

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CHRISTINA ANDERSON
SMITH'S SERVICE TO THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christina Anderson Smith's service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

For more than 22 years, Tina has been one of the House's elite court reporters providing expert stenographic support to committees and the House floor. She is among the first African-American official reporters for the House; and from her seat in the well of the House, she has had a front-row seat to history while producing the daily CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Tina was born in Wilmington, North Carolina. Her father was one of the Veterans Affairs Department's first African-American hospital administrators—a position that required frequent relocation—and she grew up in North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Michigan.

After completing a bachelor's degree at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, and a court reporting certificate from Southern Business College in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Tina began her court reporting career in 1986, often working with public defenders at the Broward County jail.

Over the next decade, Tina expanded the scope of her work to include criminal and civil court divisions, and she became proficient in deposition work with a heavy focus on personal injury and medical malpractice cases.

In 1999, she moved from Florida to Maryland to work as an official reporter with the Prince George's County Courts in Upper Marlboro, a position she held until she came to the House in June 2001.

While her career has taken her from the jailhouse to the People's House, Tina's service to the Nation extends beyond the U.S. Capitol.

She served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1996 until she was honorably discharged in 2004. In the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, she was mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, working for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon and Washington Navy Yard.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the whole House, I wish to express my thanks for Tina's trailblazing and dedicated service to her country. While I will miss our chats during votes, I know Tina and her family look forward to this next chapter, and I wish her all the best.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NESTOR
R. WEIGAND, JR.

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nestor R. Weigand, Jr. who passed away on November 1, 2023. He was a pillar of the Wichita business community, a strong advocate for Kansas values, a devout Catholic, and a dedicated father. He will be missed dearly by those who knew him.

Nestor was born and raised in Wichita, calling the city home for most of his life. After serving honorably in the Army Reserve, he joined the family real estate business, J.P. Weigand & Sons, in 1961. In 1983, he became President and CEO of the company and for the next forty years he built one of the most respected businesses in the state of Kansas. Friends, customers, and even competitors recognized his devotion to his businesses and the real estate profession. In 1978, he was elected by his peers the president of the Kansas Association of Realtors. Ten years later he would go on to become president of the National Association of Realtors where he advised President Ronald Reagan and worked to strengthen fair housing laws across the country.

Nestor was proud to be a lifelong Wichita resident and made it a priority to give back to his community. He served in leadership roles at the Institute of Logopedics (now Heartspring), the Kansas Health Foundation, the Kansas Highway Commission, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Kansas Policy Institute. One of his passionate roles was serving on the board of Wesley Hospital, where he served both as a member and as Chairman for over forty years.

Nestor's contributions to his business, his community, and his country cannot be understated. I send my deepest condolences to his family and friends as they say goodbye to their beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and companion.

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF
SURFING SANTAS

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. George Trosset of Rockledge, Florida, for his charitable work in creating and organizing a popular local event called Surfing Santas. Surfing Santas is an annual event hosted by the Florida Surf Museum Charity in Cocoa Beach that raises money for charities like Grind for Life, which helps individuals with cancer.

Surfing Santas is a Christmas Eve spectacle where participants are encouraged to wear

Christmas attire and surf on Cocoa Beach. When Trosset began the organization in 2009, there were two participants, himself surfing as Santa, and his son, George Jr., surfing as an elf. Trosset also had two spectators, his wife Nina, and their grandson Anderson.

Today, Surfing Santas regularly has 400 to 500 participants and close to 10,000 spectators. The Christmas event, which is now in its 15th year, has grown to include a costume contest, live music, and a show by a local Hawaiian Dancers group.

Surfing Santas is a widely beloved event that has made at least 8 billion people around the world smile and has raised close to \$250,000 dollars towards charity. Last year a Surfing Santa plush toy blasted or aboard a private Blue Origin space mission.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing George Trosset and his family, as well as saluting all the Surfing Santas participants for their charitable spirit and their efforts to bring people together in a fun and festive way during the holidays. Surfing Santas is an incredible community event that has quickly become a tradition for families on the Space Coast.

RECOGNIZING CHARLENE MAHER

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, since 2016 Charlene Maher has served as the president and CEO of Blue Cross of Idaho. Charlene came to Idaho with decades of experience in multiple different facets of the healthcare industry. This broad range of understanding has made her an invaluable asset to the company and to Idaho's larger business community.

As a trained nurse herself, Charlene is keenly aware of the importance of ensuring communities have quality and affordable healthcare options. Her innovative approach and her dedication to improving access to healthcare for all Idahoans has truly distinguished Charlene as a leader in the industry, as evidenced by her seat on the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association Board of Directors, her time as president of the Idaho Association of Health Plans, her participation as a member of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and her contributions to various other state and national industry groups.

Charlene's contribution to Idaho's healthcare landscape throughout her time as CEO of Blue Cross of Idaho has been immense. I am grateful for her work and wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

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HONORING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Texarkana, Texas.

On December 8, 2023, the City of Texarkana celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary—that's 150 years of bringing together the best that Texas and Arkansas have to offer. Two states, one city. It's twice as nice. And, it is a great place to call home. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the values, resilience, culture, and rich heritage of the citizens of Texarkana for fifteen decades.

Since its founding in 1873, Texarkana has grown from a small settlement along the Texas-Arkansas border to a thriving city that stands as a beacon of innovation, progress, and unity. The city's commitment to fostering a strong sense of community and preserving its unique State Line heritage is unsurpassed. From its vibrant manufacturing and industrial base, support for the Red River Army Depot, and its deep roots in agriculture to its investments in education, health care, technology, infrastructure, and planning, Texarkana stands as a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared vision and a commitment to excellence.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating the 150th anniversary of Texarkana's founding. Congratulations to Texarkana on this momentous milestone. May the next 150 years be filled with continued growth and prosperity. Happy anniversary, Texarkana.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES J. HARDY FOR BECOMING A KNIGHT OF THE LEGION OF FRANCE

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Charles J. Hardy for being named a Knight of the Legion of Honor, France's highest civilian honor.

Hardy joined the 282nd Engineer Combat Battalion on July 16, 1943, and was one of many brave soldiers who risked their lives during the Second World War. He fought valiantly in the battle of Saint-Malo and captured enemy submarine pens throughout his time on the Western front. He also contributed to the liberation of the Ardennes, the Rhineland, Central Europe, and France. During these grueling campaigns, Hardy consistently demonstrated fearlessness and determination.

Today, Hardy will be remembered and honored for his courageous service 79 years ago by receiving France's highest honor.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL'S UNDEFEATED SEASON

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the undefeated Florida State University Seminole football team, who recently secured the 2023 ACC Championship title.

Under Head Coach Mike Norvell's leadership, the Seminoles are 13–0 despite a devastating injury that prematurely ended the collegiate career of Quarterback Jordan Travis. This team plays with their hearts, and it shows. Throughout this season, they've displayed incredible grit, determination, and perseverance even when the odds were against them.

Sadly, the College Football Playoff Selection Committee failed to recognize this team's incredible talent by excluding them from the 2023–24 College Football Playoffs. This was a devastating blow to the team and the city of Tallahassee, who proudly displayed the Seminole spirit all season.

It's a shame that an undefeated team, who earned every bit of their perfect season, won't get a shot in the College Football Playoffs. Make no mistake, Florida's Second Congressional District knows our Seminoles are champions even if the selection committee denies them a chance to prove it.

I congratulate Florida State University on a perfect season. I thank them for playing with their hearts and making our district proud. Go Noles.

RECOGNIZING KERREEN CONLEY'S SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kerreen Conley as she ends her twelve-year tenure as Mayor of the City of Belleville, Michigan after serving her local Wayne County community for over three decades. Her tremendous dedication to public service while also maintaining a full-time career is impressive and worthy of commendation.

Kerreen graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management before pursuing Master's degrees in Business Administration (MBA) and in Human Resources and Organizational Development from Eastern Michigan University. She began her decades of public service in 1990, working as Controller for the City of Ypsilanti before becoming Belleville City Manager in 1995 and Novi's Director of Developmental Services in 1998. Kerreen was successfully elected to the Belleville City Council in 2000, and was elected as the City's Mayor in late 2011. After serving three consecutive terms, she decided not to seek re-election and plans to dedicate her full attention to Human Resources Consulting when her political tenure draws to a close.

Kerreen can look back on an accomplished mayoral record that truly benefitted her community. Chief among her achievements is the preservation of essential city services, such as the Belleville District Library. The library, which is over a century old and sits in the heart of downtown Belleville, recently received some much-needed renovations that will ensure it can continue to serve tri-community residents for years to come. As mayor, Kerreen also served on the bipartisan Board of Directors of the Conference of Western Wayne alongside the chief elected officials of seventeen other member communities. She has chaired the Conference since January 2020, coordinating emergency services and working to alleviate countless other needs for an area encompassing 340 square miles and over 700,000 residents.

Perhaps most impressively, Kerreen was a dedicated mayor while simultaneously juggling various other demanding roles. She has been the Chief Executive Officer of RD Advisors, LLC for over a decade and served as Redford Township's Human Resources Director from 2014 through 2016 before assuming a similar role in Canton Township. Two years ago, she took on her current title of Senior Manager Human Resources Consultant at Rehmann. In addition to her time in local government and HR work, Kerreen has made many other significant contributions to our local community. She has dedicated herself to various organizations over the years, notably serving as an advisory board member at the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan for seven years and being an avid fundraiser for various local non-profits, including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Kerreen's devotion to serving the residents of Wayne County and beyond is nothing short of inspirational, and I am proud to have such a selfless individual leading our local community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Kerreen Conley for her lifetime of dedication to serving Wayne County's local communities as she wraps up her tenure at the helm of the City of Belleville. For the last three decades, Kerreen has worked tirelessly to benefit those around her and has made significant contributions to preserving and providing invaluable local services. We thank her for her tremendous efforts, and wish her all the best as she embarks upon her next endeavor.

THANKING MY 2023 FALL INTERN CLASS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO ILLINOIS' 13TH DISTRICT

HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound gratitude and appreciation for the incredible dedication and hard work of the interns who have supported our office during the 2023 fall semester. I have been honored to work with Madison Barr, Rochelle Williams, Thomas Greco, Jameel Muhammad, and Colin Bellows in my Washington office and Cameron Shivley in my Belleville office. Each of these special and talented individuals has brought new perspectives and an

incredible work ethic to our office. I am inspired by their dedication to service and helping the people of Central and Southern Illinois.

I thank Madison, Rochelle, Thomas, Jameel, Colin, and Cameron for their service. I wish them all the best as they continue their professional and academic journeys.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MIKE DAVIN AND HIS SERVICE TO THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF OHIO

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Mike Davin, who will be leaving our office this week.

Hailing originally from Philadelphia, Mike has dedicated his career to public service. Mike has worked on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fifth District for the past ten years, where he moved up through the ranks from Intern to Legislative Director. He has worked tirelessly to advance common-sense energy policies, recognize deserving veterans, and streamline government regulations.

Recently, Mike was a critical part in ensuring members of the U.S. Army's 720th Military Police Battalion who served our nation in the Vietnam War received a Bronze Star for their service. As Legislative Director, Mike has instilled a sense of comradery in the office, showcasing the positive impact of working together.

Mike is a loving father and husband, and I know that as he enters this next chapter in his career, he will have the love of his family supporting him along the way.

I am eternally grateful for Mike's work on behalf of the District and our Nation, and I wish him and his family the best.

RECOGNIZING THE TRAILBLAZING CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON IN CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate former Ambassador and Congresswoman Diane Watson's 90th birthday. Congresswoman Watson paved the way for the many Black female legislators, myself included, who would come after her. She is a true trailblazer, becoming the first Black female member of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board and the first Black female California State Senator. Today we recognize her remarkable contributions to Los Angeles, the State of California, and the United States.

Born in Los Angeles, CA, Congresswoman Watson attended local Los Angeles public schools before earning her Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), her Master's degree in School Psychology from California State University at Los Angeles (Cal State LA), and

her PhD in Educational Administration from Claremont Graduate College.

Congresswoman Watson began her life of public service as an elementary school teacher and worked diligently up the ranks to become an assistant principal and a school psychologist, touching the lives of countless students. She also served as a Health Education Specialist for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), at UCLA, and at Cal State LA. In 1975, distinguished members of the Los Angeles community encouraged her to seek election to the LAUSD School Board. She won her election, and in this role, she worked to expand school integration and to raise the rigor of academic standards for all students.

In 1978, Congresswoman Watson became the first Black woman elected to the California State Senate, where she served on the Senate Judiciary Committee and as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee from 1981 through 1998. At the state level, she championed legislation for nutrition assistance programs, breast cancer research, and access to health care.

In 1999, President Clinton appointed Congresswoman Watson as the Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, where she helped stop illegal toxic waste from being dumped into surrounding waters. After her election to the House of Representatives in 2001, she served California's 33rd District faithfully for a decade, representing areas of Los Angeles that are now part of the 37th District.

Congresswoman Watson became a vocal leader on issues related to racism and xenophobia, supporting reparations for descendants of enslaved Americans, educational system reform, and a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's criminal justice system. She also called out the rise of Islamophobia following the 9/11 attacks. Her tenure as a legislator demonstrated a dedication to creating legislation and initiatives for the betterment of all.

Throughout her career, Congresswoman Watson was a trailblazer, building a legacy of mentorship, leadership, and strength for others to emulate in their own public service careers.

I am honored to commemorate her impact on communities throughout California and the United States. I hope you will join me in wishing Congresswoman Diane Watson a very happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MICHAEL SCHOEN FOR CANCER RESEARCH

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Schoen, who recently became the first individual to raise over \$1 million for cancer research through the Pelotonia bike ride. Pelotonia is a two-day event where participants bike hundreds of miles through Central Ohio, raising money for cancer research at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center—the James.

Michael has been a staunch supporter of cancer prevention and treatment initiatives throughout his entire life, having established the Herman Schoen Memorial Cancer Re-

search Endowment Fund in honor of his late grandfather and serving on the James Foundation Board at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

When his mother tragically passed away from small-cell lung cancer, Michael turned his grief into action. He rode in his first Pelotonia in 2010 and promised to ride every year until the battle against cancer is won or until he no longer can. Michael's commitment to finding a cure for cancer has become an inspiration to his community and to all those who know him. This year, Michael became the first individual rider in Pelotonia history to raise over \$1 million for cancer research, raising \$115,000 in 2023 alone, and was awarded the 2023 Pelotonia Legacy Award for his outstanding leadership.

On behalf of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Michael Schoen on this amazing accomplishment. His incredible determination brings us one step closer to a cancer-free world and we will continue to support him on his journey in the years to come.

OSCAR ORTIZ'S COMMENDATION

HON. DELIA C. RAMIREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend and constituent, Oscar Ortiz, a devoted organizer and champion for educational equity. Oscar was a visionary: he fought for a just, inclusive future where everyone thrives. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, son, and respected member of the Illinois Third Congressional District community.

Born in our great City of Chicago on April 21, 1962, to Benito and Mirta Ortiz, Oscar dedicated his life to empowering our community through education. He believed that education was a powerful tool to build a just future. He knew education could unlock our collective potential and enable us to realize our dreams. With that in mind, Ortiz became an elementary and high school teacher, helping our young people find their power and joy in learning. Whether it was at Jahn and Lowell Elementary Schools or Jefferson Alternative School, el maestro Ortiz was always present for all his students, their parents, and faculty.

His desire to serve our community and defend public education in Chicago led him to join the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) in May 2003, where he quickly became a committed and active member, never missing a meeting or event. There, Oscar served as a sergeant-at-arms, as the Lowell delegate, and as a member of the Legislative Committees, always with the intention of advancing social justice and equity through education.

Oscar generously committed his time on earth to countless social justice causes. He believed in the power of organized communities and worked tirelessly to build a better future for Chicago and our nation. I, personally, will miss his calls to action and the way he could stir our passions and stoke our courage on the bullhorn at direct actions. May his passion for change and love of community always guide us. I will miss him dearly, and I know that countless others will, too. He was a true, loyal friend.

His wife, Sabina; sons, Gabriel and Daniel; brother Ed; parents, Benito and Mirta; all his loved ones, and to the entire CTU family, are in my heart and in my prayers. Together, as we mourn his passing, let us celebrate the blessing he was in all of our lives, the impact he had on our community, and the mark he has left in our great City of Chicago. Oscar vive, la lucha sigue. Rest in power, Oscar.

RECOGNIZING JEANICE SWIFT'S
SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF
ANN ARBOR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2023

Mrs. Dingell. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeanice Swift, Superintendent of the Ann Arbor Public School system in Ann Arbor, MI for a decade of tremendous service. Her daily passion and drive to improve the educational opportunities for all our area's children is worthy of commendation.

Dr. Swift came to AAPS in 2013 with more experience than most gain in a lifetime. She earned a Bachelors and Masters in Education, as well as her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. Before she arrived in Michigan, Dr. Swift spent almost 30 years working her way up the educational ladder, beginning as a classroom teacher in Texas before moving to Colorado Springs, CO. There, she was Assistant Principal, Principal, and Executive Director of her school district before taking the role as Assistant Superintendent.

Since coming on as Superintendent of AAPS in August of 2013, Dr. Swift has been a great asset to our students. Her tenure has seen an increase in graduation rates, SAT scores, and a substantial reduction in suspension rates across the district. Under her leadership, AAPS made significant expansions to its preschool and early learning programs as well as the adoption of a comprehensive LGBTQ policy.

Dr. Swift's strong leadership on behalf of our children cannot be understated. In 2017, she was named as a Superintendent to Watch by the National School Public Relations Association and in 2018 she was named as the Michigan Superintendent of the Year. In 2019, she worked on and successfully passed a \$1 billion capitol bond for the district, the largest the state had seen in almost 30 years. Faced with an unprecedented pandemic, Dr. Swift successfully navigated the district through two school years of staffing challenges, safety protocols, and a transition to remote-virtual schooling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating all that Dr. Swift was able

to accomplish for the children of Ann Arbor over her decade at the helm of AAPS. Her work has set AAPS with a stronger base and a promising future. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. I thank Dr. Swift.

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 5, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Wall Street firms.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act investments in habitat and ecosystem restoration, pollinators, and wildlife crossings.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine transnational repression, focusing on authoritarians targeting dissenters abroad.

SD-419

11 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, and Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

SD-562

2 p.m.

Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine sovereign asset confiscation for Ukrainian victory.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine fentanyl in Native communities, focusing on Federal perspectives on the growing crisis.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel
To hold hearings to examine the status of Department of Defense recruiting efforts and plans for fiscal year 2024.

SR-222

DECEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider the nomination of J. Todd Inman, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Sara E. Hill, and John David Russell, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

SH-216

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kurt Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419

DECEMBER 12

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
To hold hearings to examine S. 1281, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and S. 1742, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land.

SD-366