

Mr. Chairman, while the issues highlighted above may not seem important at the moment, while we are in the midst of hot debate, let me reassure you, all my colleagues, that they remain very important. The Iraq crises will not be with us always. The issues that seem so distant and unimportant now will be in our face the minute the fighting in Iraq ends. Let us stand firm with our friend and ally Turkey as she has stood with the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 86 (H. Res. 160, Previous Question on the Rule for consideration of H.R. 1104, Child Abduction Prevention Act), I was unavoidably absent due to a request from the President of the United States that I travel with a Congressional Delegation to MacGill Airforce Base in Tampa, Florida. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

GIVING THANKS TO THE "MAKE-A-WISH" FOUNDATION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 7, 2003

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, a great member of the community I represent, and an organization I am proud to call "neighbor." Today, April 7, 2003, the foundation marks its 20th anniversary. The foundation is a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children facing life-threatening illnesses to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The foundation's mission is pure as it is simple—to give children facing illnesses such as cancer, pediatric AIDS and heart disease something positive to think about instead of doctors visits, hospitals and medicine. The Make-A-Wish Foundation fulfills each of these children's greatest wish. Whether the wish is to visit a theme park, meet a sports hero or movie star, or army soldier, the foundation works to make each child feel special.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic serves children who reside in Maryland, Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Dela-

ware. The foundation, which is headquartered in Kensington, MD—my hometown—also has offices in Baltimore, LaVale, Maryland, and Wilmington, Delaware.

I'd like to recognize some of my constituents who were there to help start the organization 20 years ago: Barbara Manfuso Appleby, Deborah Camalier Walker, BJ Bralower, Harry Martens III.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to report to you that the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic has fulfilled the wishes of more than 3,800 children who reside in Maryland, Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Delaware including more than 1,500 from Maryland—that's 75 young Marylanders a year.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you an example of the joy Make-A-Wish Foundation brings to young citizens in need. Ryan is a young man from Silver Spring, MD, who wished for a companion—the four-legged kind. The Make-A-Wish Foundation recently fulfilled Ryan's wish for a dog.

Ryan's father reports that the Ryan's new friend, named Chi-Chi, has brought pure joy to the young boy's life. "They play together like they have known each other forever," he said.

It is my pleasure to share with the U.S. House of Representatives the accomplishments of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic.

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, April 8, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine transportation and border security.

SR-253

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for Special Operations Command.

SR-222

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider H.R. 145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building", S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building", S. 763, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse", S. 616, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever thermometers and improving the collection and proper management of mercury, S. 515, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency, H.R. 289, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, S. 163, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, S. 791, to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, S. 156, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, the nominations of Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Val-

ley Authority, Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prah, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, Richard Narcia and Herbert Guenther, both of Arizona, Bradley Udall, of Colorado, and Malcolm B. Bowekaty, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and the nomination of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", to authorize appropriations for the Department of State, and United States international broadcasting activities.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Homeland Security.

SD-342

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Labor.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine missile defense.

SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.

SD-366

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the annual report for 2003 of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 285, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, S. 558, to elevate the position Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and S. 555, to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Transportation, Treasury and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Internal Revenue Service.

SD-124

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States policy with respect to the trafficking in women and children in East Asia.

SD-106

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the readiness of the military services to conduct current operations and execute contingency plans.

SR-222

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

SD-419

4:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Reno L. Harnish, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

SD-419

APRIL 10

9 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the teaching of American history and civics in the classroom.

SD-430

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the designation of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act.

SD-406

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Eide, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

SD-342

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 521, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to extend the terms of leases of certain restricted Indian land, S. 522, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist