

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 25, 2016*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 38 regarding the Kildee Amendment. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

**FUTURE LEGISLATORS: BRAINERD  
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOV-  
ERNMENT CLUB**

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 25, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students in the Youth in Government Club at Brainerd High School (BHS). Last week thirteen students in the club: Alison Jones, Sean Paulus, Thea Fisher, Ellen Hickman, Alyssa Neistadt, Emma Anderson, Nick Ashman, Rachel Cleveland, Marina Cruz, Caleb Meyer, Anthony Rice, Lillian Schmitz, and Claire Walton participated in a four-day assembly at the state Capitol in St. Paul.

During the assembly students from across Minnesota assumed roles of state legislators, executive branch staffers, lobbyists, and political reporters. Students then dealt with bills on topical issues such as: stricter sentences for drunk drivers, ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, and changes to state curriculum requirements for public secondary schools.

I would also like to recognize Amy Aho, the club's faculty advisor for all her hard work coordinating the club's participation in the assembly. As a teacher myself I admire her passion for helping her students pursue their interest in public policy. Amy's participation allowed students to take part in a unique, valuable, hands-on experience which will help them to become our future leaders.

The Youth in Government Club at BHS gives students experience in how government works and an opportunity to learn more about the legislative process. Their level of interest and engagement is very impressive and I would not be at all surprised to see any of them representing Minnesota in Congress one day.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 25, 2016*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Monday, January 11, 2016 and Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on H.R. 598 (Roll no. 34), H.R. 3231 (Roll no. 35), Kildee Amendment Number 2 to H.R. 1644 (Roll no. 38), Cartwright Amendment Number 3 (Roll no. 39), Sewell Amendment Number 4 (Roll no. 40), motion to recommit with instructions (Roll no. 41), and H.R. 757 (Roll no. 43).

I would have voted no on ordering the previous question (Roll no. 36), H. Res. 583 (Roll no. 37), and H.R. 1644 (Roll no. 42).

## TAXPAYERS RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JODY B. HICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 11, 2016*

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and I rise in support of the Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act.

H.R. 598 is a bipartisan, common-sense, piece of legislation that makes a critical step towards increased government transparency and accountability.

This bill will give the American public a complete picture of how their taxpayer dollars are being spent by requiring each federal agency to provide an annual report detailing the costs of every program.

Hardworking taxpayers have a fundamental right to know where and how their money is being spent. By passing H.R. 598, these reports will be made available online, and Americans will be able to see first-hand which federal programs are working well, and which are wasteful and duplicative.

Americans deserve an efficient and effective federal government, and I firmly believe this legislation will make strides toward that end.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to support this legislation in the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and I am proud to do so again. I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 598.

**PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL  
DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE SUB-  
MITTED BY THE CORPS OF ENGI-  
NEERS AND THE ENVIRON-  
MENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROD BLUM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2016*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate resolution S.J. Res. 22, introduced by my good friend and colleague from Iowa, Senator ERNST, to express my disapproval of the Environmental Protection Agency power grab through an expansive definition of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS).

The WOTUS rule gives more control to federal agencies, like the EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers, while stripping authority from those who know our natural resources best such as farmers, ranchers, and state regulatory authorities. This is in direct contradiction of state laws, Supreme Court rulings, and existing compact agreements and has potentially devastating consequences on our economy, our farmers, and the small businesses that create jobs in the First District of Iowa.

I know the farmers and small businesses in my district do not want the heavy hand of Washington micromanaging their lands—especially without input from the state of Iowa. President Obama and the EPA must realize increasing regulatory burdens and compliance costs will fail to improve the water quality while only adding red tape for ordinary folks.

Last year I voted for H.R. 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act and I intend to

vote again for S.J. Res. 22 to protect Iowa's land, water and resources and to stop the executive overreach of the suffocating Obama Administration.

## 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, January 26, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 27

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military space launch and the use of Russian-made rocket engines; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine economic opportunities from land cleanup programs, including S. 2446, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and an original bill entitled, "Good Samaritan Cleanup of Orphan Mines Act of 2016".

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Canada's fast-track refugee plan, focusing on implications for United States national security.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine attacking America's epidemic of heroin and prescription drug abuse.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of

Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmman, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and S. 1983, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the substandard quality of Indian health care in the Great Plains.

SH-216

JANUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine generic drug user fee amendments, focusing on accelerating patient access to generic drugs.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Health and Human Services's placement of migrant children, focusing on vulnerabilities to human trafficking.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, S. 483, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion

and abuse, S. 1890, to amend chapter 90 of title 18, United States Code, to provide Federal jurisdiction for the theft of trade secrets, S. 2040, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and the nominations of Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Susan Paradise Baxter, and Marilyn Jean Horan, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer programs, focusing on the importance of small business innovation to national and economic security.

SR-428A

2:15 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 2

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine occupational licensing and the state action doctrine.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 9

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear acquisition programs and the nuclear doctrine in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

FEBRUARY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

MARCH 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

MARCH 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

POSTPONEMENTS

JANUARY 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status of innovative technologies within the nuclear industry.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine energy-related trends in advanced manufacturing and workforce development.

SD-366