

the President should endorse the Medical Rights Act. Our legislation is founded on this: Congress should make no law to block the decisions that American patients make with their doctor. If patients are our prime focus, their rights should be protected in law.

We can look to Great Britain and Canada to show us how government takeover of health care puts Congress, then the government in charge of your health care decisions, allowing them to decide what treatments you should or should not have. While over 60 percent of Americans are actually satisfied with their health care plan, only 55 percent of Canadian seniors are satisfied. The starkest difference in care appears when you are sickest. In Britain, government hospitals maintain nine intensive care unit beds per 100,000 people. In America, we have three times that number at 31 per 100,000. In sum, Britain has less than two doctors per 1,000 people, ranking it next to Mexico and Turkey.

If we do not enact the Medical Rights Act, patients will be at risk when government denies care, as they routinely do in Canada and Great Britain. Once denied government care, many Canadians find doctors in the U.S. If Congress orders the government to take over America's health care, where can we drive once care is denied by a new government health care system? To prevent this nightmare, Congress should pass the Medical Rights Act.

We need to promote patient-centered health care reform, where every American has access to the care they need, when they need it. It is not the role of the federal government to decide the type of care a patient should have but the role of doctors and medical professionals. I urge my colleagues to support the Medical Rights Act to stop the federal government from taking control over decisions made by you and your doctor.

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PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Princeton Public Library in Bureau County, Illinois. The Princeton Public Library was recently the host of "Between Fences," an exhibition from Museum on Main Street, a partnership of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Federation of State Humanities Councils. The Princeton Public Library is only one of two Illinois libraries that have been granted the opportunity to host this exhibit.

The exhibit embraces the use and existence of fences as an important facet of United States history. Fences are indicative of the owners lives, their property, and their relationship with their neighbors. For this reason, the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils chose to highlight fences as an integral part of the fabric of communities through history.

The mission of the Museum on Main Street project is to respond creatively to the challenge faced by rural museums to enhance their own cultural legacies. Princeton, a community of just under 8,000 residents, is thrilled to feature "Between Fences" and I am honored to represent them.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL CHILD  
AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 18, 2009*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Res. 438, "Expressing support for designation of September as 'National Child Awareness Month.'" This bipartisan resolution sponsored by Rep. LORETTA SANCHEZ (D-CA-47) and cosponsored by me, would recognize the efforts of our community leaders as they participate in growing the hopes and dreams of our children; the future of our Nation.

September, a month characterized by the return to school, signifies the start of the new school year. All around the country, corporations and businesses gear-up to highlight our youth and support children's charities and youth serving organizations. Declaring September as National Child Awareness Month will provide an excellent collaborative platform for these charitable groups to bring national attention to issues of vital concern to our children such as education, health, social services, sports, arts, and character development.

H. Res. 438 would recognize these efforts as a positive investment for the future of our Nation. National Child Awareness Month is supported by many regional and national youth organizations among which are the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Madam Speaker, I applaud my colleagues in recognizing the efforts those children's charities and youth serving organizations have put forth and also honor children for their widespread participation in these groups.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

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, May 21, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 2

10 a.m.  
 Environment and Public Works  
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

SD-406

JUNE 4

9:30 a.m.  
 Armed Services  
 To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year

2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Navy; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SH-216

JUNE 10

9:30 a.m.  
 Veterans' Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' construction process.

SR-418

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.  
 Veterans' Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs quality management activities.

SR-418