

Marysville and Yuba City. He and his wife, Beth, met while attending the University of La Verne. They have three grown children.

Dick Landis began his long legacy of contributing to his community by serving our country as an aviator in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He had a distinguished military service record, having flown the P-38 and the P-51 in two and a half combat tours in the European theater.

After graduating from La Verne and leaving military service, Dick went on to have a very successful business career, eventually rising to be Chairman and CEO of the Del Monte Corporation, as well as serving on the boards of several other corporations. During his tenure in the private sector Dick was known for his active involvement in the communities in which his firms did business. He was named California Manufacturer of the Year in 1981 and given the Good Scout Award as well as the Silver Beaver Award in 1975 by the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, of which he was Executive Board Chairman.

In the 1980s, Landis retired to Lake Wildwood. In Nevada County, Mr. Landis has been a very enthusiastic supporter, member of the Board and major donor to Music in the Mountains, Penn Valley Rotary becoming a Paul Harris Fellow many times over and having received Rotary Foundation's Major Donor Recognition, supporting and advising Nevada County Habitat for Humanity, along with several other non-profit organizations. He has authored two books on business and personal ethics, one of which is aimed at encouraging youth to be active members of their communities throughout their lifetimes.

This weekend, the Rotary Club of Penn Valley, California will host a dinner in Dick's honor to thank him for his many years of support for his community and to raise funds to endow the Dick Landis Music in the Mountains Rotary Scholarship through the new Penn Valley Rotary Foundation. The group is right to honor Mr. Landis, and I am proud to rise today in recognition of his fine example of how a citizen can contribute to his community and country.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE, TO EXTEND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES AND HYBRID ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Department of Veterans Affairs demonstration projects on adjustable rate mortgages and hybrid adjustable rate mortgages.

My bill would ensure we continue to provide affordable mortgages for our veterans, who put their lives on the line protecting our freedom. This VA-backed mortgage program is currently set to expire next year.

In contrast to traditional Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARMs), VA-guaranteed ARMs limit

the annual interest rate adjustment to a maximum increase or decrease of one percent. Over the life of the loan, the interest rate is limited to a maximum increase of five percent. For VA-backed hybrid ARMs, the interest rate adjustment is limited to two percent each year, with a maximum increase of six percent over the life of the loan.

Compared to a conventional mortgage, VA-backed ARMs and hybrid ARMs make it easier for veterans to obtain affordable financing. If interest rates drop, veterans can save thousands of dollars in mortgage payments. This legislation would make mortgages more affordable and would play an important role in combating veteran homelessness.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that over 100,000 veterans are homeless, while 1.5 million veterans are considered "at risk" of homelessness due to poverty and substandard housing arrangements. These mortgage extensions encourage veterans to pursue the American Dream of homeownership and ensure that they are not living on the streets due to the volatility and exposure of traditional mortgages.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most overarching public policy goals of the Congress and our country is to take care of our veterans. I strongly believe that providing affordable mortgage rates is a key component in our effort to meet this goal. I urge our colleagues to join me in supporting this successful and necessary program.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE "OCCUPY WALL STREET" MOVEMENT, THE VOICE OF THE 99% AND A VISION OF DEMOCRACY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of the Occupy Wall Street Movement and to bring the voices of the long-oppressed 99% back to the Representatives who are supposed to represent them.

Truly, when I think of the vision of democracy today, instead of our gridlocked Congress, where we can hardly speak to each other because of deeply polarized political differences, I look to the Occupy Wall Street groups burgeoning across the country.

They took to heart the value of the freedoms of speech and assembly consecrated in the Bill of Rights, and put them to practice. They are convening in open air town halls to give voice to the voiceless and organize as a unit. Here in Congress, every vote comes with a fight. After it is all said and done, the disagreement remains and the bitterness deepens. Out there in the General Assemblies of these "Occupation" sites, decisions are made by consensus. Who has it figured out better?

Some are quick to dismiss the protesters as a bunch of kids who do not know what they are doing. I beg to differ.

Yes, the Occupy Wall Street groups have no established leadership team. But that is very much by choice. And in many ways, these eclectic gatherings are so much stronger as a collective of equals. Each individual, from child to senior, has taken initiative to help

in a way best suited to his or her interests and abilities. They have voluntarily taken up posts to welcome newcomers, to offer legal advice, to provide medical relief, to cook, to clean, to entertain, and to be sure, to discuss policy, from sustainability to electoral reform.

And yes, these General Assemblies do not have a bill of solutions to present for deliberation on the floors of Congress to rectify the problems facing our country. But they have deliberately chosen not to present a list of demands as an organizational strategy. In the second issue of the New York occupation newspaper, cleverly named the "Occupied Wall Street Journal", they declared: "No List of Demands. We are speaking to each other and listening. This occupation is first about participation."

And they are right. All they need to know is that they are discontent with the status quo in this country and are willing to do something about it. This is what democracy is all about. If the people do not express their point of view, how are their voices supposed to be represented?

The fact is that the people have been trying to communicate their grievances—through phone calls, letters, petitions, national conferences, and other traditional methods of organizing—yet we, their elected representatives, have failed to produce legislation to adequately address their needs. Now they are mad as hell, and I do not blame them. In fact, I thank them for containing their anger and organizing in a non-violent manner.

My colleagues, it is our sworn duty to listen to our constituents and represent their views. Why are we not honoring the position of the 99%? Why do attacks on the 99% persist? What more do the American people have to do to get its Congress to wake up and actually deliver the systematic changes that are necessary to lift this country out of its fiscal recession and spiritual depression? The American Dream needs to be revived with some real changes before it withers away like the millions upon millions of dreams deferred.

Americans have been suffering long before these market crashes, bubble bursts, and quagmire wars. This movement is not about ephemeral concerns and will not be mollified by superficial fixes. The problems highlighted by Occupy Wall Street contingents around the country are deeply entrenched structural issues and we must address them earnestly and develop permanent, holistic solutions. We can no longer afford to patch one sleeve with the other. It is abundantly clear that a total make-over is needed.

The process will be difficult, but we must undertake the challenge. We cannot simply bicker on and watch more than a quarter of our children grow up in poverty. We cannot simply hype up the promises of higher education and abandon our students when they are locked down with debt. We cannot simply wait for the "market god" to do its wonders and leave our families to suffer as the prices go up and real wages go down. It is not only our job to rectify these wrongs, it is our moral obligation.

I call on all my colleagues to listen to the voices of the people and act. Let us collaborate in good faith and reaffirm that this is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. The American public is sick and tired of waiting. It is time to get to work.

Once more I urge spiritual leaders all across the country to take an active role in this movement. Every faith tradition affirms the value of social justice. This is the time to fight for a more perfect nation, one that would more closely embody the ideals upheld in our holy books. I ask all faith leaders to encourage their congregants to contact their elected offi-

cial and make sure that their views are faithfully represented.

Lastly, I would like to remind all the leaders of the world that this movement is not stopping at Wall Street, in New York, or even within the bounds of the United States. More than 1,500 cities around the globe committed to launching united campaigns for global change on October 15, 2011. The "Occupation" is

poised to continue, growing persistently as more and more people step out and speak up. Never forget that the power of government is derived from the consent of the governed. Their will and support are the foundations on which our nations were built. Listen to the 99%, preserve peace, and ensure justice to all.

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, November 3, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 4

10 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the unemployment situation for October 2011.
210, Cannon Building

NOVEMBER 8

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Committee's investigation into counterfeit electronic parts in the Department of Defense supply chain.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine market developments for United States natural gas, including the approval process and potential for liquefied natural gas exports.

SD-366

Finance

To hold hearings to examine unemployment insurance, focusing on the path back to work.

SD-215

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic

of El Salvador, and Adam E. Namm, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine beyond No Child Left Behind (NCLB), focusing on views on the Elementary and Secondary Education Reauthorization Act.

SD-106

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy Maria Ware, to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, Michael A. Hughes, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Department of Justice, and Danya Ariel Dayson, Peter Arno Krauthamer, and John Francis McCabe, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

NOVEMBER 9

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine securing our nation's transportation system, focusing on oversight of Transportation Security Administration's current efforts.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States policy in Syria.

SD-419

Judiciary

Privacy, Technology and the Law Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine health and privacy, focusing on protecting health information in a digital world.

SD-226

NOVEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Roslyn Ann Mazer, of Maryland,

to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on addressing wait times and access to care.

SR-418

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1192, to supplement State jurisdiction in Alaska Native villages with Federal and tribal resources to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska while reducing domestic violence against Native women and children and to reduce alcohol and drug abuse and for other purposes, S. 872, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is considered to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land, and S. 1763, to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior.

SD-628

NOVEMBER 15

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner.

SR-253

NOVEMBER 17

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the future of internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes.

SD-628

DECEMBER 6

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Express Scripts/Medco merger.

SD-226