

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on November 4, I missed one vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 844, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to H. Res. 839, I would have voted "yea."

## IN HONOR OF "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" VALERIE ZIEGLER

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 16, 2009*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special woman who goes above and beyond the call of duty to educate the children of our fine city of San Francisco.

Valerie Ziegler was one of only five teachers—out of the more than 310,000 who serve in California public schools—to be honored as a 2009 Teacher of the Year. She is the first teacher ever from the San Francisco Unified School District to receive this honor. Perhaps most impressive is that she gave up a more lucrative career, as a technology consultant, so that she could teach. In just her sixth year in the profession, Ms. Ziegler carries an impressive load, teaching U.S. History, Economics and Advanced Placement U.S. Government at San Francisco's Lincoln High School. In addition to her course-work, she partnered with other Lincoln teachers to start the "green academy" to prepare students for careers in the new clean-energy economy.

Praise for Ms. Ziegler from parents, administrators, fellow teachers and—in particular—her students, is virtually unanimous. Tales abound of her devotion to those she teaches and the extra effort she puts in to not only teach but instill a lifelong love of learning in her students.

But Madam Speaker, Ms. Ziegler will be the first to say that the credit doesn't belong solely to her. Valerie is the daughter of a 30 year public school teacher who worked primarily with hearing-impaired students. Valerie spoke glowingly about the examples her mother set—how she spent her own money on hearing aid batteries for her students, drove them to appointments, even visited former students in jail.

We hear a lot about family values in our line of work, but the Ziegler family lives it. With the daunting challenges facing public education in San Francisco, California, and indeed the nation, teachers like Valerie Ziegler must be encouraged and rewarded. Society as a whole is benefited by these special people who choose to devote their lives so that our children have every opportunity to achieve all that they set their sights on.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a sys-

tem 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, November 17, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## NOVEMBER 18

Time to be announced

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel I. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

S-216, Capitol

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine reforming the United States financial market regulation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration.

SD-106

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Economic Development Revitalization Act of 2009".

SD-406

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice.

SDG-50

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine easing the burdens through employment.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, and the nominations of David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Pamela S. Hyde, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, any pending nominations, and subcommittee assignments.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of

Hungary, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine accountability for foreign contractors, focusing on the Lieutenant Colonel Dominic "Rocky" Baragona Justice for American Heroes Harmed by Contractors Act.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R. Coscia, of New Jersey, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, and John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration.

SD-366

## NOVEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense, and Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2009".

SR-325

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 592, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, S. 850, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and

Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks, S. 1224, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 2764, to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, and S. 2768, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

SR-253

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine United States preference programs, focusing on options for reform.

SD-215

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine nominations for Commissioner and for General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

SD-430

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Fort Hood Attack, focusing on a preliminary assessment.

SD-342

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 448, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include nonprofit

and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and the nominations of Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Christina Reiss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Louis B. Butler, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Abdul K. Kallon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, and Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

SD-226

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine financial regulatory reform, focusing on protecting taxpayers and the economy.

210, Cannon Building

10:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine environmental stewardship policies related to offshore energy production.

SD-366

2:15 p.m.

## Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine drug smuggling and gang activity in Indian country.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alan C. Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

## Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

3:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

NOVEMBER 20

10 a.m.

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary, and Charles Collins, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

DECEMBER 2

2:30 p.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine disaster case management, focusing on developing a comprehensive national program focused on outcomes.

SD-342

DECEMBER 10

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals.

SD-366