

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this 50th Anniversary as we celebrate St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church's legacy of faith and service.

CONGRATULATING QUEEN P.  
(POLLY) NELSON FOR HER  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 15, 2012*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Queen P. (Polly) Nelson on her retirement from the Internal Revenue Service.

Polly started her career in the federal government working with the U.S. Army where she handled monthly payroll checks. At one point she was in charge of mailing 30 thousand monthly salary checks for soldiers throughout the U.S. and overseas. After the Army she worked for numerous federal agen-

cies including: Federal Highway Administration, Social Security Administration, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration where she briefly served in the Disaster Program.

Ms. Nelson eventually made her way to the Internal Revenue Service where she faithfully served for over 34 years. She currently works in the Small Business/Self Employed (SB/SE) division where they provide small business owners with top quality service by educating and informing them of their tax obligations, developing educational products and services, and helping them understand and comply with applicable tax laws. Polly currently serves in the SB/SE division as an Audit Aide and Group Clerk/Secretary for the Examination division. She is responsible for assisting auditors in performing their duties as well as time input, assigning work, reports, filing, and numerous other essential daily duties. Through her 34 plus years she earned 12 manager and performance awards, and one Sustained Superior Performance Award. She is a testament to the dedication and superb performance of our public servants in all federal agencies.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Queen P. (Polly) Nelson on her retirement beginning March 30, 2012. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated public servant in the Internal Revenue Service and I wish her well in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 15, 2012*

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcalls 34 and 35. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for these measures.

H. Res. 537: On Agreeing to the Resolution, rollcall No. 34.

H.R. 1162: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, rollcall No. 35.

## 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, February 16, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## FEBRUARY 22

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To receive a briefing on Moscow, focusing on Luke Harding's encounter with the KGB.

210, Cannon Building

## FEBRUARY 28

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

10 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine strengthening conservation through the 2012 farm bill.

SH-216

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

2 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2013 International Affairs Budget.

SH-216

## Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine clarifying the fate of missing persons in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on locating and identifying persons missing as a result of conflicts, trafficking in humans and human rights violations, as well as natural or manmade disasters.

Room to be announced

2:30 p.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

345, Cannon Building

## FEBRUARY 29

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Veterans' Programs.

SR-418

## MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

## MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

## MARCH 7

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

SD-G50

## MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Native Programs.

SD-628

## MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

## MARCH 14

Time to be announced

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine healthy food initiatives, local production, and nutrition.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ending homelessness among veterans, focusing on Veterans' Affairs progress on its five year plan.

SR-418

2 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

## MARCH 15

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

2:15 p.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian water rights, focusing on promoting the negotiation and implementation of water settlements in Indian country.

SD-628

## MARCH 20

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

## MARCH 21

Time to be announced

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine risk management and commodities in the 2012 farm bill.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Non Commissioned Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and The Retired Enlisted Association.

SD-G50

## MARCH 22

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Blinded Veterans Association, American Veterans (AMVETS), Gold Star Wives, Fleet Reserve Association, Military Officers Association of America, and the Jewish War Veterans.

345, Cannon Building