

HONORING THE THAI MONARCHY

HON. HOWARD COBLEOF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Monday, December 5, 2011*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our best wishes to the King of Thailand, Bhumibol Adulyadej, today on his birthday. For more than half a century, King Bhumibol Adulyadej has applied technical ingenuity and resources to build his vision of a modern, prosperous Thailand. He has continually sought to improve the lives of the Thai people.

King Bhumibol's philosophy of a "sufficiency economy," developed and refined since the 1970s, provides guidelines for individuals and businesses on how to conduct themselves in

life. The King's philosophy emphasizes moderation, responsible consumption and resiliency. In 2006, in recognition of King Bhumibol's contributions to sustainable, human-centered development, the United Nations Development Programme awarded him its first-ever Human Development Lifetime Achievement Award.

Thailand has been America's friend since 1833 and our oldest Treaty ally in Asia. Our economies are tied together, our militaries train together, and our people-to-people ties have never been stronger. Again, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we are pleased to join our friends in Thailand as its people celebrate the Seventh Cycle Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Monday, December 5, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,073,380,701,589.57. We've added \$10,271,975,526,295.29 to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

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, December 6, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
DECEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Homeland Security to examine homegrown terrorism, focusing on the threat to military communities inside the United States.

HVC-210

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine drug shortages, focusing on why they happen and what they mean.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the EB-5 Regional Center Program, focusing on promoting job creation and economic development in American communities.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine enhanced supervision, focusing on a new regime for regulating large, complex financial institutions.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine turning the investigation on the science of forensics.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul J. Watford, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine earthquakes to terrorist attacks, focusing

on if the national capital region is prepared for the next disaster.

SD-342

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine government efforts to curtail marijuana cultivation on United States public lands, focusing on exploitation of public lands as grow sites for marijuana and discuss barriers to the criminal prosecution of drug traffickers.

SD-562

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on conflicts in the Caucasus, focusing on prospects for resolution, where these conflicts stand today, what factors impede a settlement, whether the resumption of armed hostilities is a serious threat, whether changes in the negotiating format might yield a better outcome, and what, if anything, could the United States do to facilitate a resolution.

B318, Rayburn Building

DECEMBER 8

Time to be announced

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

Room to be announced

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, of California, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 432, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, S. 1296, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in the State of Rhode Island, S. 1266, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for the restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, S. 1740, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, the nomination of Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration.

SD-406

9:45 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine barriers facing the long-term unemployed.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) expansion of top level domains.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tara D. Sonenshine, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Anne Claire Richard, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Robert E. Whitehead, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, all of the Department of State, and Earl W. Gast, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-419

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs, S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, S. 1821, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts, S. 1236, to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels, and the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider 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, and S. 1065, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine state and Federal tax policy, focusing on building new markets in Indian country.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges to address domestic and global water supply issues.

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 13

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine MF Global bankruptcy.

SH-216