

of pediatric care in the Washington metropolitan area. When children have illnesses or injuries that require specialized diagnosis and treatment, parents throughout the region can count on Children's internationally recognized team of pediatric healthcare professionals.

Families in my congressional district, including Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Anne Arundel, and Prince George's Counties know that friendly, smiling bear—the widely recognized symbol of Children's National—is looking out for our kids.

Over the past decade-and-a-half, under Ned Zechman's leadership, Children's National has expanded its services to our region and our Nation. Annual admissions increased by more than 28 percent to more than 13,000. Emergency Department visits increased by 35 percent to more than 83,000. Surgeries increased by an extraordinary 88 percent to more than 14,000. Diagnostic procedures increased by 36 percent to a remarkable total of more than 100,000.

During Ned Zechman's years as CEO, Children's National provided a model for the Nation in one more way. The institution is not only an example of social responsibility—it is an example of fiscal responsibility.

When Mr. Zechman arrived, Children's National, like many healthcare institutions, faced numerous threats to its fiscal solvency and found it difficult to compete in a changing environment. With Ned's leadership, Children's

National adopted a new business model, increased fundraising, and stabilized its finances.

Ned Zechman's living legacy is a unique and thriving institution dedicated to providing the highest quality health care services to the Nation's children and their families: Children's National Medical Center. I wish Ned all the best and thank him for many years of service to our region.

COMMENDING RICHARD RYAN OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA ON BEING NAMED 2011 TRUCK DEALER OF THE YEAR

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to acknowledge a constituent of mine, Mr. Richard "Dick" Ryan was recently named the 2011 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers, ATD, division of the National Automobile Dealers Association, NADA, and Heavy Duty Trucking magazine during the annual ATD Convention and Expo in Phoenix, Arizona. This award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service.

Mr. Ryan is President and Chief Executive Officer of Carolina International Trucks based in Columbia, South Carolina. The dealership sells medium and heavy-duty International Trucks, IC Buses and Mitsubishi Fuso medium-duty trucks.

Since his purchase in the early 1990s, Carolina International Trucks has grown to eight locations including four in South Carolina—Columbia, Greenville, Florence and Charleston—and is one of South Carolina's leading truck dealers. Under his leadership, the dealership's sales grew from \$25 million to \$100 million and its leasing business has doubled over the past 10 years. Every year since he became President/CEO, the dealership has been profitable.

Mr. Ryan has assisted his fellow dealers by working on the International Truck Dealer Council and Dealer Advisory Board. He also served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Idealease Board of Directors, leading the organization through an executive management transition and reshaping its strategic direction.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Richard Ryan and his employees at Carolina International and ask that you and other Members of Congress join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his effort on behalf of his customers, his fellow business owners and all South Carolinians.

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, May 24, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 25

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine derivatives clearinghouses, focusing on opportunities and challenges.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Richard C. Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, to be Chief of Engineers, and Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement.

SD-215

Appropriations

Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine creating jobs and transforming communities, focusing on funding for the Small Business Administration and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

SD-138

Appropriations

Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine protecting American jobs, focusing on strengthening trade enforcement including anti-dumping and maritime laws.

SD-124

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine how to save taxpayer dollars, focusing on case studies of duplication in the Federal government.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine holding criminals accountable, focusing on extending criminal jurisdiction to government contractors and employees abroad.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on meeting the needs of service members and veterans.

SR-418

10:15 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine driving innovation and job growth through the life sciences industry.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

2 p.m.

Finance

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the spread of tax fraud by identity theft, focusing on a threat to taxpayers, a drain on the public treasury.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assessing efforts to eliminate improper payments.

SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 375, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 714, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 730, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 233, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and S. 268, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation.

SD-366

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine combating drug violence in Central America, focusing on United States efforts to enhance security throughout Central America.

SD-562

MAY 26

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the role, risks, and challenges for American agriculture and the next farm bill in meeting the demands of a growing world.

SH-216

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, part II.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, an original bill to provide for the conduct of an analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes, an original bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies, and for other purposes, an original bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities, S. 699, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, S. 757, to provide incentives to encourage the development and implementation of technology to capture carbon dioxide from dilute sources on a significant scale using direct air capture technologies, S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.

SD-366

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

SD-215

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 968, to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, S. 978, to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, and the nominations of John Andrew Ross, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Timothy M. Cain, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Nannette Jolivet Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Nancy Torresen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and William Francis Kuntz, II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Department of State.

SD-419