

anywhere in the Islamic world. Yes, the extremists' call is heard here, too, but make no mistake—it's the response that differs. The tones of tolerance, trumpeted by a government that believes that Moroccan Judaism is an intrinsic and permanent part of the national culture, overwhelm the extremists' siren song.

Are we a historical accident or the path forward? Perhaps the answer is that our historical good fortune now has to be transformed into a model for others. We are more relevant outside our border than ever before.

Other world leaders must realize that the path forward lies not in fanning the fires of the moment, but in setting a tone of authentic coexistence that will endure.

TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP ANDREW
STOUT

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OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a South Carolina businessman, who has been honored by his peers for his extraordinary work. Phillip Andrew "Andy" Stout owns and operates the Shoney's restaurant just minutes from my Santee, South Carolina office, and he has been recognized as the Shoney's 2006 Franchisee of the Year.

Andy Stout operates five Shoney's in South Carolina, and owns three of them. In addition to his recognition as Franchisee of the Year, two of Mr. Stout's restaurants were honored for their outstanding sales. This recognition did not come easily. Mr. Stout learned to excel in his profession by starting at the ground level and working his way up.

As a teenager, he began working as a busboy in his stepfather's Shoney's restaurant in Sumter, South Carolina. Two years later, he moved up to become Kitchen Manager. Mr. Stout then took a short break from Shoney's to serve as General Manager of a Captain D's restaurant. However, he took that experience and used it to become General Manager of Shoney's in Sumter.

His years of hard work and training paid off in 1994, when he formed P.A.S. Enterprises and purchased his first Shoney's in Manning, South Carolina. He added to his holdings in 2003 and 2005 by purchasing Shoney's in Santee and Dillon respectively. Mr. Stout continues to oversee the daily operations of the Sumter Shoney's and is a partner in the Shoney's in Walterboro.

Mr. Stout has received numerous awards for the performance of his Shoney's restaurants in addition to his 2006 Franchisee of the Year award. He also takes time to serve on the Board of Shoney's Franchise Advisor Council, and he serves his community on the Board of Trustees at Thomas Sumter Academy.

He is married to Donna L. Stout and together they have six children, Nicole, Rina, Austin, Elizabeth, Olin and Rebekah Ann.

I speak often of the need to improve the plight of counties along the I-95 corridor, and I commend Mr. Stout for the example he sets in running these successful businesses along I-95. His story shows that hard work and initiative can create opportunities for oneself and for one's community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in applauding Andy Stout

for his entrepreneurial spirit and his leadership in the Shoney's organization and the community. I have been a customer in several of his restaurants and can attest to the quality of service they provide. I wish him continued success and Godspeed.

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, January 30, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 31

9:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To continue hearings to examine securing America's interests in Iraq, focusing on the remaining options in Iraq in the strategic context.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Rules and Administration

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments.

SR-301

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine ensuring the economic future by promoting middle-class prosperity.

SD-106

9:45 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operation; to be followed by a hearing to examine the roles of Federal food assistance programs in family economic security and nutrition.

SR-328A

10 a.m.

Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing regarding the Iraq "surge" plan.

SR-222

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine the Department of the Treasury's report to Congress on Inter-

national Economic and Exchange Rate Policy (IEERP) and the U.S.-China strategic economic dialogue.

SD-G50

Budget

To hold hearings to examine solutions to long-term fiscal challenges.

SD-608

Finance

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, subcommittee assignments, and the nominations of Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security, and Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, and Irving A. Williamson, of New York, each to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; committee will also consider the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act.

SD-430

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Iraq Study Group, focusing on recommendations for improvements to Iraq's police and criminal justice system.

SD-226

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine Federal small business assistance programs for veterans and reservists.

SR-428A

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine if Medicare Part D is working for low-income seniors.

SD-562

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 202, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, S. 216, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico, S. 220, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A&B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 232, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, S. 235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, S. 240, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, S. 241, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, S. 245, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, S. 255, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, S. 260, to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National

Conservation Area, S. 262, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, S. 263, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, S. 264, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, S. 265, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon, S. 266, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, S. 268, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, S. 275, to establish the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the State of New Mexico, S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, S. 278, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, S. 283, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, S. 320, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, H.R. 57, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, and S. 200, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine economic and security concerns relating to promoting travel to America.

SR-253

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine abusive practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting.

SR-222

Judiciary

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine challenges and strategies for securing the U.S. border.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 1

9:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations
To continue hearings to examine securing America's interests in Iraq, focusing on the remaining options in Iraq in the strategic context.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gen. George W. Casey Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, United States Army.

SR-325

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine accelerated biofuels diversity, focusing on how home-grown, biologically derived fuels can blend into the nation's transportation fuel mix.

SDG-50

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the current account deficit and the foreign debt of the United States.

SD-608

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine a view from the Federal Communications Commission relating to assessing the communications marketplace.

SR-253

Finance

To hold hearings to examine improving the health of America's children relating to the future of Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine privacy implications of the Federal government's health information technology initiative relating to private health records, focusing on the efforts of Department of Health and Human Services to integrate privacy into the Health Information Technology national infrastructure and Office of Personnel Management's efforts to expand the use of Health Information Technology through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the impact such actions have on Federal employees' health information privacy.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Michael McConnell, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

SD-106

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 5

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine genocide and the rule of law.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 and the fiscal years 2007 and 2008 war supplemental requests in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine if the Department of Justice is politicizing the hiring and firing of U.S. attorneys relating to preserving prosecutorial independence.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine climate change research and scientific integrity.

SR-253

FEBRUARY 8

9 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's foreign affairs budget.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the present and future of public safety communications.

SR-253

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

FEBRUARY 13

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the "Stern Review of the Economics of Climate Change" examining the economic impacts of climate change and stabilizing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

SD-106

FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366