

Last year China dropped all pretense of respecting the ancient religious and cultural heritage of Tibet by launching a large-scale reform of its religious policy. The new policy states that "Buddhism must conform to socialism and not socialism to Buddhism". Under the pretext that religion would have a negative influence on Tibet's economic development, the new policy aims to systematically undermine and destroy the distinct cultural and national identity of the Tibetan people.

New measures to curtail the use of the Tibetan language in schools were introduced. The Tibet University in Lhasa has been compelled to teach even Tibetan history in the Chinese language at the Tibetan Language Department. Experimental Tibetan language middle schools, established in the 1980s with the active encouragement and support of the late Panchen Lama, are being closed down. These schools were very successful and were highly appreciated by Tibetans.

These new measures in the field of culture, religion and education, coupled with the unabated influx of Chinese immigrants to Tibet, which has the effect of overwhelming Tibet's distinct cultural and religious identity and reducing the Tibetans to an insignificant minority in their own country, amounts to a policy of cultural genocide. Today, in most major towns and cities Tibetans are already marginalized. If this population transfer is allowed to continue, in a few decades Tibetan civilization will cease to exist.

Tibetans have reacted to all this repression largely peacefully and I believe all people have the right to peacefully protest injustice. However, recent reports of isolated incidents of bomb explosion in Tibet are a cause of deep concern to me. I will continue to counsel for non violence, but unless the Chinese authorities forsake the brutal methods it employs, it will be difficult to prevent the situation in Tibet from deteriorating further.

Being a Tibetan, I have been giving particular importance to reaching out to the Chinese people, whether they are in China or elsewhere. It is in the interest of both the Tibetan people and the Chinese that there be a deeper level of understanding between ourselves. It has always been my belief that the cultivation of human relationship is of great importance in the creation of an atmosphere conducive to human understanding, mutual respect and peace.

In recent times the people-to-people dialogue between the Tibetans and Chinese is fostering a better understanding of our mutual concerns and interests. The growing empathy, support and solidarity from our Chinese brothers and sisters in China as well as overseas for the plight and fundamental rights of the Tibetan people is of particular inspiration and encouragement for us Tibetans.

The recent passing away of Mr. Deng Xiaoping is a great loss to China. I have known him personally. Mr. Deng Xiaoping took the initiative to establish direct contact with us to start a dialogue to solve the Tibetan problem. Unfortunately, serious negotiations could not take place during his lifetime. It is my sincere hope that the succeeding Chinese leadership will find the courage, wisdom and vision for new openings to solve the Tibetan issue through negotiations.

The beginning of a new era in modern China presents an opportunity for constructive change and positive development. The recent military clamp down in East Turkestan (Xinjiang), aimed at quelling the Uighur people's demonstrations and the ensuing cycle of violence are tragic and unfortunate. As in the case of Tibet, similarly

also in East Turkestan, a lasting and peaceful solution can be found only through dialogue. Another important task ahead for the Chinese government is the smooth transition of Hong Kong and the implementation of the pragmatic and wise concept of "one country, two systems" in spirit and letter. A constructive approach to these issues provides important opportunities to create a political climate of trust, confidence and openness, both domestically and internationally.

The growing international support for Tibet reflects the inherent human empathy for and solidarity with human suffering and universal appreciation for truth and justice. To portray the support for Tibet as a plot of Western anti-China forces is to evade the truth for political convenience. This is unfortunate because such kind of mental bamboo-walling will continue to prevent a constructive approach to solving the problem.

Ultimately, it is for the Tibetan and the Chinese peoples to find a mutually acceptable solution to the Tibetan issue. Bearing in mind this reality, we have consistently pursued a course of dialogue with the leadership in Beijing. However, Beijing's refusal to listen to and recognize the genuine grievances of our people left us with no other choice but to present our legitimate and just cause to the international community.

The Tibetan people have displayed a remarkable spirit of endurance, courage and patience in the face of the most brutal repression. I urge my fellow Tibetans to continue to resist violent acts of frustration and desperation as a means to protest against injustice and repression. If we give in to hatred, desperation and violence, we would debase ourselves to the level of the oppressors. The way of the oppressors is intimidation, coercion and the use of force. Ours is a belief in and reliance on truth, Justice and reason. This distinction is our most effective weapon. The call of the time for us in this period of difficulty is to exert ourselves with greater determination, wisdom and patience.

With my homage to and prayers for the brave men and women who have died for the cause of Tibetan freedom.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 1997, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 12

- 9:00 a.m.
Select on Intelligence
To continue hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence. SH-216
- 9:30 a.m.
Budget
To hold joint hearings with the House Budget Committee to examine National governors' issues. SD-106
- Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting, to mark up S. 104, to reform United States policy with regard to the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. SD-366
- Labor and Human Resources
Public Health and Safety Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine scientific discoveries in cloning, focusing on challenges for public policy. SD-G50
- Rules and Administration
To hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Smithsonian Institution, the Woodrow Wilson International Center, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. SR-301
- 10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile projects. SD-192
- Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Justice. SD-138
- Armed Services
Airland Forces Subcommittee
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Army Force XXI initiatives and Army modernization programs. SR-222
- Finance
To hold hearings to examine the Graduate Medical Education program. SD-215
- Foreign Relations
International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for security assistance. SD-419
- 2:00 p.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on U.S. national security space programs and policies. SR-222
- Armed Services
Personnel Subcommittee
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and

the future years defense program, focusing on policies pertaining to military compensation and quality of life programs.

SR-232A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine universal telephone service.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism Subcommittee
To hold hearings on Mexican and American responses to the international narcotics threat.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Indian Affairs on Indian housing programs.

SD-106

Indian Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Indian housing programs.

SD-106

MARCH 13

9:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research.

SR-332

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
To resume hearings to examine issues with regard to competitive change in the electric power industry.

SD-G50

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, focusing on program eligibility.

SD-406

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine national missile defense and prospects for U.S.-Russia ABM Treaty accommodation.

SD-342

9:45 a.m.

Appropriations
District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia with the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on the District of Columbia and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the Government of the District of Columbia's perspective on the Administration's proposal for the District of Columbia.

2154 Rayburn Building

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on District of Columbia with the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on the District of Columbia and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the Government of the District of Columbia's perspective

on the Administration's proposal for the District of Columbia.

2154 Rayburn Building

10:00 a.m.

Armed Services

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the unified commands military strategies and operational requirements.

SR-222

Foreign Relations

International Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget requests for fiscal year 1998 for certain International Organizations and Conferences and the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

SD-419

Judiciary

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Labor and Human Resources

Business meeting, to mark up S. 4, to provide private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, and to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and pending nominations.

SD-430

Joint Economic

To hold hearings to examine economic problems of the income tax system.

SD-628

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the future of Chechnya.

SD-538

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Energy.

SD-124

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Commerce.

S-146, Capitol

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the future of intercity passenger rail service.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the future of the National Park System and to identify and discuss the needs, requirements, and innovative programs that will insure the Park Service will continue to meet its responsibilities well into the next century.

SD-366

Joint Printing

To hold an organizational meeting; to be followed by a hearing on oversight of the Government Printing Office (GPO).

S-128, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Select on Intelligence

To continue hearings in closed session on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence.

SH-219

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on the nominations of Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Brig. Gen. Robert Bernard Flowers, USA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Judith M. Espinosa, of New Mexico, and Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

SD-406

Labor and Human Resources

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act.

SD-430

MARCH 18

9:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research.

SR-332

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Room to be announced

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for energy research programs of the Department of Energy.

SD-124

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on proposals to authorize state and local governments to enact flow control laws and to regulate the interstate transportation of solid waste.

SD-406

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

SD-138

Armed Services

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the unified commands military strategies and operational requirements.

SH-216

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Labor and Human Resources

To hold hearings on the nomination of Alexis M. Herman, of Alabama, to be Secretary of Labor.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation
authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998
for the United States Coast Guard.
SR-253

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine inter-
national aviation and United States-
United Kingdom bilateral agreements.
SR-253

Environment and Public Works
Transportation and Infrastructure Sub-
committee

To resume hearings on proposed legisla-
tion authorizing funds for programs of
the Intermodal Surface Transportation
Efficiency Act, focusing on environ-
mental programs and statewide and
metropolitan planning.
SD-406

Labor and Human Resources

To hold hearings to examine proposals to
reform the operation of the Food and
Drug Administration.
SD-430

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House
Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the
legislative recommendations of the
Disabled American Veterans.
345 Cannon Building

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold closed hearings to review pro-
posed budget estimates for fiscal year
1998 for the intelligence community.
S-407, Capitol

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judi-
ciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the Se-
curities and Exchange Commission.
S-146, Capitol

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on S. 377, to promote
electronic commerce by facilitating
the use of strong encryption.
SR-253

MARCH 20

9:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To resume hearings on proposed legisla-
tion authorizing funds for agricultural
research.
SR-332

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Sub-
committee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for atomic
energy defense activities of the Depart-
ment of Energy.
SD-124

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings to examine issues
with regard to competitive change in
the electric power industry.
SH-216

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House
Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the
legislative recommendations of
AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners
of War, the Veterans of World War I,
and the Vietnam Veterans of America.
345 Cannon Building

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and
Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the De-
partment of Education.
SD-192

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the De-
partment of Transportation.
SD-192

Labor and Human Resources

To resume hearings on proposed legisla-
tion authorizing funds for programs of
the Higher Education Act.
SD-430

2:00 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Ma-
rine Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposals to
reform the ocean shipping industry.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and
Recreation Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the fu-
ture of the National Park System and
to identify and discuss the needs, re-
quirements, and innovative programs
that will insure the Park Service will
continue to meet its responsibilities
well into the next century.
SD-366

APRIL 8

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Sub-
committee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the En-
vironmental Protection Agency.
SD-138

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Re-
lated Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the
Farm Service Agency, the Foreign Ag-
ricultural Service, and the Risk Man-
agement Agency, Department of Agri-
culture.
SD-124

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judi-
ciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine child por-
nography issues.
S-146, Capitol

APRIL 9

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for Navy
and Marine Corps programs.
SD-192

APRIL 10

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judi-
ciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the Im-
migration and Naturalization Service,
Federal Bureau of Investigation, and
the Drug Enforcement Administration.
S-146, Capitol

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the De-
partment of Transportation
SD-192

APRIL 15

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Sub-
committee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the De-
partment of Housing and Urban Devel-
opment.
SD-138

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Re-
lated Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the
Rural Utilities Service, the Rural
Housing Service, the Rural Business-
Cooperative Service, and the Alter-
native Agricultural Research and Com-
mercialization Center, all of the De-
partment of Agriculture.
SD-124

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judi-
ciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on counter-terrorism is-
sues.
S-146, Capitol

APRIL 16

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the De-
partment of the Army.
SD-192

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the De-
partment of Transportation.
SD-124

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judi-
ciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the Fed-
eral Communications Commission.
S-146, Capitol

APRIL 17

1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judi-
ciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the Su-
preme Court of the United States and
the Judiciary.
S-146, Capitol

APRIL 22

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Sub-
committee

To hold hearings on proposed budget es-
timates for fiscal year 1998 for the Na-
tional Science Foundation and the Of-
fice of Science and Technology Policy.
SD-192

Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Environmental Management Program of the Department of Energy.
SD-124

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, the Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.
SD-138

APRIL 23

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs.
SD-192

APRIL 24

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Corp of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.
SD-124

APRIL 29

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.
SD-138

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the

Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Resources.
SD-124

APRIL 30

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the structure and modernization of the National Guard.
SD-192

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
SD-138

MAY 7

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

MAY 14

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on environmental programs.
SD-192

MAY 21

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs.
SD-192

JUNE 4

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

JUNE 11

10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

CANCELLATIONS

MARCH 11

10:00 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
SD-366

MARCH 13

10:00 a.m.
Labor and Human Resources
To hold hearings to examine proposals to improve the health status of children.
SD-430

POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 11

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on S. 377, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of strong encryption.
SR-253