

H.R. 4384—PATIENT SAFETY AND  
DRUG LABELING IMPROVEMENT  
ACT

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, the Patient Safety and Drug Labeling Improvement Act is meant to address a troubling inconsistency in the law, created by *Pliva v. Mensing*, which does not allow consumers injured by generic drugs to hold the manufacturer accountable for inadequate warnings.

The *Mensing* ruling also eliminates any incentive for generic drug manufacturers to monitor the safety of the products they sell and propose necessary changes to labeling to the FDA, as currently required by federal law.

Under the Patient Safety and Drug Labeling Improvement Act manufacturers of generic drugs assume the same duties as brand manufacturers to monitor the safety of the drugs they sell and to ensure that their labeling contains accurate risk information. More specifically, the legislation authorizes generic drug manufacturers to independently initiate labeling changes through the Changes Being Effected (CBE) process under the same circumstances that apply to manufacturers of branded drugs in order to ensure that all drug labels accurately reflect current health and safety information.

HONORING DR. DENNIS FISHER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Dennis Fisher on his retirement as the Superintendent of the Park Hill School District in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Fisher started his career in education as a Junior High Social Studies teacher in Papillion, Nebraska. He also served as the interim Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at the Liberty School District in Liberty, Missouri. He began his time at Park Hill in 1999 as the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services before becoming Superintendent in 2005. Dr. Fisher has a total of 36 years of experience in education.

Under Dr. Fisher's leadership, the Park Hill School District has achieved many awards. They became the first school district ever to receive the Missouri Quality Award and continues to receive the Distinction in Performance Award from the State of Missouri each year. Park Hill is one of the highest-achieving districts in the state, but Dr. Fisher has still pushed for continuous improvement through the years.

Dr. Fisher has received many acclamations personally also. In 2011, he was named the

Missouri Superintendent of the Year and received the Pierce Award, the Missouri Association of School Administrators' highest honor. In 2005, Dr. Fisher received the Missouri School Business Official of the Year award.

He leads not only 10,292 students, 1,400 staff members, and an annual operating budget of \$120 million, but also many organizations of his peers. He has served as President of the Missouri Association of School Business Officials, the Kansas City Association of School Business Officials, and the Greater Kansas City Administrators Association. He is also very dedicated to helping the community and has served on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Securities Investment Program, Synergy Services Inc, the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Platte County Economic Development Council, and the Parkville Economic Development Council.

I have had the honor of working with Dr. Fisher over the last few years and have seen first hand his dedication to the education and development of students in the Park Hill School District. His commitment to the students, staff, and community is all-encompassing.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Dr. Fisher on his retirement and in wishing him the best of luck in the years to come.

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

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 24

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the collapse of MF Global, focusing on lessons learned and policy implications.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the emergence of online video, focusing if it is the future.

SR-253

Finance

To hold hearings to examine fraud, focusing on investigation and conviction.

SD-215

Judiciary

Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the constitutionality and prudence of state and local governments enforcing immigration law.

SDG-50

10:15 a.m.

Environment and Public Works  
Water and Wildlife Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 810, to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, S. 1249, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States, S. 2071, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, S. 357, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to identify and declare wildlife disease emergencies and to coordinate rapid response to those emergencies, S. 1494 to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, 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. 2156, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior, in consulta-

tion with the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, to set prices for Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps and make limited waivers of stamp requirements for certain users, S. 2282, to extend the authorization of appropriations to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

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

SR-232A

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense 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.

SR-222

Appropriations

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

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Education.

SD-124

APRIL 25

9:30 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine S. 219, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

SR-301

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine tax reform, focusing on what it means for state and local tax and fiscal policy.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act", and any pending nominations.

SD-106

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Housing, Transportation and Community Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine helping homeowners save money through refinancing.

SD-538

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on evaluating access and assessing care.

SD-138

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for national and military intelligence programs.

SVC-217

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To resume 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.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine expanding broadband access, promoting innovation, and protecting consumers in a communications revolution, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine current readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs 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.

SR-222

APRIL 26

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine weather related electrical outages.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine tax filing season, focusing on improving the taxpayer experience.

SD-215

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps acquisition programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine financial literacy, focusing on empowering Americans to prevent the next financial crisis.

SD-342

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10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President.

SD-342