

No longer can students shuffle through the system without learning. We are already seeing positive results. According to a 2004 study by the Council of Great City Schools, the achievement gap is narrowing between minority and Caucasian students in both reading and math. These results are due, in large part, to NCLB.

The No Child Left Behind Act is the second step of Brown. The ruling in Brown may have given students equal access to the classroom, but NCLB ensures that they are given equal access to an education in that classroom.

TRIBUTE TO NEIL BRADLEY

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the members of the Republican Study Committee (RSC) to express our sincere gratitude and best wishes to Neil Bradley. Neil, who has served as Executive Director of the RSC since January 2000, was recently asked by the House Majority Whip to serve as his Policy Director. As the members and staff of the RSC prepare to wish Neil well in his new position, we wanted to take a moment to reflect upon his outstanding service to our organization and to thank him for it.

For those who may be unaware, the Republican Study Committee is a group of Republicans organized for the purpose of advancing a conservative economic and social agenda in the House of Representatives. The group is dedicated to a limited government, a strong national defense, the protection of individual and property rights, and the preservation of traditional family values. Although these values are shared in the abstract by a majority of my colleagues, it is necessary that we measure what is produced through the deal-making and political give-and-take that permeates this institution against the ideals we were elected to uphold. The RSC plays an invaluable role

in seeking to ensure that all legislation that moves through this body reflects and respects these fundamental values.

Over the past four and a half years, the RSC's efforts have been tremendously improved because of the service of Neil Bradley as the group's Executive Director. Neil is a committed and principled conservative. He is a tireless and effective advocate for the RSC's objectives. And, as anyone who has worked with or against him will readily acknowledge, Neil is a master of House procedure, especially the federal budget process. Mr. Speaker, Neil has served the RSC with integrity and distinction. We will miss him greatly, but are glad that he will be working for our shared values in a position of influence within the House Leadership.

As his friends and colleagues know, Neil's emails always conclude with some quotation from a famous conservative political thinker or office holder that is relevant to the policy fight of the day. Many of the quotes come from Neil's political hero, former President Ronald Reagan. I thought it would be fitting to close with some words from the great leader.

In 1989, in his farewell address to the Nation, Reagan said the following to the officials and staff that served in his Administration:

[A]s I walk off into the city streets, a final word to the men and women of the Reagan revolution, the men and women across America who for 8 years did the work that brought America back. My friends: We did it. We weren't just marking time. We made a difference.

Mr. Speaker, Neil Bradley has spent 4 and a half years working passionately for the Republican Study Committee, for the House of Representatives, and for America. He was not just marking time. He made a difference.

On behalf of the RSC, I thank him for his service and wish him well in his new endeavor.

HONORING BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. This landmark victory in the effort to rid this nation of segregation continues to product national repercussions, and on this day I believe we must rededicate ourselves to the ideals that it proposes.

Mr. Speaker, many people consider Brown a failure. It is not universally accepted or practiced, and the victories of the civil rights movement have been overturned or forgotten in the subsequent years. Minority populations including black and Latino children continue to find themselves as this nation's lowest academic performers. Indeed, if Thurgood Marshall surveyed the racial landscape today, he may wonder if Brown had been overturned.

But these very real challenges must not let us forget the lasting lesson of Brown. For many black parents, integration was not the key issue as it was the recognition of the fact that unless their children went to school with the children of the whites who controlled the purse strings, their children's educational opportunities would likely be shortchanged.

Brown ultimately decrees that all children—black, white, Latino; Asian, Native American—are all equally deserving of a high quality education, and that we cannot allow superficial differences to dissuade us from this fact. We must provide our children the presumption of competence and the expectation of success. Our children must have an environment that nurtures aspiration, guardians who provide direction, and peers who provide support. If we are serious about realizing the promise of Brown, then we must challenge ourselves to deliver those things which they most desperately need.

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, May 18, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine personal gain relating to a transition from public sector to private sector.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To continue hearings to examine the way ahead in Iraq.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

SD-538

Appropriations

District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the District of Columbia.

SD-138

Finance

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Treasury Department and terrorism financing; to be followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

SD-215

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 37, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States, and S. 2277, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation.

SR-485

10:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Business meeting to markup an original bill to reauthorize child nutrition programs.

SH-216

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 900, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the pertinent irrigation districts, S. 1876, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, S. 2304 and H.R. 3209, bills to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project, S. 2243, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District, and H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project.

SD-366

Aging

To hold hearings to examine Health Savings Accounts and the New Medicare Law, focusing on the future of health care.

SD-628

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works
Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine SPAM.

SR-253

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar items; to be following immediately by oversight hearings to exam-

ine the FBI, terrorism, and other topics.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Extended Custodial Inventory Program.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine prescription drug reimportation.

SD-106

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2382, to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country.

SR-485

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1672, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida, S. 1789 and H.R. 1616, bills to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, S. 1808, to provide for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically women's public colleges or universities, S. 2167, to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the States of Washington and Oregon, and S. 2173, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.

SD-366

JUNE 2

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the greater Middle East initiative.

SD-419

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

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar items.

SD-430

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 20

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine intellectual property.

SD-138