the “Town of Sebastian”, creating the official seal for town business, and electing the mayor, five aldermen, a clerk, and marshal.

The town took its name from the St. Sebastian River, which was named for the martyred Roman Christian, who was martyred by the Emperor Diocletian around 288 A.D. The Roman Catholic Church canonized Sebastian in 374, and he has been named the patron saint of archers, athletes, migrants, and pin-makers. Beginning in the 1880s, the community was named New Haven after Thomas New, a retired Methodist minister who moved from Michigan. Mr. New worked to establish the community's first post office and served as the first postmaster. This was the first post office between Melbourne and Fort Pierce.

However, long before European and 19th-century settlers arrived in the area, the indigenous Ais Indians lived on the east coast of Florida between Cape Canaveral and Jupiter for hundreds and possibly thousands of years. The Ais were hunter-gatherers and caught fish, turtles, and shellfish in the St. Sebastian River, Indian River Lagoon, and the Atlantic Ocean, and picked sabal palm berries and other fruit in the area. The Spanish even referred to the Indian River Lagoon as Rio de Ais because the Lagoon was so important to the tribe for food and transportation.

One of the most significant events to happen to Sebastian was the arrival of the Florida East Coast Railway in 1893 to 94. Another major change was the intensity by which commercial fishing started in 1895 after a disastrous freeze in 1894. By the end of 1895, nearly 104,000 pounds of fish were shipped from Sebastian, mostly to New York, Richmond, and New Orleans. Sebastian residents also grew truck crops such as beans, winter vegetables, and pineapples. Resident Paul Kroegel worked to protect local pelicans from being killed for their feathers which were used in the hat industry, which ultimately led to President Theodore Roosevelt creating the first migratory bird refuge in the United States on Pelican Island in 1903.

In the early 20th century, Sebastian, like the rest of the nation, suffered during the Great Depression, but World War II and the postwar era brought immense change. The Mackle

Brothers, a developer based in Miami, which later became General Development Corporation, bought land throughout Florida for planned communities in rural parts of the state, including 1,345 acres in Sebastian in 1957 to develop Sebastian Highlands.

By the 2000 census, Sebastian became the most populous city in Indian River County, and by 2023, the population had grown to 26,825. Besides having the distinction of being the home of Pelican Island, Sebastian has been named a Millenium City and a Tree City USA. The city has a strong retirement community, with 35 percent of the population 65 or older. Almost 21 percent of the jobs are in health care and social assistance, 18 percent in retail, and 12 percent in accommodations and food service. Sebastian has a median household income of nearly \$73,000, and almost 30 percent of residents 25 or older hold a bachelor's degree or other advanced degree. The city also possesses first-class schools, roads, health care and recreation facilities.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Centennial of Sebastian. Here's to 100 more years of memories and community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, due to longstanding obligations in my Congressional District, I was unable to make three votes yesterday.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 458 for H.R. 9495; NAY on Roll Call No. 457 for H.R. 5342; and YEA on Roll Call No. 456 for H.R. 82.

THE UNITED STATES MUST JOIN
THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the increasing threat of nuclear weapons. Last year, the United States spent \$51.5 billion on nuclear weapons. Imagine if we used even a fraction of that to tackle homelessness, fund healthcare, or address the climate crisis. Instead, we're pouring billions into weapons that could wipe out entire cities in seconds.

The simple truth is, as long as nuclear weapons exist, humanity is at risk. One miscalculation, one malfunction, one act of aggression, and we're looking at a disaster that could end civilization as we know it. Keeping these weapons isn't about strength or security—it's about holding on to outdated Cold War fears.

The only sane position is the complete abolition of these weapons of mass destruction from the face of the planet. But this will only happen with bold leadership from the United States.

As tensions rise with adversaries like Russia and China, and concerns grow about nuclear

proliferation in volatile regions like the Middle East, the threat of nuclear war is more urgent than it has been since the Cuban Missile Crisis.

That's why I'm grateful to my colleague, Congressman JIM MCGOVERN, for his tireless work in drawing attention to this critical issue. He understands that we have a moral imperative to act.

It's time for the United States to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and take a real stand for disarmament. Maintaining an arsenal of world-ending weapons is not a sign of strength—it is a terrifying vulnerability.

The American people deserve leaders who will prioritize human lives over outdated Cold War posturing. We have the chance to make the world a safer place, redirect resources to pressing domestic needs, and fulfill our obligation to future generations.

The time for action has never been more pressing.

RECOGNIZING BEN JACKSON

HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep gratitude to Ben Jackson for his many years of service and exceptional work for Texas' Seventh Congressional District. After working in Congress for more than 13 years and for our district for almost six years, Ben is leaving my office this year.

Ben has served Texas' Seventh Congressional District for as long as I have, joining our staff as Legislative Director when we opened our office in January 2019. An integral part of my team from the start, he has worked tirelessly and effectively, handling issues of all kinds. As our office grew, so did Ben's role in it, as he moved from Legislative Director to Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor. He has worked on issues of great importance to our district with a portfolio that includes energy, tax, financial services, and economic issues. While working in my office, Ben also grew in his personal life and became a father to his son, Charles.

Throughout his almost six years serving our district, Ben has built meaningful relationships across our community and has led the way on efforts to ensure our district's and our region's priorities are included in our work, and that our work in Washington delivers meaningful progress back home.

Outstanding in his policy work, Ben was also an outstanding team member who always remained supportive of his colleagues and served as a mentor for many of them. His work and his positive contributions have had—and will continue to have—a lasting impact on our team and on our district, and we will miss him.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Texas' Seventh Congressional District, I express my deep and sincere gratitude and best wishes to Ben Jackson as he begins a new chapter.

HONORING JOSE “MOKE” SIMON III

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jose “Moke” Simon III upon his retirement after two terms as a Lake County Supervisor and to recognize his contributions to the Middletown Rancheria and the Lake County community. Mr. Simon, born and raised in Middletown, California, has dedicated his life to the advancement and well-being of his community.

As Middletown Rancheria’s Tribal Chairman, Mr. Simon oversees Tribal Government Operations and represents the Tribe in all critical decision impacting Middletown Rancheria. During his tenure, Mr. Simon successfully guided the investment of \$47.5 million dollars in the construction of Twin Pine Casino. As Chairman, he also successfully negotiated with the State of California to secure the gaming compact for the Middletown Rancheria, leading to substantial economic development for his tribe. Furthermore, Mr. Simon’s leadership was critical to the Tribe’s acquisition of the Mount St. Helena Brewing Co., marking the first off-reservation business owned by Middletown Rancheria.

In recognition of his commitment to Middletown Rancheria’s economic development, in 2016, Mr. Simon received the Wendall Chino Humanitarian Award, the highest honor for tribal leaders and awarded by the National Indian Gaming Association.

In 2017, Mr. Simon became the first Native American elected to the Lake County Board of Supervisors representing District 1, where he has continued to work tirelessly for his constituents and contribute to local governance.

In times of crisis, Mr. Simon’s leadership has been invaluable. During the catastrophic Valley Fire of 2015, which devastated over 76,000 acres, he provided stability to his district as they faced one of California’s most destructive wildfires. Governor Gavin Newsom later named Mr. Simon to the State Board of Fire Services in September 2019.

Beyond his work with the Tribe and the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Simon is a former professional football player. During his football career, Mr. Simon played with the NFL’s Indianapolis Colts, AFL’s Arizona Rattlers, WFL’s Barcelona Dragons in Spain, and the Scottish Claymores in Scotland. An avid sports enthusiast, Mr. Simon continues to serve his community as the defensive coach for the local high school’s varsity football team.

Mr. Simon currently resides on the reservation with his wife Nancy, son Joshua and daughter Theresa, cherishing time with his grandchildren Taylor and Bently, and staying deeply involved in family and community life.

Mr. Speaker, as we bid farewell to Supervisor Jose “Moke” Simon III, we thank him for his service, his contributions to the economic and cultural advancement of his Tribe, and his dedication to public service in Lake County. His leadership has uplifted our community, and it is only fitting that we honor him here today as he embarks on this new chapter of his life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 457, I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote YEA.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YMCA OF GREATER MONMOUTH COUNTY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County on its 150th Anniversary and continued endeavor to strengthen the individuals, families and communities it serves. During their 150th Anniversary Dinner, they plan to commemorate this milestone with the pursuit of offering expansive access to fitness, mental health, and education. It is my privilege to recognize the outstanding efforts of the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County.

Since March 16, 1874, this commendable organization has nurtured children and families while fostering strong connected communities throughout the Monmouth County area. The long history of this YMCA providing youth enrichment to families includes access to summer camp, preschool, and before and after care. It is truly honorable to fathom the transformation of countless lives across generations from this last century and on. It is honorable to recognize the community organizers who have demonstrated resilience and unity, as this remarkably shapes the impact of their chapter.

Begun in efforts to support youth in the local area, the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County now stands as a community center. The acquisition of resources necessary and otherwise inaccessible can be attributed to invaluable growth. Affordable childcare is one of the most appreciated programs, with therapeutic counseling, tutoring, teen leadership and college pathways tightly following. I applaud this organization’s beloved endless engagement and remarkable success in reaching the Monmouth County community.

Once again, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County on its 150th Anniversary of service. The commitment to wellness has contributed support to help families thrive in our community, and therefore is truly deserving of this body’s recognition.

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 Com-

mittee—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 Thursday, November 14, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 254, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, S. 373, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, S. 482, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, S. 620, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska, S. 739, to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, S. 914, to establish an energy threat analysis center in the Department of Energy, S. 1553, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing permits and leases, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index, S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2156, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to authorize additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado, S. 2160, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to authorize certain extraordinary operation and maintenance work for urban canals of concern, S. 2169, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out watershed pilots, S. 2506, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage

Area in the State of New York, S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2927, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to increase Tribal access to water conservation and efficiency grants, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3123, to provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, S. 3346, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain streams in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and Smith River system in the State of Montana as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the "George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center", S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, S. 3544, to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the "Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center", S. 3593, to provide for economic development and conservation in Washoe County, Nevada, S. 3596, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to amend references of gilsonite to asphaltite, S. 3617, to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, S. 3631, to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, S. 3790, to make additional Federal public land available for selection under the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, S. 3985, to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, S. 4016, to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expend amounts in the Colorado River Dam fund, S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, S. 4164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds and surrounding land in the States of Illinois and Missouri, S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, S. 4216, to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for

the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the "Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center", S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument, S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", S. 4242, to extend the authorization of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. 4245, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize certain United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, S. 4310, to exchange non-Federal land held by the Chugach Alaska Corporation for certain Federal Land in the Chugach Region, S. 4347, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, S. 4424, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States, to acknowledge and support the longstanding use of cultural burning by Tribes and Indigenous practitioners, S. 4431, to reinstate the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 4432, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 4451, to require the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to carry out a study on reservation systems for Federal land, S. 4454, to provide for the establishment of an Operational Flexibility Grazing Management Program on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, S. 4457, to provide for conservation and economic development in the State of Nevada, S. 4576, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize the Colorado River System conservation pilot program, S. 4607, to designate the America's National Churchill Museum National Historic Landmark, S. 4664, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to promote the use of artificial intelligence to support the missions of the Department of Energy, S. 4851, to adjust the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to include the Scarper Ridge property, S. 4932, to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program, S. 4936, to require a study relating to the Minidoka National Historic Site, S. 4974, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 4994, to modify the boundary of the Vicksburg National Military Park in the State of Mississippi, S. 4996, to amend Public

Law 89-108 to modify the authorization of appropriations for State and Tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, S. 4999, to amend the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act to clarify a provision relating to conveyances for aquifer recharge purposes, S. 5000, to prohibit the use of amounts from the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund to implement a certain record of decision, S. 5005, to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, S. 5011, to establish the Integrated Water Management Federal Leadership Committee, to provide for improved drought resilience and dam safety, S. 5012, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, S. 5013, to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 5014, to provide for the establishment of a Water Project Navigators Program, S. 5125, to provide for certain improvements to the housing and workforce programs of Federal land management agencies, H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boquefón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, H.R. 3448, to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, H.R. 4984, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development, H.R. 5443, to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution, and an original bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Plum Island, New York.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine breaking the Visa-Mastercard duopoly, focusing on bringing competition and lower fees to the credit card system.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law

To hold hearings to examine China's cybersecurity threat, focusing on big hacks and big tech.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security
 To hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from artificial intelligence enabled fraud and scams.

SR-253

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine 1000 days of Russia's war on Ukraine.

2358A-RHOB

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the 2025 tax policy debate, focusing on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

210-CHOB

3:15 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold closed hearings to examine the activities of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, to be immediately followed by an open session in SD-G50.

SVC-217

NOVEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2315, to provide for the creation of the missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel records, S. 2270, to establish and maintain a database within each agency for executive branch ethics records of noncareer appointees, S. 5302, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address the responsibilities of the Administrator of General Services with respect to Federal advisory committees, S. 5102, to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, S. 5028, to require Federal contractors to implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, S. 5019, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Elijah E. Cummings Post Office Building", H.R. 6972, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require an Executive agency whose head is a member of the National Security Council to notify the Executive Office of the President, the Comptroller General of the United States, and congressional leadership of such head becoming medically incapacitated within 24 hours, H.R. 7528, to amend section 206 of the E-Government Act of 2002 to improve the integrity and management of mass

comments and computer-generated comments in the regulatory review process, H.R. 9592, to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, H.R. 3208, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity On-the-Job Training Program, H.R. 7832, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security operations, H.R. 6231, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require a prioritized policy issuance review process for the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 8631, to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from procuring certain foreign-made batteries, H.R. 255, to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, H.R. 9596, to amend title 41, United States Code, and title 10, United States Code, to provide best value through the multiple award schedule program, H.R. 7832, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security operations, H.R. 5867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Live Oaks Boulevard in Casselberry, Florida, as the "Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Building", H.R. 6162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 379 North Oates Street in Dothan, Alabama, as the "LaBruce 'Bruce' Tidwell Post Office Building", H.R. 6188, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 420 Highway 17 North in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, as the "Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building", H.R. 6633, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9355 113th Street in Seminole, Florida, as the "Army SSG Ryan Christian Knauss Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 6750, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, as the "Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building", H.R. 8057, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9317 Bolsa Avenue in Westminster, California, as the "Little Saigon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Post Office", an original bill entitled, "Federal Acquisition Security Council Improvement Act", an original bill entitled, "Organizing and Revealing the

Government's Construction, Hierarchies, Appointments, Responsibilities, and Tasks Act", an original bill entitled, "Rebuilding with Resilience Act", an original bill entitled, "Cooperation on Combatting Human Smuggling and Trafficking Act", an original bill entitled, "DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program Act", an original bill entitled, "Streamlining Law Enforcement Information Sharing Act", an original bill entitled, "DHS Intelligence and Analysis Oversight and Transparency Act", and the nominations of Val Butler Demings, of Florida, William Zollars, of Kansas, and Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James Graham Lake, and Nicholas George Miranda, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Matthew James Marzano, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Matthew Kaplan, of Maryland, to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Great Lakes Authority, and 42 General Services Administration resolutions; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act, focusing on successes, challenges, and charting a path forward.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

To hold hearings to examine disaster funding needs.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine tax policy in 2025, focusing on implications for the American economy.

SD-538

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing from the Secretary of State.

SVC-217

NOVEMBER 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland.

SD-342