

take us from the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, across Kuwait and Iraq and into Israel. However, before our plane was able to take off the Kuwaitis denied us overflight rights because our destination was Israel. After lengthy negotiations, our pilots were given permission to fly over Kuwaiti airspace, but as our plane neared the Iraqi border the government of Iraq denied our request to enter their airspace, again because our destination was Israel. We were forced to circle for 90 minutes while we once again negotiated with a government for whom the United States has spilled both blood and treasure. Finally, the Iraqis gave us permission to fly over their country only if we agreed to land in Jordan before flying on to Israel. Our plane landed in Amman, taxied to the end of the runway, and then took off for a seven minute flight to Israel. Apparently, American service members can die in Iraq, American taxpayer dollars can be spent on Iraq, but an American Congressional delegation on a U.S. military aircraft cannot fly over Iraq en route to Israel. So, when Israel's neighbors demand that Israel make difficult concessions as a precursor to peace negotiations, we should keep in mind the behavior of these neighbors and their refusal to accept Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

Now the Palestinians are threatening to seek a unilateral declaration of statehood through the United Nations. President Obama has already stated that the United States will veto any unilateral declaration at the UN, so the Palestinians' continued push for a UN vote in September is nothing but an attempt to delegitimize the state of Israel. Today, the House of Representatives can reinforce our nation's support for Israel and support for a negotiated peace.

Israel has shown it is ready to take risks for peace. If the Palestinians want a state that is formally recognized by the international community they should sit down with the Israelis and negotiate.

H. RES. 268

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I emphatically agree that a negotiated settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the only viable path forward for the parties and for those in the international community and region who seek peace and stability in this contentious area of our world.

I want to be clear: unilateral actions by the Palestinians or Israelis, including seeking recognition at the U.N., are not helpful to the peace process. It seems to me that there have not been many successful unilateral acts undertaken in this region that have resulted in more peace and less violence. Why would anyone want to go down that road again?

Limiting this resolution to the sentiment expressed in bullet number one of the resolution that reaffirms Congress' "strong support for a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states, a democratic, Jewish state of Israel and a viable, democratic Palestinian state, living side-by-side in peace, security, and mutual recognition" would have won my enthusiastic and full-hearted support.

It was the presence of this language that kept me from voting no on this resolution. I

again reiterate my condemnation of this House continuing to bring resolutions that only seem to relitigate every wrong committed by one party to this conflict. Whatever happened to the grandiose ideal that the United States of America would be an "honest broker" in this process?

The fact is that both Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have tough choices ahead of them that will affect the pursuit of peace in the Middle East. As I stated in a letter to President Obama last year in support of strong U.S. engagement in renewed Middle East Peace talks, allowing actions by either party that undermine the process to go unchallenged serves to fan animosity and mistrust, which feeds a cycle of conflict and violence. This neither serves the interests of the U.S., our ally Israel, nor the Palestinians.

We must avoid ending up in a situation like Canada reportedly faced last year when it cut funding for activities of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees only to have the government of Israel, among others, push for a reversal of that decision. It's an example of an action that looks "pro-Israel" on the politics, but failed the more important test of whether it actually advanced or hindered the interests of our allies in the region.

The Palestinian people don't want symbolic statehood, they want an actual state with borders and the ability to enjoy a livelihood in peace and security. The same for the Israeli people. They want real security and real peace. Both peoples would gladly trade resolutions from the U.S. Congress for real progress on the ground.

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 14, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 15

10 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine internet freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on current trends in internet governance.

210, Cannon Building

JULY 19

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine enhanced consumer financial protection after the financial crisis.

SD-538

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Kopocis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife.

SD-406

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David S. Adams, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Drug and Veterans Treatment Courts, focusing on seeking cost-effective solutions for protecting public safety and reducing recidivism.

SD-226

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the recent report of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) energy initiative entitled "The Future of Natural Gas".

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine 2011 spring storms, focusing on picking up the pieces and building back stronger.

SD-342

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States policy in Yemen.

SD-419

JULY 20

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine building American transportation infrastructure through innovative funding.

SR-253

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Economic Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine access to capital, focusing on fostering job creation and innovation through high-growth startups.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Mexico, and Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 958, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, S. 1094, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-416), an original bill entitled, "Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization of 2011", and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on a review of legislative proposals, part II.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 598, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, focusing on assessing the impact of the Defense of Marriage Act on American families.

SD-226

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Yellowstone River oil spill.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine providing legal services by members of the Judge Advocate Generals' Corps.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine looking to the future, focusing on, lessons in prevention, response, and restoration from the Gulf oil spill.

SR-253

JULY 21

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine floods and fires, focusing on emergency preparedness for natural disasters in the native communities.

SD-628

JULY 27

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense.

SR-232A

JULY 28

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcing the "Indian Gaming Regulatory Act", focusing on the role of the National Indian Gaming Commission and tribes as regulators.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 264, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 265, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 324, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 764, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon, S. 864, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 883, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, S. 888, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, S. 970, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1063, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 1134, to authorize the St.