

but about how life should be enjoyed. I'm pleased Nebraska is leading the way once again.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, please let the record show that had I been here I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 32; "aye" on rollcall No. 33; "aye" on rollcall No. 34; and "aye" on rollcall No. 35.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for a vote on the disturbing practice of partial-birth abortions.

Last year, President Clinton vetoed a bill to end partial-birth abortions except in the case when the mother's life was in imminent danger. In his defense, the President cited the testimony of Ron Fitzsimmons, director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, who claimed that the procedure was used just 500 times when no other alternative was possible.

Just last week, the President's defense was pulled right out from under him. Fitzsimmons said he "lied through his teeth" about the number of times the procedure was performed. Fitzsimmons admitted what many had already known—that partial-birth abortions are performed frequently and indiscriminately.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a pro-life or pro-choice vote. It is a common sense measure to end a procedure that amounts to infanticide. There can only be shame in promoting this horrifying practice.

I hope we can send this bill again to the President. He should admit his error and be thankful of this second chance to do what is right and sign this legislation.

BIPARTISANSHIP, COLLEGIALLY AND THE HERSHEY CONFERENCE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, after last weekend, Hershey, PA, may have acquired an additional identity. Congress went to Hershey to make peace. What began as a question mark turned into an exclamation point. What emerged was a truism that has not always been true: Collegiality across party lines is an essential ingredient to the work of a legislative body. This is an idea whose time has come—some would say long ago. The Nation will be watching to see whether the idea lives on in the House past last weekend.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, it appears that once again the President has broken his promise to the American people. As you may recall, President Clinton once promised us the most ethical administration in history. When He signed the Lobbying Disclosure Act during the last Congress, the President also spoke of a renewed tradition in Washington that would mirror President Jackson's famous words, "Equal opportunity for all; special privileges for none." Further, he said that he would abide by the law and uphold section 21(b) of this Act. As you know, section 21(b) forbids anyone who had ever represented another country in trade negotiations with the United States to serve as the U.S. Trade Representative or Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

Well, yesterday the House was faced with its first test of section 21(b) as we considered the President's request for a waiver of the section for Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky—someone who has represented Canada in trade negotiations with our country in the past—as the United States Trade Representative. This Chamber followed the Senate in approving the waiver. Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to oppose this measure at the time. Here are the President's own words on his so-called commitment to section 21(b) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act:

Because as a policy matter I agree with the goal of ensuring the undivided loyalty of our representatives in trade negotiations, I intend, as a matter of practice, to act in accordance with this provision.

While I do not question Ambassador Barshefsky's ability to serve as the U.S. Trade Representative, and I understand her to be very capable and well-suited for this position, this matter is not about that. The President's appointment of Ambassador Barshefsky shows that he has chosen yet again not to uphold his promise to the American people. Mr. Speaker, waiving the law when it is convenient for him is certainly not the way for the President to win the American people's trust or to build a tradition of "no special privileges." Once again, the President's actions do not match his rhetoric.

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 Thursday, March 13, 1997, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

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, focusing on Pell grants and tax policy.

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.

SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

- Foreign Relations
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings on issues facing China in the post Deng era. SD-419
- 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
- 9:00 a.m.
Judiciary
Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Internet crimes affecting consumers. SD-226
- 9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine international aviation and United States-United Kingdom bilateral agreements. SR-253
- 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 environmental 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 proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the intelligence community. S-407, Capitol
- Joint Economic
To hold hearings to examine the problems of the current automobile insurance system and how American motorists could benefit from reform of the industry. 2226 Rayburn Building
- 2:00 p.m.
Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Securities and Exchange Commission. S-146, Capitol
- Armed Services
To continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military readiness accounts. SR-232A
- Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program. SR-222
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on S. 377, to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of strong encryption. SR-253
- Judiciary
To hold hearings on pending nominations. SD-226
- MARCH 20
- 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
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department 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
- Rules and Administration
To hold oversight hearings to review the operations and budget of the Congressional Research Service and the Library of Congress. SR-301
- 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 estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Education. SD-192
- Appropriations
Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Transportation. SD-192
- Labor and Human Resources
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act. SD-430
- Joint Economic
To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook and monetary policy. Room to be announced
- 2:00 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 414, to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States imports and exports. SR-253
- Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To resume 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
- MARCH 21
- 11:00 a.m.
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold a briefing on prospects for elections, reintegration, and democratization in Croatia. 2200 Rayburn Building
- APRIL 8
- 9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Environmental Protection Agency. 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 Farm Service Agency, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture. SD-124
- 2:00 p.m.
Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine child pornography issues. S-146, Capitol
- APRIL 9
- 10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Navy and Marine Corps programs. SD-192
- APRIL 10
- 10:00 a.m.
Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. S-146, Capitol
- Appropriations
Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Transportation. SD-192
- APRIL 15
- 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 Housing and Urban Development. 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

Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center, all of the Department of Agriculture.

SD-124

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on counter-terrorism issues.

S-146, Capitol

APRIL 16

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Army.

SD-192

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

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

SD-124

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Federal Communications Commission.

S-146, Capitol

APRIL 17

1:30 p.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Supreme Court of the United States and the Judiciary.

S-146, Capitol

APRIL 22

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 Science Foundation and the Office 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 Services.

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 13

10:00 a.m.

Labor and Human Resources

To hold hearings to examine proposals to improve the health status of children.

SD-430