

commitment to excellence demonstrated by their attendance at this week's Vet Con.

Kathy and Steve are both tireless advocates for those who have worn the Nation's uniform.

I am very grateful and proud to be associated with the patriots in Klamath and Marion County circuit courts who have established veterans treatment programs of such high quality. Judge Vance Day told me recently that "our soldiers are victors, not victims. They fought and bled for the liberties we enjoy. It is our task to fight for their freedom now—freedom from mental and physical pain, freedom to return home healthy, freedom to enjoy the legacy of their sacrifice." Mr. Speaker, I could not agree more.

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, December 10, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 11

9 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
To hold an oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia,

to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, and Bruce Heyman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, and Myrna Perez, of Texas, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

SR-301

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Veterans Affairs (VA) claims system, focusing on a review of the Veterans Affairs' transformation progress.

SR-418

1 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine resolving crises in East Asia through a new system of collective security, focusing on the Helsinki process as a model.

SD-106

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight

To hold hearings to examine streamlining overseas trade and development agencies, focusing on a more efficient and effective government.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine continued oversight of the United States government surveillance authorities.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness
To hold hearings to examine the digital trade agenda.

SD-215

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine implementation of the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program.

SD-628

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy
To hold hearings to examine rebuilding American manufacturing.

SD-538

3:45 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from medication labeling mistakes.

SD-562

DECEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Steven Croley, of Michigan,

to be General Counsel, and Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy, and Esther Puakela Kia'aina, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, and Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, both of the Department of Energy, and Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Tommy Port Beaudreau, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine assessing the P5+1 Interim Nuclear Agreement with Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives.

SD-538

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill to repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate system and to consider health care extenders.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine accreditation as quality assurance, focusing on meeting the needs of 21st Century learning.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, S. 975, to provide for the inclusion of court-appointed guardianship improvement and oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009, and the nominations of John B. Owens, of California, and Michelle T. Friedland, of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Christopher Reid Cooper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Gerald Austin McHugh, Jr., and Edward G. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, M. Douglas Harpool, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Sheryl H. Lipman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Stanley Allen Bastian, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Manish S. Shah, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Robert L. Hobbs, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas, and Gary Blankinship, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine forecasting success, focusing on achieving U.S. weather readiness for the long term.

SD-G50

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Michael Anderson Lawson, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mark Gilbert, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to New Zealand and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, George James Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, John L. Estrada, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting small businesses and promoting innovation by limiting patent troll abuse.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Navy Yard tragedy, focusing on the physical security for Federal facilities.

SD-342

DECEMBER 18

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226