

projection that the corporation would suffer losses of \$23 million in FY 2012 unless changes were made.

These drastic reductions lead me to believe that you are presiding over the collapse of Federal Prison Industries (FPI). While I have worked to include language in the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill to bolster FPI, it takes more than Congressional leadership to ensure that this institution will weather the challenging economic climate. What is needed is strong executive leadership to encourage other Federal agencies to purchase goods manufactured in UNICOR facilities.

Therefore, I ask that you lead a corresponding effort to reverse this trend of downsizing at FPI. In prisons, work is dignity, and it is essential for prisoners' rehabilitation and successful reentry into society. Inmates need to learn skills and behavior that will enable them to succeed in a job outside of prison. There is no excuse for not ensuring that every Federal prisoner has a job. By working with OMB and other agencies, DOJ can assist in finding new or expanded opportunities for FPI in Federal contracts.

Restoring FPI should be at the center of any plan to improve reentry programs for Federal prisoners. I would appreciate hearing from you promptly about ways you and the Department can exercise leadership within the Executive Branch to restore FPI and create more meaningful work opportunities for Federal inmates.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GME SUPPORT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1852, the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Support Reauthorization Act.

The future of pediatric health care cannot be compromised. As a supporter of the original legislation that established the CHGME program, and a cosponsor of H.R. 1852, I believe we must provide all the resources needed to guarantee that children's hospitals can continue to provide quality and timely care to their patients. As a mother and grandmother, I know how important it is for families in the Chicagoland area to know that Children's Memorial Hospital is there for them.

Support for physician education and training is essential to ensure patient access to care. Multiple expert bodies have identified a need for more pediatric subspecialists and have recommended expansion of medical education for pediatrics. In a letter to members of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the National Association of Children's Hospitals wrote that "thanks to CHGME, children's hospitals have enriched their training experience by providing greater community-based opportunities in underserved urban and rural areas. This has increased access to care and the likelihood that residents will practice in medically underserved areas."

The funding from the CHGME program helps to ensure that children have access to

the trained professionals they need. CHGME currently provides funding to 56 hospitals in 30 states to support pediatric residency training. Today, freestanding children's hospitals train over 40 percent of pediatricians, 43 percent of pediatric specialists, and most pediatric researchers.

Taking care of the health needs of children must be a top priority—we cannot afford to jeopardize their well-being and future. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1852, doing so will help to ensure that children have access to the trained pediatricians they need.

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, due to a funeral, I was regrettably unable to attend the Full Committee markup of H. Res. 255; H.R. 1447; H.R. 1299; H.R. 915; H.R. 1801; and H.R. 1165 held on September 21, 2011. I submit this statement for the record to reflect my support for each of the measures and amendments considered during the markup. However, in regard to H.R. 1299, my constituents and I have serious reservations over any legislative language that does not properly differentiate between high-risk areas like the U.S.-Mexico border and low-risk areas like the Cape Cod National Sea Shore. Although I understand that this bill's intention is not to pave the way for DHS to take jurisdiction over from the Department of the Interior, I hope that future discussions on our national security will take into account the differences between high-risk and low-risk borders to better address threats without sending the wrong message to residents who live in low-risk regions.

DR. ROBERT E. DUNKER

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize a constituent of mine, Dr. Robert E. Dunker.

Dr. Dunker recently retired from Western Iowa Tech Community College after a distinguished 20-year career. During his time at Western Iowa Tech, Dr. Dunker initiated and oversaw infrastructure improvements which have contributed to new program development and enrollment growth at the College. The infrastructure improvements have allowed Western Iowa Tech to create several new programs of study and to procure state-of-the-art equipment to best prepare students for what they will encounter in the workplace.

I can confidently say that I have known few people over the years who possess Dr. Dunker's vision and determination to effect positive change, not just for the students at Western Iowa Tech, but for the community at large. Dr. Dunker recognized early on that to meet the educational needs of the area, West-

ern Iowa Tech needed to transition from a vocational/technical school to a full service, comprehensive community college, with arts and general science classes complementing the school's existing foundation of technical and career education. Dr. Dunker also saw the need to develop partnerships with area K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, and the broader education community in order to leverage the educational resources of Western Iowa for the betterment of all Iowans.

I know that Dr. Dunker will be missed in his capacity as President of Western Iowa Tech, not only by me but by all of the stakeholders who have built partnerships and working relationships with him throughout the years. However, knowing Dr. Dunker as I do, I know that retirement will not diminish his passion for effecting positive changes in western Iowa. I look forward to continuing my relationship with Dr. Dunker, and I wish him the very best in all that's before him in retirement.

HONORING DR. GERI BERGER

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today in honor of Dr. Geri Berger. Dr. Berger is the recipient of the 2011 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Texas High School Principal of the Year Award. She is the Principal at the Louis D. Brandeis High School, Northside in San Antonio in the Independent School District, and I am honored to have students in my district attend the school under her exceptional leadership.

Dr. Berger began her noteworthy career with a Bachelor of Science in Education from St. Mary's University and a Master of Arts and Doctorate in Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Since coming to the Brandeis High School, she has brought her lifelong dedication to excellence in education, and it shows in the success of her teachers and students. Dr. Berger has worked tirelessly to ensure that Brandeis High School is a place where each and every student can improve and thrive. Under her leadership, the Louis D. Brandeis High School was named an Exemplary School by the Texas Education Agency, in 2009, another testament to her outstanding direction.

By ensuring that Brandeis High School improves each year offering students the best possible education they can receive, Dr. Berger is tirelessly working to ensure that the next generation's Americans receive a top-notch education and are ready to compete on a global scale. Dr. Berger is an extraordinary example to principals across Texas and the nation. I thank her for her hard work and enthusiasm and congratulate her on her remarkable accomplishment.

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 infor-

mation, 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, September 22, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 23

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Corinne Ann Beckwith, and

Catharine Friend Easterly, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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OCTOBER 4

10 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.

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