

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 469, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 6018 "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", which would authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 470, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill S. 2009, "Insular Areas Act of 2011" which would require a study of possible health risks to people living on an atoll in the Marshall Islands, and also delay an increase in the minimum wage in American Samoa, and require those increases to take place every three years instead of annually.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL 2012 OLYMPIANS

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate seven remarkable athletes who are competing in the Summer Olympic Games in London later this month. Of the 530 Americans participating in the Olympics, these 7 will proudly represent my district. I wish them the best of luck in each of their respective sports.

Through dedication and determination, Ryan Lochte from Canandaigua, Abby Wombach, Iris Zimmermann, and Jason Turner from Rochester, Meghan Musnicki from Naples, Molly Huddle from Elmira, and Henrik Rummel from Pittsford achieved their goal of competing for the U.S. Olympic team. Lochte, Zimmermann, and Turner head to London as veteran Olympians in swimming, fencing, and shooting, respectively, while the other four will compete for the first time in various events including soccer, rowing, and track and field.

Qualifying for the Olympic Games is one of the highest athletic honors the world has to offer. The countless hours these seven athletes sacrificed practicing and perfecting their skill set exemplifies the true American spirit. I will proudly watch these seven Olympians compete for a Gold Medal in London and I hope they attain the success they deserve.

HONORING SHUNDRARIA RONEISHA TRIBBLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable young woman: Shundraria Roneisha Tribble. Shundraria is the only daughter of Michelle Tribble of Falcon, Mississippi.

She graduated as an outstanding scholar of Madison Shannon Plamer High School. Throughout her high school career she has remained on the Principal and Superintendent Lists. She was a member of the Beta Club, the Student Council, and the United States Achievement Academy. Shundraria was also elected as Miss Madison Shannon Palmer High School 2011–2012.

As a freshman, Shundraria set a goal to graduate in the top ten of her senior class,

and through hard work and determination she was named class Salutatorian on May 12, 2012. Shundraria aspires to enter the medical field as a Registered Nurse to later venture on to become a physician.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shundraria Roneisha Tribble, Salutatorian for Madison Shannon Palmer High School Class of 2012.

HONORING THE SIXTH CONGRES- SIONAL DISTRICT OF GEORGIA'S OLYMPIC ATHLETES

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two constituents from the 6th Congressional District of Georgia, Kathleen Hersey and Eric Hurd, who will compete in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Kathleen Hersey will be participating in 100m/200m butterfly, while Eric Hurd will be in the Slalom Double Canoe event.

By taking second place in the 200m butterfly, Kathleen qualified for her second Olympic games. Last year Kathleen won a national title and a gold medal at the Duel in the Pool, both in the 200m butterfly. She finished eighth in the same event in Beijing four years ago. Kathleen has shown amazing dedication, discipline, and devotion to swimming, training roughly 9,000 yards per day, six days a week.

Eric earned a spot on this year's Olympic team by winning the Gold earlier this year at the 2012 Pan American Championship in Brazil. Eric also finished first at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Teams Trials in Charlotte, North Carolina. Eric's paddling career began at Atlanta's "Waterworks"—a single Class II rapid with gates set up for training purposes. Since then, he has been preparing rigorously ahead of this year's games by training at the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all Members of the House in wishing these two outstanding individuals the best of luck. Their exceptional commitment to athleticism is an inspiration to us all. I know Kathleen and Eric, along with a multitude of other exceptional athletes across this great land of ours, will be a wonderful illustration to the world of American strength and perseverance.

IN MEMORY OF A HOOSIER HERO, SPECIALIST NICHOLAS ANDREW TAYLOR

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as flags fly at half-staff in northeast Indiana today, I rise with a heavy heart to remember and honor a constituent, Indiana National Guard Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor, an American hero who lost his life while courageously supporting combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on July 16, 2012. He served with the 713th Engineer Company of the Indiana

National Guard based out of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Army Specialist Nick Taylor was from the small town of Berne, Indiana. Despite receiving several offers to play college football after graduating from South Adams High School in 2010, Specialist Taylor signed up to serve his country in the Indiana National Guard. He was a hard worker and a man of integrity. He excelled in everything he did, whether it was being a three-sport athlete or his involvement in First Missionary Church.

Specialist Taylor wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. His father, Timothy Taylor, is Berne's chief of police and those who knew Nick said he wanted to continue his public service after his deployment by applying to the Fort Wayne Police Department. He also planned to use the money he earned from his military service to enroll in college and study criminal justice.

Specialist Taylor was an outstanding citizen-soldier who, along with the other brave members of the 713th, was assigned a dangerous mission and performed courageously on behalf of a grateful state and nation. Our hearts in Indiana are heavy as we remember one who lost his life wearing the uniform of the United States, and those he left behind.

On behalf of the people of the Sixth Congressional District and my wife and children, I extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Specialist Nick Taylor, including his father, Timothy Taylor, his mother Stephanie, brother Drew, and sisters Holly and Sophia. The Bible tells us, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted," and that shall be our prayer. May God bless the memory of this brave young man. The name of Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor will be forever enshrined in the hearts of a grateful state and nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Shirley E. Coverdale, First Lady of the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, New York, who is being honored on July 21st for thirty years of service to her church and community.

In her tireless work on behalf of others, Mrs. Coverdale has come to embody the mission of the church where her husband, Charles Coverdale, serves as pastor. As a faith community, First Baptist seeks to offer hope and service to both its members and the community at large. Mrs. Coverdale's hand and heart have been instrumental in almost every aspect of the church's work.

Specifically, Mrs. Coverdale has served as Sunday school superintendent; director of an after-school mentoring program in collaboration with the Riverhead School District; developer of a computerized membership and financial management database for the church; project manager for C.A.R.E., which established a volunteer corps of senior citizens; grant writer; fundraiser; and catalyst for legislation that improves the quality of life for ordinary people.

Furthermore, Mrs. Coverdale is committed to social justice, care for the elderly and infirm,

education, and leadership development. She is a powerful voice for people in need, and an advocate for the less fortunate among us. In her current work as Executive Director of the Family Community Life Center in Riverhead, New York, she is spearheading the development of a Community Benefit District that includes housing for working families, a recre-

ation complex, an early childhood development center and an adult day health program.

In typical fashion, Mrs. Coverdale also finds time to do the important hands-on work of the church and is presently the caregiver and guardian for the oldest widow in the church. I am proud to know Shirley Coverdale and to represent her as a constituent in New York's First Congressional District. I know that her

husband, two children, eight grandchildren and great-grandchild are also proud of her.

Mr. Speaker, Shirley E. Coverdale has indeed earned the title of First Lady of her church in a multitude of ways, perhaps most importantly through being a living example of the ideals she espouses.

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 19, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 20

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Walter M. Shaub, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, and Rainey Ransom Brandt, and Kimberley Sherri Knowles, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

JULY 24

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine housing partnerships in Indian country.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine assessing the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health Subcommittee

To hold a joint oversight hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency authorities and actions to control exposures to toxic chemicals.

SD-406

Judiciary

Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine strengthening the student visa system.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Cable Act at 20.

SR-253

Judiciary

Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine responding to Citizens United and Super PACs.

SH-216

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers.

SD-538

Intelligence

To hold a closed markup session to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 25

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the International Space Station, focusing on research, collaboration, and discovery.

SR-253

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent.

SD-192

Finance

To hold hearings to examine education tax incentives and tax reform.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education.

SH-216

Appropriations

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on education.

SD-124

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Iran's support for terrorism in the Middle East.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine enhancing women's retirement security.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine short-supply prescription drugs.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies.

SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use.

SD-366

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, focusing on economic statecraft.

SD-419

JULY 26

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assessing overlap between disability and unemployment benefits.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the regulation of tribal gaming, focusing on brick and mortar to the internet.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

AUGUST 1

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine MF Global, focusing on accountability in the futures markets.

SR-328A