

worked as a secretary for Fort Worth ISD and married her friend in Christ, Mr. Douglas E. Brown. In 1993, she became the First Lady of Great Commission Baptist Church where she became known as the life and heartbeat of Pastor Brown.

Sister Brown was very active in her Church; she began the Sisters In Effect Ministry for youth ages 13 through 18 and performed premarital counseling. She touched many lives and warmed the hearts of the worshippers.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Glynis Brown, whose warm and kind heart touched many lives. I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy to her husband, my pastor the Reverend Dr. Douglas E. Brown; to her daughters, Phairen Yaites and Kaitlyn Brown; to her extended family members; and to her Great Commission Baptist Church family and many friends. May her soul rest in peace.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 933, DEPARTMENT OF  
DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2013*

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

Talking to folks in our region, I know they will be hurt by the reckless across-the-board cuts included in this budget plan. From day one, I've said sequestration is a bad idea for

our country. The bill we voted on today doesn't stop the furloughs that will hurt our communities, doesn't give non-defense agencies the flexibility to deal with the across-the-board cuts in a more strategic way, and doesn't limit the impact of deep cuts to programs like Impact Aid that ensures the schools that our military kids attend have the resources they need. I didn't come here to vote on partisan gimmicks. I'm here to solve problems. The bill we voted on today doesn't do that. It continues in the wrong direction for our military and for our other priorities.

Congress has 21 days until the current funding for the government expires. That's 21 days that Congress should be working non-stop until there is a bipartisan, long-term budget plan that addresses our financial sustainability and avoids making these mindless across-the-board cuts. For our national security, our businesses, and our middle class families, we need a responsible, long-term balanced budget plan to replace the across-the-board cuts and get our economy back on track.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HAR-  
LEM'S MATRIARCH MS. FANNIE  
E. PENNINGTON

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 11, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Life of Harlem's Matriarch Ms. Fannie E. Pennington, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13 at the age of 99 years old.

On Friday, February 22, the Village Harlem joined together at Abyssinian Baptist Church to celebrate the amazing and historic life of Fannie E. Pennington who was a faithful and

dedicated servant to the Lord and to our Nation. Great women like our wonderful Fannie Pennington are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting.

Our beloved Fannie lived a full and spiritual life—a life well spent and dedicated to the uplifting of African Americans and women. Daughter of Matthew Mark and Hattie Harris, and a descendant of the Balanta Fula Tribes of Guinea, Fannie and her late sister Amelia were baptized and christened into the family of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church by the Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

At Abyssinian, Fannie Pennington became one of the most devoted members, serving on the Progressive Ladies Usher Board, the Welcome and Hospitality Committee, which was once known as the Adam Clayton Powell Overseas Club. Ms. Fannie Pennington greeted and hosted historic world figures and American Icons such as Haile Selassie, Mary McCloud Bethune, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

Many of our friends will remember Fannie as a vivacious and beautiful personality, who tended bar in several of Harlem's elite dining institutions and establishments. She was also an official representative of the Barmaid Charity Organization, which raised money to send inner city kids to summer camp. I will remember Fannie for her loyalty and support to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., her years of service to the New York City Board of Elections and the Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club, where she was dedicated to registering young people to vote.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, let us also celebrate the 99 years of our beloved Fannie E. Pennington.

## 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, March 12, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine sexual assaults in the military.

SH-216

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold closed hearings to examine strategic counterterrorism, focusing on meeting current and emerging challenges.

SVC-217

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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

SR-418

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the "OPEN Government Act".

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to consider the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014.

SD-608

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting.

SD-342

## MARCH 14

9 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to continue consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014.

SD-608

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine solving the Federal debt crisis.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 23, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 25, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, S. 26, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, S. 112, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 130, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, S. 157, to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, S. 222, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs, S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 244, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project, S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, S. 304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, S. 347, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 352, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 383, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 393, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and S. 459, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine keeping up with a changing economy, focusing on indexing the minimum wage.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine border security, focusing on measuring progress and addressing challenges.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, and the nominations of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine helping small businesses weather economic challenges and natural disasters, focusing on a review of legislative proposals on access to capital and disaster recovery.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

## MARCH 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine JPMorgan Chase whale trades.

SD-G50

## MARCH 18

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine how comprehensive immigration reform should address the needs of women and families.

SD-226

## MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the options and challenges related to possible reauthorization and reform of two payment programs for local governments, focusing on the recently expired "Secure

Rural Schools and Community Self-Termination Act” and the “Payment in Lieu of Taxes”.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine the American Airlines/US Airways merger, focusing on consolidation, competition, and consumers.

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 developments and opportunities in United States fisheries management.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

MARCH 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Science and Space

To hold hearings to examine assessing the risks, impacts, and solutions for space threats.

SR-253

APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

APRIL 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

APRIL 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

MAY 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222