

Van Roekel has also shouldered leadership positions in education associations from the local to the international, ranging from Paradise Valley Education Association President to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Executive Committee and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education Executive Board.

No investment brings more revenue back to the Treasury than education. It is the greatest investment people can make in themselves, and that our nation can make in its future. For decades, we have been fortunate to have Dennis Van Roekel helping us make that case, and helping to improve the quality of public education available to all Americans.

As he enters the next chapter of his life, I join with many others in thanking Dennis for the many years of energy and determination he has given NEA and our nation. Congratulations on many successes at NEA, and good luck in all your future endeavors.

HONORING DALE LARABEE

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, the San Diego and Mid City communities, particularly my neighborhood of Kensington, lost one of its most energetic and inspiring residents. Dale Larabee was a dedicated athlete and family man known for his leadership in the legal community and loved for his involvement in countless endeavors.

I got to know Dale years ago through soccer when he coached my son. I was struck by his ability to bring out the best in every child, and to control competitive parents and keep them at their best, as well. I looked forward to those games not only for the chance to watch my son play, but because seeing Dale inspire and cheer on the children was always a delight.

Dale did so much. As an attorney, he loved to fight for the underdog, and made a name for himself representing workers in employment discrimination cases. Those who worked with him knew Dale as a brilliant and fiery trial lawyer who was never afraid to stand up to bullying corporations.

Dale lived in Kensington for over 40 years and never stopped working to make his neighborhood a better place for everyone, right down to volunteering every month to clean up litter on the streets. A lifelong athlete, Dale could always be found training for his next marathon or triathlon, and he brought this passion for sport to the Kensington Social and Athletic Club, which he founded.

On those rare occasions when he wasn't hiking, biking, or swimming, Dale wrote a regular local interest column for the San Diego Uptown News, and organized the annual Kensington Memorial Day Parade and Miracle Mile Relay. Dale also found smaller ways to brighten up the neighborhood, establishing a Little Free Library on Adams Avenue where children and adults alike could feed their love of reading. You can't walk the streets of Kensington without seeing some reminder of Dale's love for his community.

Dale Larabee was a beloved husband and father, with a deep dedication to bettering his community and fighting for the little guy. His

passing is a terrible loss for his wife Diane, his sons Joel and Jeff, his daughters-in-law Tonya and Taylor, his grandchildren Aidan, Madden, Shane, Hanley, and Hollace, and all those who were lucky enough to know him. He will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on Tuesday July 8, 2014. I was in Los Angeles tending to my mother recovering from surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 369 and "yea" on rollcall vote 370, the Social Media Working Group Act of 2014 and the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act.

RECOGNIZING RYAN JOHNSON,
DUSTIN POTTER, AND D.J.
QUINTEN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courage and bravery of three constituents: Ryan Johnson, Dustin Potter, and D.J. Quinten.

On June 20, 2014, a 14-ton carrier truck crashed into Simeon's on the Commons, a popular restaurant in Ithaca, New York. Upon witnessing the crash, Ryan, Dustin, and D.J. immediately sprang into action. Despite the obvious risk, these men put their lives in harm's way to help those who were in even greater danger. Before the first responders arrived at the scene of the accident, these men rushed into the smoking building to provide assistance to the multiple victims who had sustained injuries.

Sadly, the crash took the life of Amanda Bush, a 27-year-old from Lansing, New York. I extend my deepest condolences to Amanda's friends and family, especially her fiancé and 14-month-old daughter. I am amazed by the outpouring of support that the Ithaca community has shown in response to this tragedy. Hundreds of friends and neighbors attended the memorial service for Amanda and made financial donations to a fund benefitting Amanda's family.

In total, seven people were injured as a result of the crash. I am confident that the heroic actions of Ryan, Dustin, and D.J. saved lives. We owe a collective debt of gratitude to each of these individuals for their selfless actions and willingness to assist their neighbors in a critical time of need.

I am proud to recognize Ryan, Dustin, and D.J. and I hope their actions will serve as an inspiration to others throughout Tompkins County and New York's 23rd Congressional District.

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, July 10, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 14

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James C. Miller III, of Virginia, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, all to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

JULY 15

Time to be announced

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending nominations.

TBA

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SD-106

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine chronic illness, focusing on addressing patients' unmet needs.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, and Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 1696, to protect a woman's right to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy by limiting restrictions on the provision of abortion services, focusing on removing barriers to

constitutionally protected reproductive rights.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine wildland fire preparedness and to consider the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Forest Service.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine an assessment of the recovery at five years.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine taking down botnets, focusing on public and private efforts to disrupt and dismantle cybercriminal networks.

SD-226

JULY 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine what makes a bank systemically important.

SD-538

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-215

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the state of Veterans' Affairs health care.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and

activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program, S. 2530, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and S. 2560, to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources.

SD-406

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine phone scams, focusing on progress and potential solutions.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's land buy-back program.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reenergizing United States-India ties.

SD-419

JULY 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

To hold hearings to examine accountability and corporate culture in wake of the General Motors (GM) recalls.

SR-253

JULY 23

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, focusing on the next 25 years.

SD-628

JULY 30

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine responses to natural disasters in Indian country.

SD-628