

Self Defense Center for their outstanding contributions, particularly the special assistance provided to the needy in our communities. The Self Defense Center has been training children and adults in the martial arts in the Bucks-Mont area with great success; however, the lessons also have included enhancing the spirit of volunteerism and charity under the tutelage of Master Pfister. I would like to acknowledge that more than \$50,000 was raised for local charitable causes, including Manna on Main Street, a kickathon held to “kick” hunger. This charity and other help for the need-

iest in the community made Villari's Self Defense Center more than a training ground for the martial arts. Master Pfister and all the associates understand the importance of helping others and I sincerely appreciate their work, knowing they will continue to be an inspiration for their students and the greater community in the future.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS.
TOM AND PHYLLIS FREUDENBERG

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 13, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Phyllis Freudenberg who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 2, 2014.

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, January 14, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria.

SVC-217

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, and L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

SD-215

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine regulating financial holding companies and physical commodities.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Support for United States-Republic of Korea Civil Nuclear Cooperation Act", and the nominations of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, 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 Repub-

lic of Colombia, Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Eric T. Schultz, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, Rose Eilene Gottomoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Amy Jane Hyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund, and Charles Hammerman Rivkin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, all of the Department of State, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, and Mark E. Lopes, of Arizona, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine implications of the crisis in Ukraine.

SD-419

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine aging in comfort, focusing on assessing the special needs of America's Holocaust survivors.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the future of unmanned aviation in the United States economy, focusing on safety and privacy considerations.

SR-253

3 p.m.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine strategies to counter the drug trade as United States troop drawdown continues, focusing on the future of United States counternarcotics efforts in Afghanistan.

SD-138

JANUARY 16

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine a review of the President's Climate Action Plan.

SD-406

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, and Brad R. Carson, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and William A. LaPlante, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a progress report on public transportation under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

SD-538

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine advancing Congress's trade agenda, focusing on the role of trade negotiating authority.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine strengthening Federal access programs to meet 21st century needs, focusing on TRIO and the Global Education and Awareness Research Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP).

SD-106

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, and the nominations of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, and Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, John B. Owens, of California, and Michelle T. Friedland, of California, both to be a