

OBSTETRIC FISTULAS—INTL.  
WOMEN'S DAY**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 2010*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw our attention to a worldwide problem we could do much more to resolve: obstetric fistulas. Imagine you are 13 years old. You are married against your will to a much older man

and become pregnant. When the baby is due, you have no medical care. Your body is too small. The baby gets stuck. You nearly die.

But instead, you wake up to learn that it is your baby who has died, and you now have a fistula—a hole caused by the days of prolonged labor and resulting rotting away of internal tissue. You are incontinent and cannot walk. You are shunned by your husband and your village. It is hard to imagine being so alone.

But this is the real story of Mahabouba, a young girl in Ethiopia. And an estimated 2 million women like her suffer from obstetric fis-

tulas—though we need much better data on this problem. They have suffered in this unspeakable way because they lacked maternity care, or were married too young, or even because their husbands would not let them go to the hospital.

As we mark this day, let us raise our voices for these women. Let us commit our power and our compassion to providing life-saving maternity care and to preventing these tragedies. Let us help them to stand up and bring new hope for their future.

## 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, March 4, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2010.

SD-106

## MARCH 9

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Joint Forces Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.

SH-216

## Appropriations

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation from Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SDG-50

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine financial transmission rights and other electricity market mechanisms.

SD-366

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine United States preference programs, focusing on options for reform.

SD-215

## Environment and Public Works

Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine business perspectives on reforming U.S. chemical safety laws.

SD-406

2 p.m.

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on K-12 education for economic success.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

## Intelligence

To hold a closed meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

## MARCH 10

Time to be announced

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick K. Nakamura, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Gwendolyn E. Boyd, of Maryland, and Peggy Goldwater-Clay, of California, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, and Sharon L. Browne, of California, Charles Norman Wiltse Keckler, of Virginia, and Victor B. Maddox, of Kentucky, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

Room to be announced

9:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1696, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of video game console energy efficiency, S. 2908, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to publish a final rule that establishes a uniform efficiency descriptor and accompanying test methods for covered water heaters, S. 3059, to improve energy efficiency of appliances, lighting, and buildings, and S. 3054, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish efficiency standards for bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, and portable electric spas.

SD-366

10 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense health programs.

SD-192

## Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine U.S. government efforts to counter violent extremism and the role of the U.S. military in those efforts.

SR-222

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine new directions in global health.

SD-419

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on watchlisting and pre-screening.

SD-342

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine corporate spending in American elections after Citizens United.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

## Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-116

10:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

## Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

2 p.m.

## Appropriations

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

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-124

2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine advancing American innovation and competitiveness.

SR-253

## Foreign Relations

International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the future of U.S. public diplomacy.

SD-419

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

## Energy and Natural Resources

## Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2895, to restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 2907, to establish a coordinated avalanche protection program, S. 2966 and H.R. 4474, bills to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and S. 2791 and H.R. 3759, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant market-related contract extensions of certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers.

SD-366

## Armed Services

## Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

## MARCH 11

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine legislative proposals designed to create jobs related to energy efficiency, including proposed legislation on energy efficient building retrofits.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine pay equity  
in the new American workplace.

SD-430

11 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. officials involved in drug cartels.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

## MARCH 16

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's implementation of the SECURE Water Act, (Title 9501 of Public Law 111-11) and the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program which includes the WaterSMART Grant Program, the Basin Study Program and the Title XVI Program.

SD-366

2 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 assessing foster care and family services in the

District of Columbia, focusing on challenges and solutions.

SD-342

## MARCH 17

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 553, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, S. 1017, to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana, S. 1018, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the state of Illinois, S. 2892, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 2933, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2951, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge

Parkway to serve the public, and H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities.

SD-366

## MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from AMVETS, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Gold Star Wives, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

SDG-50

## MARCH 23

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

## MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs plan for ending homelessness among veterans.

SR-418