

I look forward to the day we receive the Commission's report. Then we can begin the crucial task of reforming and improving America's ailing criminal justice system.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which I deem to be one of the greatest civil rights laws ever passed by our Congress.

Since the establishment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, more than 50 million Americans are able to more wholly enjoy their lives, thanks to the ongoing elimination of barriers on employment, public services, transportation, telecommunications and public accommodations.

Prior to the passage of this Act, our disabled American citizens—wounded warrior veterans, men, women and children—faced better rates of poverty, lower graduation rates, significantly lower unemployment rates and were too often denied their right to fully participate in society.

This Act made vital changes, prohibiting discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in the workplace; requiring state and local government entities to accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities; providing better access to many modes of public transportation; and requiring places of public accommodation to make their goods and services easily accessible to the disabled.

While many great changes have been instituted since the passage of this act, there is still a lot of work to be done. In a nation as great as ours, it is a stunning reality that our disabled grandparents and parents, sons and daughters, and the wounded warriors who have so bravely served around the globe to preserve democracy and promote freedom, continue to struggle with inequalities that do not have to exist.

I'm putting the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program to work in our area to provide an employment opportunity for a wounded or disabled veteran living in southern West Virginia. There are 170,783 veterans in West Virginia—51,500 in our Congressional District alone—and that number is growing exponentially every day. These brave men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan face a 21 percent unemployment rate; add to that fact, the vulnerable position as a wounded or disabled soldier, and we know the challenges to secure a good paying job grow tremendously.

It is our duty as leaders to support each and every one of our disabled Americans. While I salute this historic piece of legislation, I continue to work on a bipartisan basis, to help identify and address the remaining barriers against the disabled, which truly undermine America's goals and the ideals upon which our great country was founded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on July 27, 2010 I was delayed during the vote on the adoption of H. Con. Res. 301, the Pakistan War Powers Resolution.

However, if I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on H. Con. Res. 301.

HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Centennial Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. For the past 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have worked tirelessly to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

William Boyce founded the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910 using, as a model, the British system of Scouting created by General Robert Baden-Powell in 1907. In 1916, the organization was granted a Congressional Charter, and as the organization grew, it served more and more young men, teaching them to live by the Scout Law. Since its inception, over 110 million Americans have been members of the Boy Scouts of America.

I am proud to say that my life has been strengthened through scouting. As a young man, I was a member of Troop 201 in Mobile, Alabama. It was while earning my merit badges in Citizenship in the home, community, and the Nation that my interest in our great political process was ignited. From my experience as an Eagle Scout, I know the time, effort, and thorough dedication the Boy Scouts instilled in me, to be a better person, and to serve God and the greater good of our country.

For a full century, boys and men have gathered and declared: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." And for a full century, we have constantly remained Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. Our future leaders are cultivated through a combination of educational and fun activities, instilling lifelong values. Through various programs, the Boy Scouts of America strive to create a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society, and they have succeeded now for 100 years.

The distinguished products of scouting can be found among my colleagues. Of the 111th Congress, 211 members have participated

with the Boy Scouts of America, either as a youth member, an Eagle Scout, an adult volunteer, or some combination of the three. Personally, I take great store in what I learned as a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout. The experience has been a great influence on both my personal life and my work in Congress. I am especially honored to have received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, and I also am honored to have been a part of Alvin Townley's book, "Legacy of Honor: The Values and Influence of America's Eagle Scouts."

Madam Speaker, we should all be inspired by the Boy Scouts of America and we should all be motivated to incorporate their goals into our daily lives. As the Boy Scout slogan says, we should all "do a good turn daily." For the past 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have lived this ideal, and our country is a better place due to their actions. On this day, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Boy Scouts and join them in celebrating their Centennial Anniversary, and I pray that God will grant them one hundred more!

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SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. On July 26, 1990, thousands gathered on the South Lawn of the White House as former President George H.W. Bush signed into law legislation that would provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. This moment changed the lives of so many Americans, and I rise today to recognize the overwhelming importance of this law.

Over the past 20 years, this law has allowed Americans with disabilities to have access to educational opportunities, employment, transportation, buildings, and community affairs that once presented insurmountable obstacles.

In June of 2008, it was my honor to advance the cause of this legislation even further by voting in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act, legislation which provides Americans with disabilities an even broader scope of freedom and protection. And today, it is my honor yet again to support a House Resolution recognizing and honoring this 20th anniversary of the original Act.

Mr. Speaker, this law has improved the lives of millions of Americans with disabilities. But while we celebrate the freedom and opportunities provided by the ADA, we must also recognize that there is more work to be done. We should help all Americans, regardless of their physical or mental abilities. I am committed to continuing this work, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure all people can reach their full potential.

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 Thursday, July 29, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
AUGUST 3

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the report of the Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine a status report on the United States economy.

SD-608

Environment and Public Works

Children's Health Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state of research on potential environmental health factors with autism and related neurodevelopment disorders.

SD-406

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine protecting public interest, focusing on understanding the threat of agency capture.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Rose M. Likins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Christopher W. Murray, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Mark Charles Storella, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, James Frederick Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eric D. Benjaminson, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Phillip Carter III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, J. Thomas Dougherty, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Michael S. Owen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Laurence D. Wohlers, of

Washington, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Patrick S. Moon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Luis E. Arreaga-Rodas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Judith R. Fergin, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Helen Patricia Reed-Rowe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Paul W. Jones, of New York, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Maura Connelly, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, Gerald M. Feierstein, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, and Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, all of the Department of State, Mark Feierstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Mimi E. Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Richard M. Lobo, of Florida, to be Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau, Broadcasting Board of Governors, Nisha Desai Biswal, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and a routine list in the foreign service.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine transforming government through innovative tools and technology.

SD-342

AUGUST 4

9 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2982, to combat international violence against women and girls, and Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111-05).

S-116, Capitol

Impeachment Trail Committee (Porteous)

Organizational meeting of the Impeachment Trial Committee on the Articles Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.

SR-301

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing on the use of oil dispersants in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine for-profit schools, focusing on the student recruitment experience.

SD-106

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To receive a briefing on the Navy's plans for the next generation Ohio class ballistic missile submarine.

SVC-217

Judiciary

Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine government preparedness and response to a terrorist attack using weapons of mass destruction.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine social security disability fraud, focusing on case studies in Federal employees and commercial drivers licenses.

SD-342

AUGUST 5

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

10:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Economic Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Obama Administration Manufacturing Agenda.

SD-538

SEPTEMBER 15

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 implementation, improvement, and sustainability, focusing on management matters at the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 22

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation focusing on the American Legion.

345, Cannon Building

SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs disability compensation, focusing on presumptive disability decision-making.

SDG-50

POSTPONEMENTS

AUGUST 3

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Energy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the role of strategic minerals in clean energy technologies and other applications as well as legislation to address the issue, including S. 3521, the "Rare Earths Supply Technology and Resources Transformation Act of 2010".

SD-366