

1930, he began his career in broadcasting when Mexico's Radio XEW-AM first went on the air. Over the next 23 years, Mr. Bernal's fame, both in Mexico and in the United States, grew. He was well known for his radio performances, as an actor, author, and producer for XEQ and Radio Cadena Nacional. His voice was known to millions from his dubbings of Disney movies into Spanish.

In 1953, after years of business trips here, Mr. Bernal made the United States his home. He settled in San Antonio, Texas, where he helped to build the radio station KCOR, the first full-time Spanish-language radio station in the United States. In addition to authoring several novellas and radio jingles, Mr. Bernal was dedicated to bridging the gap between his Spanish-speaking audience and their government. He worked with the local Social Security Administration District Manager to produce "Su Seguro Social," tapes which introduced Americans to the Social Security Administration and explained its workings.

As America transitioned into the television era, so did Mr. Bernal, and he continued to ensure that his work benefited the community. His program on KCOR-TV—once again the first full-time Spanish-language television station in the country as well as the first UHF station—was called "Escuadrón de Auxilio," "The Help Brigade." KCOR would become the foundation of the Spanish International Network and, later, Univision.

Manuel Bernal turned 105 years old on November 19, 2009. Over more than century, he has seen tremendous changes in the world and, often enough, he was at the forefront of those changes. I may be late in saying it, but I want to congratulate Mr. Bernal on a lifetime of accomplishment. I hope that his 105th birthday was a joy and I wish him many, many more.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "DICK"  
SWEEBE

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Richard "Dick" Sweebe and his Memphis-based business, Diamond Companies, for receiving Navistar Incorporated's prestigious 2009 International Circle of Excellence Award.

The Circle of Excellence Award honors International truck dealerships that achieve the highest level of dealer performance with respect to operating and financial standards, market representation, and most importantly, customer satisfaction. It is the highest award a dealer principal can receive from Navistar. Diamond Companies has now received the Circle of Excellence Award a total of 17 times.

Diamond Companies has grown from a single International truck dealership to one of the largest International truck dealers in North America. Mr. Sweebe began his career with International Harvester in 1972 and served in several capacities before purchasing his first International dealership in 1982. His entrepreneurial leadership helped grow Diamond Companies to an operation with more than 600 employees in 16 locations across Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. Diamond

Companies is the holding company for Diamond International, Diamond Idealease and Diamond State Bus Company.

As an industry leader, Mr. Sweebe has held numerous positions of responsibility in International organizations, including the former chairman of the International Dealer Council and co-chair of the International Dealer Development and Systems Board.

Through his commitment to hard work and outstanding customer service, Mr. Sweebe has built an economically vital business of which he can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Dick Sweebe for his record of accomplishment, the success of Diamond Companies, and for his many contributions to his community.

CAMILLE ALLSOP—PRUDENTIAL  
SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

**HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mrs. LUMMIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from the State of Wyoming who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community.

Camille Allsop of Cheyenne has just been named one of the top honorees in Wyoming by the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state. Camille was nominated by Cheyenne's East high School. She is the lead performer and interpreter in a song and dance group that travels across the country bridging the gap between deaf and hearing audiences.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it is vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to insure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Allsop are inspiring to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

Ms. Allsop should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. Allsop for her initiative in seeking to make her community and state a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

RECOGNIZING PETTY OFFICER 2ND  
CLASS ANTHONY THOMPSON

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony Thompson is a true hero. Like all of our nation's heroes, we will always be grateful for the sacrifices they have made in order to ensure our continued freedom.

Having served two deployments in Iraq, the sacrifices made by both Petty Officer 2nd Class Thompson and his family on behalf of our nation are innumerable. On April 2004, Anthony's life changed forever near Fallujah, when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive under an overpass where he and his fellow Marines had taken up post.

Although he is fortunate to have survived, he is now not only ensured a life of reduced ability and pain, but in need of a new means to support his family of five. He suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury, an incomplete spinal cord injury and a punctured right lung. The process of rebuilding his life is also blessed by the Homes for our Troops organization, which helps wounded veterans transition successfully into their communities by providing them with homes.

The Homes for our Troops Organization works with combat wounded veterans to build specially adapted homes; allowing the veteran to be as independent as possible. The organization raises monetary donations, building materials, professional labor and coordinates the process of building a home. They insure that each home provides maximum freedom of movement and the ability to live more independently for each veteran recipient.

By providing returning service members with needed resources, they are better able to succeed in their local communities. Organization's like Homes for our Troops allow us, as Americans, to give back to veterans who have selflessly given so much for the sake of our freedom, and for that we are forever grateful.

"HONORING NIEL ELLERBROOK  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP  
AND SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY"

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 15, 2010*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Niel Ellerbrook on his outstanding leadership and service to his community in Southwest Indiana.

In 2000, Mr. Ellerbrook was integral in the merging of Indiana Energy and SIGCORP into Vectren Energy Corporation—a company that would bring many new jobs to the Evansville area. Since that time, he has served as the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the company. Vectren is currently one of Indiana's largest publicly traded corporations with over 3,700 employees.

During his tenure as CEO, Mr. Ellerbrook has been recognized for his leadership in promoting diversity in the workplace. Additionally,

his community-minded business approach has inspired other businesses throughout Indiana and Ohio to engage their local communities with hopes of improving their quality of life. He was recently inducted into Evansville's Business Hall of Fame, and in 2007, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce named him as Business Leader of the Year.

Mr. Ellerbrook's dedication to community is well known. He serves on the Board of Direc-

tors for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Signature School Learning Center, University of Evansville, Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, Old National Bancorp and the American and Indiana Gas Associations. He was influential in the opening of the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville, as well as the Ivy Tech University campus. He is also a longtime supporter of the United Way and is involved with many other community outreach efforts.

Niel Ellerbrook has served as an outstanding business leader and a steadfast advocate for his community. As an Evansville resident, I appreciate his dedication and leadership within our local community, as well as throughout the Hoosier state. I commend Mr. Ellerbrook on an impressive career, and I wish him only the best in his future endeavors.

## 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, March 16, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 17

9:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

SD-366

## Appropriations

## Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the United States Forest Service.

SD-124

10 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's investigation of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts to protect children's health.

SD-406

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Department of State.

SD-419

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on the Obama Administration's ESEA reauthorization priorities.

SH-216

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on intelligence reform and interagency integration.

SD-342

## Judiciary

## Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine bankruptcy reform, focusing on small business jobs.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Navy.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be followed by a closed session at 4:00 pm in SVC-217 following the open session.

SR-232A

## Aging

To hold hearings to examine seniors, focusing on rising drug prices and the Part D program.

SD-562

3 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine financial services and products, focusing on the role of the Federal Trade Commission in protecting consumers, part 2.

SR-253

3:30 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 archaeological 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.

## Armed Services

To resume hearings to examine the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

SH-216

## 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

10 a.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert J. Papp, Jr., to be a Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Larry Robinson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Michael F. Tillman, of California, and Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Jeffrey R. Moreland, of Texas, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

SR-253

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine mobility and congestion in urban and rural America.

SD-406

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 148, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act, S. 2960, to exempt aliens who are admitted as refugees or granted asylum and are employed overseas by the Federal Government from the 1-year physical presence requirement for adjustment of status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, S. 2974, to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, and the nominations of Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Mark A. Goldsmith, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Wifredo A. Ferrer, to be United