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Mike has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work at Midwest Growth Partner. As Managing Partner, Mike works with others to make solid investments and avoid risk. Mike spends his free time serving others by volunteering as a youth football coach at the local YMCA. Mike's outstanding work ethic and dedication to service, both professionally and personally, makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Mike in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mike on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

#### MANZI MASOZERA'S ESSAY

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share them with my House colleagues.

Manzi Masozera attends Pearland High School in Pearland, Texas. The essay topic is: in your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?

Ever since the beginning of time, an institution that organizes a group of human beings has been essential to the stability of any civil society. From the governing bodies of Ancient Greece to Ancient Babylon, government has been around for millennia. Its existence allows for citizens to know what they can or cannot do according to law. Good government brings forth social and political order and creates the most humanly possible form of freedom and equality. Whenever someone breaks the law, whenever someone is on trial, or whenever someone fights for what he or she believes in, the government is there as an aid to make sure justice is served. I believe that the government's role in our daily lives is to abide by the Declaration of Independence and protect our inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The differentiating factor of the American government versus the governments of other countries is the fact that America was the first to establish a written constitution that had a bill of rights and was the first to write down the idea of "God-given" inalienable rights which for years

prior was only conceptualized. While the government states our laws and rights, someone has to be there to enforce it in order for us to retain stability. This is why in our democracy, we have the ability to elect our leaders to govern over us. In America we have the rights to elect senators, congressmen/women, and presidents. These leaders play an important role in our lives because they make sure that the law is followed and they even propose new laws that they feel may improve the status of the country. A good government also allows its citizens to remove leaders if they don't abide by the same laws that the citizens are required to follow. Overall, government is an essential institution that allows for order and stability in our societies. It is necessary for justice to be served for the ones who need it, and protection for the inhabitants of the country. The role government plays in our daily lives is important because it allows for peace to prevail in the ever-growing and globalized world that we live in.

#### A TRIBUTE TO KEVIN TIERNAN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Kevin Tiernan for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on the combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2015 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Kevin has the determination and drive to be successful in all of his pursuits, which is highlighted by his exemplary work at Bankers Trust Co., where he is the Vice President of Sales and Development. It is clear Kevin has a passion for finance and his community. Kevin spends his free time serving as a mentor for the "I Have a Dream Foundation,"—he also serves on the Community Youth Concepts board of directors. His work ethic and dedication to service has and will continue to make our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kevin in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Kevin on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a sys-

tem 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, April 14, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 15

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "WIOA Technical Amendments Act", and the nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SVC-217

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine American food aid, focusing on why reform matters.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine IRS challenges in implementing the Affordable Care Act.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the need to reform asset forfeiture.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the national intelligence and military intelligence programs

SVC-217

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for military construction and military family housing for select combatant commanders and select defense agencies.  
SD-124

1:30 p.m.  
Special Committee on Aging  
To hold hearings to examine the IRS impersonation scam and the government's response.  
SD-562

2 p.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security  
To hold hearings to examine funding the Department of Homeland Security role in cybersecurity, focusing on protection to partnership.  
SD-138

2:15 p.m.  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
S-116

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces  
To hold hearings to examine the National Nuclear Security Administration plans and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.  
SR-222

Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine if taxes are holding back small business growth.  
SD-G50

2:45 p.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

## APRIL 16

Time to be announced  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "WIOA Technical Amendments Act", and the nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education.  
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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 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.  
SD-G50

10 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Education.  
SD-124

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine regulatory burdens to obtaining mortgage credit.  
SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the Energy Information Administration's annual energy outlook for 2015.  
SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider pending executive business.  
SD-226

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

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.  
SD-192

## APRIL 20

3 p.m.  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on challenges facing the bureau for a modern, cost-effective survey.  
SD-342

## APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Levine, of Maryland, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.  
SH-216

10 a.m.  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for agriculture trade with Cuba.  
SR-328A

Committee on Foreign Relations  
Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development  
To hold hearings to examine improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of State.  
SD-419

## APRIL 22

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of and potential reforms to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.  
SD-366

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support  
To hold hearings to examine reform of the defense acquisition system in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.  
SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces  
To hold hearings to examine Air Force and Navy nuclear programs and the implementation of nuclear enterprise review recommendations in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.  
SR-222

## APRIL 23

10 a.m.  
Committee on Finance  
Subcommittee on Health Care  
To hold hearings to examine the impact of the medical device tax on jobs, innovation, and patients.  
SD-215

## APRIL 28

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review.  
SD-366

## APRIL 30

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine S. 703, to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, and S. 858, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities.  
SD-366

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining  
To hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Land Management's final rule on hydraulic fracturing.  
SD-366