

Why does the government fail to realize the importance of our youth?
 Governor, I have some things I'd like to say
 But they would be inappropriate
 So Jorman, it's your turn to play
 JN: Jacky ya kind of mad ya need to rest
 At least both of us got that stress off our chest
 So that's just a part of what we know I hope
 this wasn't a loss
 I just want to let ya see a couple of our points get across
 JT: Yo Jorman look at their faces, don't they look kind of stunned?
 JN: And that was just us two imagine all of us as one anniversary
 JT: Man, if they only knew the power they hold in their hearts and in their voices
 JN: Together they have the power to move mountains its all up to there choices
 JT: So Jorman don't you think it's about time they get involved?
 JN: Yeah cause if all of us unite all out problems would be solved
 JT: Yeah, we should follow the examples of Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, and Dr. King
 JN: Cause they all fought for what they believed in and now they're letting freedom ring
 JN & JT: You have power in a lot of things, don't listen to all their lies
 Cuz no one can ever take away your right to organize

This powerful poem demonstrates the level of awareness these youth possess and their strong commitment to empowering their community.

Mr. Speaker, through housing and education initiatives as well as youth empowerment programs the NWBCCC continues to provide invaluable service to the people of the Bronx. For their 30 years of service, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this remarkable organization.

HONORING MEGHAN PASRICHA

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 29, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Meghan Pasricha upon her nomination as a Jefferson Award finalist. Ms. Pasricha is founder of the successful Anti-Tobacco Action Club at Sanford School in Hockessin, Delaware. As a 10th grader, Meghan started her organization with 12 members and a goal: raising teenage awareness of tobacco-related health hazards.

Her hard work has paid off and today Meghan is the State chairwoman of the Kick Butts Generation, an anti-tobacco organization with over 4,000 local members. Ms. Pasricha's dedication to educating people about the dangers of tobacco is limitless. She recently gave a presentation at the World Conference on Tobacco in Heis, Finland, and has reached out to groups of children in places as far away as Mahau, India.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Ms. Pasricha upon her nomination as a finalist for the Jefferson Award. Her determination and drive to educate and empower others serves as an example to us all. She is truly worthy of this honor.

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 30, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 31

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State.

SD-419

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To resume hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on soft-dollar practices.

SD-538

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and world wide threat assessment.

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Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Manage-

ment, and Office of Environment, Safety and Health.

SD-138

1:30 p.m.

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in meeting the nation's water resource needs in the 21st century.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To continue hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry focusing on fund costs and distribution practices.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effects of the Madrid Terrorist Attacks on U.S. European cooperation in the war on terrorism.

SD-419

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention programs.

SD-124

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter and ozone.

SD-406

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified and regional commands; to be followed by a possible closed session in SR-222.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, concluded at Cape Town, South Africa, on November 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108-10), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of May 28, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-13), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Amending the Treaty Between the

United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of September 23, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-15), Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of April 19, 1994, signed at Brussels on October 24, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-17), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on December 10, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-18), Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Slovak Republic to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of October 22, 1991, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-19), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 13, 1995, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-20), Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to the Treaty for the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of January 14, 1998, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-21), and Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland Concerning Business and Economic Relations of March 21, 1990, signed at Brussels on January 12, 2004 (Treaty Doc. 108-22).

SD-419

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-124

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Institutes of Health.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine future challenges facing the United States Postal Service.

SD-138

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-628

1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for programs under its jurisdiction.

SD-192

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to mark up the proposed Federal Housing Enterprise Regulatory Reform Act of 2004.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine securing our borders under a temporary guest worker program.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on military installation programs.

SR-232A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine NASA fiscal year 2005 budget request.

SR-253

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert N. Davis, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and Pamela M. Iovino, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs.

SR-418

APRIL 2

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the Department of Defense Counternarcotics Program; to be followed by a closed session in SR-232A.

SR-222

APRIL 7

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-485

APRIL 8

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine anti-Semitism.

SD-419

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign operations.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine National Park Service concessions program, including implementation of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act (Public Law 105-391).

SD-366

APRIL 21

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Foreign Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign assistance and to combat international terrorism.

SD-124

APRIL 27

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity generation.

SD-366

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10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the impacts and costs of last year's fires, focusing on the problems faced last year and what problems agencies and the land they oversee may face next season, including aerial fire fighting assets and crew, and overhead availability.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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CANCELLATIONS

MARCH 31

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending nominations.

SD-430

POSTPONEMENTS

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Duane Benton, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Robert Bryan Harwell, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and George P. Schiavelli, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

SD-226