

## OPPOSING BILINGUAL BALLOTS

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2006*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

However, I am greatly concerned that provisions providing for bilingual ballots remain in the bill.

Let me be clear: I support both legal immigration and celebrating one's heritage.

However, the bilingual ballot provision has long kept new citizens from increasing their knowledge of our language and from fully integrating into our society.

Not only is it expensive to print ballots in a variety of different dialects and tongues, but it reinforces a fractious society.

Later this week I plan to offer an amendment with my good friend and colleague, Congressman STEVE KING of Iowa, to strip this arcane and divisive language.

I ask for my colleagues' full support of this measure and I yield back the balance of my time.

shall truly miss his friendship and hope to fill this void with the warm and comforting memories of our lasting friendship. For Ed and for the Booth family, I offer my personal reflections in hopes that they may bring you some comfort in this moment of loss.

There are those who pass this way and touch a few lives, and there are others, who, by their very being, reach beyond the confines of family, neighbor and community—and in so doing leave an indelible mark on the lives of many, even on the heart and conscious of a people. By his very being, Attorney Booth was the embodiment of honesty, truth, integrity, and upheld the virtues of respect for everyone, and compassion for every human condition. He was not one to rush to judgment, personally or professionally, but relied on his innate ability to identify with the plight of others, and respect their pain. Ed was a man who first and foremost loved his family, and in his associations, required no more of others than he would of himself. A gentleman, a scholar, confidant and a personal friend was Ed, and he was one who practiced his faith in deeds, and with humility.

In his passing, we honor him by keeping his family in our prayers and his memory alive in our hearts forever.

landers in mourning the loss of Philip Merrill, chairman of the Capital-Gazette Newspapers.

Philip Merrill was a visionary who understood the importance of education and the environment. Throughout his life, Philip appreciated what it meant to give back to his community. His philanthropic gifts included \$10 million to the University of Maryland College of Journalism, \$4 million to the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University and \$7.5 million to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

A Baltimore native, Philip graduated from Cornell University in 1955. In 1968, while working for the U.S. Department of State, he purchased what was then the Annapolis Evening Capital, now known as The Capital. Over the years, Capital-Gazette Communications, Inc. expanded to include the Maryland Gazette, the Bowie Blade-News, the Crofton News-Crier, and the West County News. He also owned Washingtonian Magazine.

But Philip didn't limit himself to the field of journalism. He served as President of the U.S. Export-Import Bank from 2002 to 2005, Assistant Secretary-General at NATO from 1990 to 1992, and a member of the U.S. Department of Defense Policy Board from 1983 to 1990.

An avid environmentalist and boater, Philip loved the Chesapeake Bay and worked hard to preserve and protect it for future generations. He was instrumental in building the Chesapeake Bay's Philip Merrill Environmental Center, one of our nation's most environmentally sensitive buildings and a model for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Philip Merrill a publisher, diplomat, philanthropist and environmentalist who strove to make our world a better place.

COMMENDATION FOR THE LIFE OF  
EDWARD BOOTH, SR., ESQUIRE

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2006*

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today deeply and personally saddened by the loss of my dear friend Ed. I

## TRIBUTE TO PHILIP MERRILL

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2006*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding Maryland philanthropist, diplomat and journalist. It also is with great sadness that I join many Mary-

## 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 20, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## 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

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (the "Corruption Convention"), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on October 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 109-06).

SD-419

## 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

11:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Jon Wellingshoff, of Nevada, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

SD-366

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.

## Foreign Relations

## International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee

Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee  
To hold joint hearings to examine international methamphetamine trafficking.

SD-419

## 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

## Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters.

SH-219

4 p.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine energy security in Latin America.

SD-419

## Indian Affairs

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

SR-485

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 2747, to enhance energy efficiency and conserve oil and natural gas.

SD-366

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine new ideas for making the medical liability system work better for patients.

SD-430

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

## Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending VA legislation.

SR-418

1 p.m.

## Appropriations

Business meeting to markup H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5521, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and to consider 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority for fiscal year 2007.

SD-106

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

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Clifford M. Sobel, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine effort to assure healthy initiatives in health information technology.

SD-342

## 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 certain national heritage areas, S. 2037, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and S. 2645, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area.

SD-366

## Intelligence

To hold a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters.

SH-219