

Staying true to his roots in Bay County, Judge Bielawski is a member of St. Stanislaus Church and is active in the St. Stanislaus Usher's Club and the Athletic Club. He served as the Vice President and Advocate with the latter organization until his appointment to the bench. His father served as the Chair of the Bay County Democratic Party for over 26 years. Judge Bielawski followed in his dad's footsteps and is a lifetime member of the Michigan Democratic Party. Larry Bielawski was the Vice President of the Bay County Democratic Party and the Chairman of the James Blanchard Election Committee for Bay County.

Always serving the community, Judge Bielawski is also affiliated with the Salvation Army Advisory Board, St. Hyacinth Athletic Club, Knights of Columbus, St. George Society, the Lion's Club, and the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. He married his wife Patricia in 1969 and they have three wonderful children.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be able to stand before the House of Representatives and ask you to join me in paying tribute to a dedicated public servant, Judge Lawrence Bielawski, as he embarks upon a new phase in his life. I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was present and voting during the series of rolled votes that included rollcall No. 261, on ordering the previous question on the rule for consideration of H.R. 5576, Transportation, Treasury, HUD, Judiciary, D.C. Appropriations for 2007. While I was recorded as "yes" on the previous question, I intended to cast a "no" vote.

IN SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL WAR
ON TERROR AND THE WORK
THAT GOES ON AT GUANTANAMO
BAY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the suicide of three suspected dedicated terrorists imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has once again provided fodder for the enemies of the U.S.-led Global War on Terror. They are using the suicides to attack one of the most important components of this war: our ability to detain dangerous men and women and extract important information from them that will help protect American lives.

The critics, who come from the media, Congress, the blame-America first crowd and even the terrorists themselves, have long sought the psychological victory that would come with the closing of the military prison at Gitmo, and now even President Bush has been swayed by their criticism, saying that the prison is damaging the image of the U.S. at home and abroad.

After the fire at the Pentagon was extinguished, the rubble was cleared at Ground Zero, and the remains of the last victim were buried, it seems that the memory of the September 11th attacks has slowly faded away from the minds of many people. I would urge those people to consider that the memory of that day would be a daily reality were it not for the brave men and women who serve in our military and have apprehended the heinous thugs and criminals housed at Guantanamo Bay.

To make matters worse, the blame-America first crowd is not only demanding that we close Guantanamo Bay, but they are also suggesting that those imprisoned there be released, so they can return to their homelands and plot more attacks against America; a move which the Bush administration has said

it absolutely would not make. As the President said, "there are some, if put on the streets, who would create grave harm to American citizens and other citizens of the world."

Moving prisoners to another facility would simply move the controversy from Gitmo to a new prison. Creating a Guantanamo Bay military prison somewhere else would do nothing to satisfy its critics, and in fact, would embolden the terrorists by providing them with a marvelous psychological victory by allowing them to praise that Gitmo is no more.

I wish the prison at Gitmo was not necessary and its cells were empty, but that's not the reality we live with today. There are fanatic and committed terrorists and Islamofascists throughout the world who are set on hurting Americans and the West, and they need to be captured and detained. The face of Gitmo may be ugly to some, Mr. Speaker, but so was the sight of human beings jumping from the top of the World Trade Center. The terrorists brought this war to us, and I believe we need to stand firm, and keep Gitmo in business until the Global War on Terror is finally won.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF
JOSHUA WILLIAM ALBON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am happy to congratulate Captain and Mrs. Brian Albon, USMC, of Jacksonville, North Carolina, on the birth of their new baby son. Joshua William Albon was born on June 10, 2006, at 7:42 a.m., weighing 6 pounds and 13 ounces. Joshua has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future. His birth is a blessing.

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, June 15, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 19

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine learning from the mistakes of 1986 relating to immigration enforcement at the workplace.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine implementation of the Renewable Fuel Standard in the 2005 Energy Bill and the future potential of biofuels such as biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol, and E85.
SD-366

3 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Australia, and Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.
SD-419

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine implications on repealing the insurers' anti-trust exemption relating to the McCarran-Ferguson Act.
SD-226

10 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the Rural Development Programs of the Department of Agriculture.
SR-328A

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.
SD-538

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul A. Denett, of Virginia, to

be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.
SD-342

2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the short selling activities of hedge funds and independent analysts.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine United Nations headquarters renovation, focusing on transparency, accountability, financial and ethical integrity at the international body.
SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Housing and Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine issues for the future relating to the Federal Housing Administration.
SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the National Park Service's Revised Draft Management Policies, including potential impact of the policies on park operations, park resources, wilderness areas, recreation, and interaction with gateway communities.
SD-366

JUNE 21

9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine safer technology in the context of chemical site security.
SD-628

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 480, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, and S. 437, to expedite review of the grand River Band of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether that group is entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe.
SR-485

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine if Congress can protect copyright and promote innovation relating to the analog hold.
SD-226

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine economics, service, and capacity in the freight railroad industry.
SD-562

Aging
To hold hearings to examine ensuring seniors don't outlive their savings relating to managing retirement assets.
SD-106

10:30 a.m.
Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.
SR-428A

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine policy and perspectives and views from the field regarding the Voting Rights Act.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report entitled "Wildland Fire Suppression-Lack of Clear Guidance Raises Concerns about Cost Sharing between Federal and Nonfederal entities" (GAO-06-570).
SD-366

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology.
SD-562

4 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.
SD-226

JUNE 22

9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to examine the regulatory processes for new and existing nuclear plants.
SD-628

Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider the report on the Indian Lobbying Misconduct Investigation, and other pending matters.
SR-485

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the state of the U.S. tourism industry.
SD-562

2 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to markup S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes.
Room to be announced

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 574, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, S. 1387, to provide for an update of the Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, to extend the authority of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, to authorize the undertaking of a special resource study of sites and landscape features within the Corridor, and to authorize additional appropriations for the Corridor, S. 1721, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for