

Program as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor. He advanced to Clinical Supervisor and he worked his way up to his current position of Clinical Program Director from which he is retiring.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Colonel Terry S. Robinson who has served the citizens of the State of Nevada diligently. His commitment to his work in facilitating and supervising the assistance of the people in Nevada is valued and should be applauded by all. I would like to thank him for his military and civilian service and wish him well upon his retirement.

MEJA EXPANSION AND
ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JANIS D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Virginia has offered a motion to recommit H.R. 2740, the MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act, to the Judiciary Committee and to modify the legislation with regard to intelligence activities. I will support this motion to recommit, but wish to clearly state my understanding of the motion.

The motion to recommit would amend H.R. 2740 with a rule of construction, stating, "nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect in-

telligence activities that are otherwise permissible prior to the enactment of this Act." This amendment does not change the force of the legislation, does not limit the scope of the MEJA jurisdiction, and does not grant immunity to anyone, including contractor employees of the intelligence community. I am voting in support of this motion because it simply restates existing law.

Mr. Price's legislation would place contractor employees of non-defense related agencies under the extraterritorial jurisdiction of United States federal law, granting the Department of Justice authority to prosecute felony offenses committed by non-defense contractors. The motion to recommit restates what the underlying bill requires—that intelligence activities are subject to the requirements of MEJA. Nothing in this motion to recommit or the legislation should ever be construed to authorize, condone or legitimize the abuse of prisoners during detention or interrogations. It is with this understanding alone that I support this motion to recommit.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROB WIGTON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rob Wigton, the incoming President of the Nevada Association of REALTORS.

Mr. Wigton's career as a realtor started in 1995 when he began working at CENTURY 21 Clark Properties. In his first three years, he became one of the company's top producing agents. Then in 1998, he was offered an opportunity to purchase an interest with the company. In 2000, he joined Patty Clark and Shele Pandl and built an 18,000 square foot "Real Estate Mall" which housed many necessary services in real estate such as sales and property management, mortgage brokerage, and homeowner's insurance. This innovative idea has become a model in the real estate industry and remains one of the most ground-breaking ideas in Nevada real estate today.

Mr. Wigton has been actively involved in his local realtor board, serving as the chair of multiple committees and as the president of the board. He has also been actively involved in the Sierra Nevada Association of REALTORS and the Nevada Association of REALTORS.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Rob Wigton. His hard work and dedication to the Nevada REALTORS Association is to be admired, and I wish him well in his upcoming term as President.

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, October 16, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 17

- 9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Superfund and Environmental Health Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to examine the federal Superfund Program's activities to protect public health. SD-406
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on the report of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, the report of the Veterans Disability Benefit Commission, and other related reports. SD-562
- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007," an original bill entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007," and an original bill entitled "Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007." SD-538
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine consumer wireless issues. SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General. SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on contractors and the work of the government. SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives. SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, and Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. SD-419

OCTOBER 18

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine a parliamentary perspective of challenges facing today's Europe. B-318RHOB

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation. SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine lead and children's health. SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine international trade, focusing on import health and safety for today and the future. SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine politics in government, focusing on the scope and enforcement of the Hatch Act. SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness. SR-253

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to markup pending intelligence matters. SH-219

3 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service. SD-342

OCTOBER 23

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the efficacy of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, focusing on our Cold War heroes. SD-430

OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine to consider pending legislation. SD-562

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the future of radio. SR-253

OCTOBER 25

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor, and Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Labor. SD-430

OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine vocational rehabilitation. SD-562

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine universal telephone service. SR-253

NOVEMBER 7

10 a.m.

Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution. SR-301