

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, 2000 a reception was held in the Capitol to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. During the past two decades, this organization has fulfilled almost 80,000 wishes made by children who are ill.

The highlight of this reception was an inspirational address made by a remarkable seven-year-old named Ryan Davidson. Ryan, who had a brain tumor, is the 3,000th "Wish Child" of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Make-A-Wish Foundation. His speech follows:

REMARKS BY RYAN DAVIDSON MAKE-A-WISH 20TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION JUNE 8, 2000

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, my name is Ryan Davidson and I am seven years old. I go to Ashburn Elementary and I am in the first grade. Today I am well and feeling great! But I didn't feel good last summer.

Two weeks after kindergarten, I had a ton of really bad headaches. My mom gave me Tylenol but it didn't help. My headaches got worse and my left hand wouldn't work. I couldn't get a tight grip when I tried to hold stuff. My mom and dad took me to Dr. "D" in Ashburn. Dr. "D" said that I should go have an x-ray. We went to the hospital for the x-ray. I was scared of the big x-ray machine. After my x-ray the doctors said that I should go to Children's Hospital for more x-rays. I had to lay still alone in the machine. I had four x-rays in one day!

The doctors said that I had a brain tumor and had to stay over night. I was scared to stay by myself, so my mom stayed, too. Four days later I had my surgery. I was scared. Before the doctors put me to sleep, they told me to think about that green car going around the track. After my surgery, I woke up during another x-ray. The machine was moving forward and back. It was very loud and I was scared.

The next day, I was called the human "Q-tip" because I had a bandage that looked like the top of a "Q-Tip". I was in the hospital for five days. I still had stitches when I went home. A week later I had to get my stitches out. I had to go to sleep while I got the stitches out.

I still have to have MRI's.

Then in October, "Make-A-Wish" came. They asked lots of questions and asked me where I wanted to go. I wanted to go meet my favorite racecar driver, Bobby Labonte, and see the race. I knew he would be at a racetrack!

In the spring, we had a party for all the people who had helped while I was in the hospital. Near the end of the party, Make-A-Wish came back to grant my wish! They said, "You're leaving next week to go to California!" I started jumping up and down. Make-A-Wish got me a ton of stuff. Then on Wednesday, a limousine picked me up from school and took me to the airport. When we got there, we went to the cockpit. I got to sit where the Captain sits.

When we got to California and got off the plane, I felt a hat. It was our host, John! He got me balloons and when we got to the hotel, he gave me four Bobby Labonte cars.

On Friday, we went to practices and qualifying races. Bobby Labonte qualified 36th. On Saturday, I woke up early. We went to the track. When we got there we went to meet Bobby Labonte!

When we first got there, while we were waiting, I got to hold his racing helmet. Then when Bobby came out of the trailer, I got to spend almost 15 minutes with him. I asked him lots of questions about racing and he autographed two hats, a car, a tee shirt, and my racing uniform. Then he gave my sister, Mallory, and me each a team hat. It was the greatest day of my life!

The next day was race day! Bobby came in second! On Monday we left to go home. I had a lot of fun!

I hope you enjoyed my story. It has a very happy ending. Thanks Make-A-Wish for making my dream come true.

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, June 13, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture.

SR-485

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the environmental benefits and impacts of ethanol under the Clean Air Act.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Communications Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending calendar business.

SD-342

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the future of Lebanon.

SD-419

Finance

Business meeting to markup S.662, to amend title XIX of the Social Security

Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program; H.R.3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services; and proposed legislation urging the President to initiate negotiations over the issue of foreign sales corporations at the July 20 meeting of the G-8 nations in Okinawa.

SD-215

Judiciary

Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the United Airways and U.S. Airways airline merger.

SD-226

3:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the International Criminal Court, focusing on protecting american servicemen and officials from the threat of international prosecution.

SD-419

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed highway diesel fuel sulfur regulations.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nomination of Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on certain provisions of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with the changing threat of international terrorism, focusing on the report of the National Commission on Terrorism.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the United States General Accounting Office March 2000 report entitled "Need to Address Management Problems that Plague the Concessions Program".

SD-366

<p>JUNE 20</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings on pending business. SD-430</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366</p>	<p>ing, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes. SD-366</p>	<p>JULY 12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold oversight hearings on risk management and tort liability relating to Indian matters. SR-485</p>
<p>JUNE 21</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings on certain Indian Trust Corporation activities. SH-216</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366</p>	<p>JUNE 22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with aviation and the internet, focusing on purchasing airline tickets through the internet, and whether or not this benefits the consumer. SR-253</p> <p>10 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine medical device reuse. SD-430</p>	<p>JULY 19</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission. SR-485</p>
<p>Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine the proposed United-US Airways merger, focusing on its effect on competition in the industry, and the likelihood it would trigger further industry consolidation. SR-253</p>	<p>JUNE 27</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366</p>	<p>JULY 26</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings on S.2526, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act. SR-485</p>
<p>2:30 p.m. Energy and Natural Resources Water and Power Subcommittee To hold hearings on S. 1848, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planing, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project; S. 1761, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conserve and enhance the water supplies of the Lower Rio Grande Valley; S. 2301, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehaven water reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2400, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; S. 2499, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania; and S. 2594, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, divert-</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366</p> <p>10 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings on S. 1016, to provide collective bargaining for rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions. SD-430</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Energy and Natural Resources Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee To hold hearings on the April 2000 GAO report entitled "Nuclear Waste Cleanup—DOE's Paducah Plan Faces Uncertainties and Excludes Costly Cleanup Activities". SD-366</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 26</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion. 345 Cannon Building</p>
	<p>JUNE 28</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings on S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes. SR-485</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366</p>	<p>CANCELLATIONS</p> <p>JUNE 14</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-430</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366</p> <p>POSTPONEMENTS</p> <p>JUNE 14</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Energy and Natural Resources Water and Power Subcommittee To hold oversight hearings on the National Marine Fisheries Service's draft Biological Opinion and its potential impact on the Columbia River operations. SD-366</p>