

Brad's writing, which can be both funny and informative, brings to life the words of fellow journalist John Grogan of The Philadelphia Inquirer, "In the English language, it all comes down to this: Twenty-six letters, when combined correctly, can create magic. Twenty-six letters form the foundation of a free, informed society." Fortunately for the people of central Texas, Brad used his tremendous gifts in service of superb journalism.

I've been friends with Brad for a long, long time. People in politics always seem to have trouble with reporters and editors in many instances. Yet I've always found him to be a fair and impartial reporter and his editorial policies were intelligent and well written and in most cases I agreed with him. I consider Brad a friend and I'll miss him. I'm sorry to see him go.

Retirement is something to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. Both Erika and I wish Brad and his wife Ellen only the best in the years ahead.

HONORING DR. ROBERT M. WHITE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the first Federal Coordinator for Meteorology and the first Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Dr. Robert M. White.

Fifty years ago, the Bureau of the Budget issued a Circular to propose policy and procedures for the coordination of Federal meteorological services. In October of 1963, President John F. Kennedy appointed Dr. White to be chief of the U.S. Weather Bureau. Shortly thereafter in January of 1964, he became the first Federal Coordinator for Meteorology. Dr. White was the first and only Administrator of the Environmental Sciences Services Administration (ESSA) from 1965 to 1970, and served as the founding Administrator of NOAA from 1970 to 1977.

Dr. White made groundbreaking contributions to the federal coordination of meteorology in the United States. He advocated for

the expansion of numerical weather prediction techniques and advanced the practical use of global weather observing technology through the launch of the first two operational meteorological satellites. He advanced weather radar research and development on Doppler technology, providing the foundation for our current NEXRAD radar system. Furthermore, he led U.S. participation in the Global Atmospheric Research Program (GARP) and directed research essential to the modernization and association restructuring of the National Weather Service.

In 1978, at the request of the World Meteorological Organization, he chaired the first World Climate Conference in Geneva. After leaving Federal service, he was elected President of the National Academy of Engineering. He was awarded the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement in 1992 for his contributions to global environmental science.

I commend Dr. White for the profound vision he brought to his government service, which furthered our understanding of meteorology and the natural environment, including the oceans and marine resources.

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 Thursday, October 31, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 5

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on protecting small lender access to the secondary mortgage market.
SD-538
- Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the online Federal health insurance marketplace, focusing on enrollment challenges and the path forward.
SD-430
- Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts
To hold hearings to examine if limiting the scope of civil discovery will diminish accountability and leave Americans without access to justice.
SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine wildfires.
SR-328A
- Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security
To hold hearings to examine the United States aviation industry and jobs, focusing on keeping American manufacturing competitive.
SR-253
- Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Oversight
To hold hearings to examine methane emissions from oil and gas operations.
SD-406

- Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

NOVEMBER 6

- 10 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-342
- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Prisons and cost-effective strategies for reducing recidivism.
SD-226
- Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sloan D. Gibson, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, Linda A. Schwartz, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, and Constance B. Tobias, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
SR-418
- 2:15 p.m.
Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine transportation, focusing on independence for seniors.
SD-562
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the "America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act" (America COMPETES), focusing on science and the United States economy.
SR-253
- Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia
To hold hearings to examine the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Sandy one year later.
SD-342
- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.
SD-226

NOVEMBER 7

- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on the national defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session.
SD-G50
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Draft Regional Recommendation regarding the Columbia River Treaty.
SD-366
- 2:30 p.m.
Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

NOVEMBER 14

- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas.
SD-366

NOVEMBER 20

- 3:30 p.m.
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
To hold hearings to examine S. 182, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City, S. 483, to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area in the State of California, S. 771, to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA-20139 and CA-22901, S. 776, to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, S. 841, to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, S. 1305, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado, S. 1341, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 1414, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 1415, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and S. 1479, to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System land and public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development.
SD-366