

difficult times. As long as Ernie is involved, veterans will never be forgotten.

In addition to his significant community work, Ernie is a loving husband, father and grandfather. He and his wife Joanne have been married for 55 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ernie Conner for his unwavering allegiance to our veteran community. He truly exemplifies the best of what America has to offer.

IN HONOR OF JUDY SMITH

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor a passionate voice for American values and her community.

My dear friend, Judy Smith is retiring as Precinct 72 chair, a position she has held since the Precinct's founding in 1998. For

nearly three decades, Republicans in Harris and Montgomery County have counted on Judy and her dedication to our democratic process.

It has been my honor to call Judy and her husband, Bob, my friends for many years. We have all been in awe of the amazing growth of her precinct's Republican participation rate. It's over 5 times what she started with and has the highest percentage Republican turnout in the entire county. Because she never takes success for granted, she has held that turnout record for the entire 15 years she's been Precinct 72 chair.

Judy served two terms on the State Republican Executive Committee, as Chairman of both Senatorial District 7 in Harris County and District 3 in Montgomery County and as a delegate for the last three national conventions.

I remember well when Judy and Dorothy Woodall organized the North Shore Republican Women. Judy served as president in its first years, before serving as the Texas Federation of Republican Women Co-Chairman of Victory 2002, Chairman for TFRW State 2004 Voter Registration, 2006–2007 Vice President

of Membership, and 2008–2010 Vice President of Programs and currently as Co-Chairman of Patrons.

These are just some of the many accomplishments that led to her being honored as one of the TFRW's Ten Outstanding Republican women in Texas in 2005. As a member and a former Regent of the National Federation of Republican Women, she helped bring the Texas success story to the White House.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Willis, Judy and Bob have been married for 55 years, raised 3 grown children and are currently enjoying being grandparents. Much soul searching led my friend, Judy, to step down as chairman of what she called 'a great experience'. I just would like her—and the entire country—to know how much we all appreciate what she has done for her country.

This weekend, the North Shore Republican Women's club are hosting a retirement picnic for Judy in Bentwater. But her presence will continue to be felt, because of the amazing example she has set for us all.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of 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, July 16, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 17

9 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
To receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats.

SVC-217

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection
To hold hearings to examine the consumer debt industry.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance
To hold hearings to examine the expansion of internet gambling, focusing on assessing consumer protection concerns.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on harnessing science and technology to protect national security and enhance government efficiency.

SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

1 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine working together to restore the protections of the "Voting Rights Act", focusing on Selma and *Shelby County*.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SH-216

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold closed hearings to examine revisions to the nuclear employment strategy.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine E-Rate 2.0, focusing on connecting every child to technology.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Department of State.

SD-419

3 p.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine small business tax reform, focusing on making the tax code work for entrepreneurs and startups.

SR-428A

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the current state of clean energy finance in the United States and opportunities to facilitate greater investment in domestic clean energy technology development and deployment.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Colin Stirling Bruce, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Sara Lee Ellis, and Andrea R. Wood, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies and the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-106

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine climate change.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to Congress.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

SD-215

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 22

3 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Army Corps of Engineers water management in the Apalachicola-Chat-tahoochee-Flint (ACF) and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) river systems.

SD-406

JULY 23

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the 90/10 rule, focusing on improving educational outcomes for our military and veterans.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To resume hearings to examine S. 1273, to establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government.

SD-366

JULY 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Miller Ravel, of California, and Lee E. Goodman, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SR-301

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights
To hold hearings to examine closing Guantanamo, focusing on the national security, fiscal, and human rights implications.

SD-226

Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine payday loans.

SD-562