

News on their 10 years of success, and wish them well for many more to come.

Publications like Polish News promote cultural understanding and are vital in maintaining cohesive relationships in a Nation as diverse as our own. For the past 10 years, Polish News has documented the vibrant social, civic, and philanthropic accomplishments of Polish Americans and their contributions to our society.

The magazine's success is due in large part to its wide array of content, including interviews with prominent Polish American leaders, profiles of community members and special events, and information on historical moments of importance to the Polish community.

Polish Americans have shared a leading role in business, fine arts, charity and many other forms of public service. The Polish American influence has shaped the city of Chicago and our country into the strong and dynamic Nation that it is today. I commend Polish News for documenting these events, ideas, and stories.

Today, I am proud to reaffirm our appreciation and respect for the Polish culture and the Polish American community as we congratulate Polish News on its dedication to promoting our city's ethic pride. I look forward to continuing to read Polish News in the years to come.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES
‘SKOGIE’ LENON**

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

MR. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend James ‘Skogie’ Lenon, who passed away on May 5, 2007. Skogie was a dear friend who was instrumental in helping me get established early in my career.

A longtime resident of Boulder City, NV, James ‘Skogie’ Lenon made a huge impact on the life of his community. Skogie earned his nickname from a t-shirt he often wore, which read, “Muskogee YMCA”. Skogie was a caring man, who worked often to uphold the small-town, family-oriented feel of Boulder City. In 1955, Skogie was on the original committee to help raise funds for the Boulder City Hospital. During World War II, unable to join the military due to a childhood illness, he became Assistant Director of the Boulder City United Service Organizations. After the war, he became a Naval Reserve Officer. Skogie helped in building and operating the first skating rink, as well as the first city swimming pool in Boulder City. He was President of the Boulder City Recreation Association and a member of the Boulder City Golf Association. He spent much of his time enjoying golf, and played a large part in adding nine holes at the Boulder City Municipal Golf Course.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and service of James ‘Skogie’ Lenon. Skogie was a true patriot, having devoted his life to his community and country. His dedication to service should serve as an example to us all.

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, July 17, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

July 18

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine modernization of Federal Housing Administration programs.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal response to ensuring the safety of Chinese imports.

SR-253

SD-226

Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, and Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kerry N. Weems, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, S. 1183, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and other pending calendar business.

SD-106

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney

General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth, S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffry Herbert, fondly known as “Mr. Wizard”, a bill entitled, “School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act”, and the nominations of Roslyn Renee Maus-kopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joe W. Stecher, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine abuse of elderly citizens, focusing on prevention methods.

SD-628

2 p.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine increasing government accountability and ensuring fairness in small business contracting.

SR-428A

July 19

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1634, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America.

SD-366

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the war in Iraq, focusing on an update from the field.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine draft legislation to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to continue consideration of S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois

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SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the military's role in disaster response, focusing on progress since Hurricane Katrina.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Appropriations
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Finance
To hold hearings to examine aviation financing, focusing on industry perspectives.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider S. 1769, to amend the Communications Act of 1934

to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider, S. 1780, to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent, S. 1582, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, S. 1771, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, S. 1778, to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration, S. 1492, to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation, and the nominations of Jonathan W. Bailey, and Philip M. Kenul, both to be Rear Admiral, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the mayoral proposal to reform the District of Columbia's public school system, focusing on assessments, assurances, and accountability.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:45 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

SD-226

July 20

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine youth violence, focusing on the efficacy of mentoring children.

SD-116

July 24

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To continue oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the protection of children on the internet.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Bio- Shield and Preparedness programs, focusing on improvements needed for epidemics.

SD-628

July 25

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs health care funding.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States trade relations with China.

SR-253

July 26

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine preparation taken for digital television transition.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act.

SR-253

July 31

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald Spoehel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Paul R. Brubaker, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

SR-253