

Please join me in congratulating President Ma and in wishing him a successful second term as he guides the Republic of China (Taiwan) for the next four years.

SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, the recent vote in support of the H.R. 5652—Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act was a necessary vote to deliver on our promise to bring an end to the fiscal nightmare in Washington. We promised to restore a better future for of children and grandchildren and the action we recently took delivers on that promise.

Section 204 of H.R. 5652 reversed two Medicaid provisions affecting the U.S. territories—increases in both the federal match rate and the cap on federal Medicaid spending—created in Obamacare. While I fully support a repeal of Obamacare, I also understand the rationale for these provisions addressed a disparity in the treatment of U.S. territories under Medicaid going back decades. Prior to the changes, Puerto Rico paid 80 percent of its share of Medicaid, even though it has a population of almost 4 million and a poverty level percentage similar to the state of Mississippi. Unlike the 50 states, where no U.S. state pays more than 50 percent of its share, the territories operate under a different reimbursement formula. The adjustment in the Medicaid payments to territories helped to close this gap.

It is imperative for Members to recognize the importance of increased Medicaid funding to the territories, especially given the deep respect we share for our fellow U.S. citizens. I urge my colleagues to ensure equitable Medicaid funding to the territories as we move forward during this necessary budgetary negotiations.

STATEMENT ON H.R. 4970

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, although I support the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) grant program, I regretfully had to vote no on final passage of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization (VAWA). Even with the changes in the manager's amendment, the bill that came to the floor today remains a partisan, extremist bill that provides far fewer protections for domestic violence victims than the strong, bipartisan Senate-passed bill.

This bill would put victims of domestic violence in greater danger by rolling back key protections in current law and by excluding entire populations of women, particularly in the LGBT and Native American communities, from these valuable victim protections. Even though VAWA is a critical grant program, I could not support the House GOP version, as such I voted "nay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded vote for rollcall No. 235. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this measure.

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, May 17, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

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 national security, focusing on foreign language capabilities in the Federal government.

SD-342

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine implementing derivatives reform, focusing on reducing systemic risk and improving market oversight.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the report produced by the American Energy Innovation Council titled "Catalyzing American Ingenuity: The Role of Government in Energy Innovation" and related issues.

SD-366

11 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

SD-138

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-232A

5 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-232A

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine protecting our children, focusing on the importance of training child protection professionals.

SD-226

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the fiscal year 2013 Guard and Reserve budget overview.

SD-192

Finance

To hold hearings to examine progress in health care delivery, focusing on innovations from the field.

SD-215

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine The Law of the Sea Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-

39), focusing on the United States National Security and Strategic Imperatives for Ratification.

SD-419

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on a review of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

SD-562

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Secret Service, focusing on trust and confidence.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Security and International Trade and Finance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine reviewing the United States-China strategic and economic dialogue.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-222

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

MAY 24

9 a.m.

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-222

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine programs and services for native veterans.

SD-628

MAY 25

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013.

SR-222

JUNE 7

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Universal Service Fund Reform, focusing on ensuring a sustainable and connected future for native communities.

SD-628

JUNE 28

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine creating positive learning environments for all students.

Room to be announced