

77" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 493 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 87" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 494 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 105" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 495 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 113" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 496 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 117" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 497 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 124" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 498 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 125" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 499 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 131" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 500 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 134" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 501 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 138" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 502 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 145" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 503 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 154" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 504 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 155" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 505 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 160" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 506 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 161" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 507 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 164" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 508 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 167" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 509 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 168" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 510 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 170" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 511 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 172" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 512 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 173" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 513 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 174" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

I missed Roll Call vote number 514 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 186" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

I missed Roll Call vote number 515 "On Agreeing to the Amendment, Amendment No. 187" (H.R. 3354). Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR 26 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I congratulate President Sargsyan and the people of the Republic of Armenia on 26 years of independence from the Soviet Union. Since this day 26 years ago, the Armenian people have lived up to their pledge to create a free and strong nation, built on strong democratic principles and a market economy.

This year it was a great pleasure to be in Armenia to celebrate Independence Day with the Armenian people. Each time I visit, I am greatly impressed with how far the country has come since the first time I visited in 1997. In the past quarter century, the Republic of Armenia has strengthened its democratic institutions, empowered civil society, and engaged in economic diversification despite difficult barriers created by two of its four neighbors.

While in Armenia, I was able to have incredible conversations with President Sargsyan, Members of the Presidential Cabinet, and Members of the National Assembly. They shared with me the progress being made in Armenia, and reaffirmed Armenia's role as a partner in the region. Armenia is a strong partner, cooperating on a number of regional and security challenges in NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

The Republic of Armenia has also consistently championed the right to self-determination of its neighbors in the Republic of Artsakh. This is a right that Artsakh continues to fight for in its steadfast pursuit of regional security and stability despite a tenuous cease fire.

I join with the Armenian people and the Armenian-American community in celebrating 26 years of independence. I send my best wishes on this important day and pledge my continued commitment to a strong United States-Armenia partnership.

HONORING REP. WIGGINS

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I urge you to take note of the commitment to principle that the Honorable Charles Wiggins, a distinguished former Member of Congress from California, displayed when asking President Nixon to resign following the "Smoking Gun" tape revelation during the Watergate Scandal. Rep. Charles Wiggins, of the House Judiciary Committee, was initially one of President Nixon's most loyal supporters. However, with the revelation of President Nixon's involvement in the Watergate break-in, Rep. Wiggins rescinded his support and called for President Nixon, a fellow Republican, to be impeached. Rep. Wiggins held true to the principle that no man is above the rule of law, including the President of the United States. Four days later, President Nixon resigned. Let us not forget our moral compasses and the commitment to put country over party, and remember the courageous act of Congressman Charles Wiggins holding firm that the rule of law applies to all Americans, even the occupant of the highest office in the land.

#### CONGRATULATING DALE AND JUDY STICKEL ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dale and Judy Stickel on celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Having met in kindergarten and attended Junior prom together, they knew the stars had aligned early in their lives. Their heartwarming story of a childhood friendship that turned into a lifetime of love makes this golden anniversary all the more special. Not only that, their lasting commitment, not only to one another but to their family and community, is a shining example of devotion and faithfulness in our country.

Dale and Judy have lived in northern Indiana nearly their entire lives, and I have no doubt the positive influence they've had here will last far into the future. They exemplify the hardworking and compassionate citizens we all strive to be. I am truly inspired by their passion to help others and their efforts to make service a family tradition.

It is clear that their love for one another and the family they have built grows stronger each day. Now 50 years later we have a wonderful reason to celebrate. Fifty years of marriage is a marvelous accomplishment, and this milestone speaks volumes about the love and compassion they share with one another, as well as their tremendous foundation of faith.

Dale and Judy have built a life together that revolves around making a difference in the lives of others. It is no surprise the example they've set will ensure their legacy of selflessness, community, love, and faith is passed along to their three children and six grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District

Hoosiers, it is my honor to congratulate Dale and Judy Stickle on their anniversary and join their family in celebrating this milestone.

RECOGNIZING DR. LORI J. BECHTEL-WHERRY, CHANCELLOR OF PENN STATE ALTOONA, FOR RECEIVING THE 2017 ALTOONA KIWANIS CLUB CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry of Martinsburg, PA and Chancellor of Penn State Altoona, for receiving the 2017 Altoona Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year Award.

Dr. Bechtel-Wherry is Penn State Altoona's Chancellor and Dean and is the first woman to hold such a position in the college's history. She is also the first female full professor at Penn State Altoona. Her involvement on campus is tremendous as she engages with students, pushes for the lasting success of the college and even sponsors a Challenge the Chancellor Ping Pong fundraiser each year to support Penn State Altoona's THON Team.

Dr. Bechtel-Wherry has been recognized by the Blair County Board of Commissioners for her dedicated involvement and service towards the local community through Penn State Altoona.

Dr. Bechtel-Wherry serves on the board of directors for the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation and will become the first female Chair of its Board in January 2018.

Dr. Bechtel-Wherry has earned countless awards both at Penn State and in the surrounding Pennsylvania communities. Her work is clearly deserving of the Altoona Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year Award. As such, it is my honor to help celebrate her having received this award.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS.  
KAZNICK'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grace Kaznick of Mesa, Arizona who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born in Morrison, Colorado on September 2, 1917 and graduated from Bear Creek High School in 1935. Grace married her lifelong partner, Patrick Phillips, in September 1937.

Grace worked as an accountant at Loretto Heights College and for Jefferson County Schools for her entire career. Throughout her life she has been an avid golfer and has played over 139 courses in the United States, United Kingdom, and Mexico. She achieved two hole-in-ones, one in Colorado and one in our district at Apache Wells Country Club in Mesa. Since moving to Arizona in the 1980's, Grace has been very active with the Arizona Women's Golf Association.

Grace has a beautiful family of four children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and

three great-great grandchildren. All five generations of her family gathered in Mesa on September 2, 2017 to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Congratulations to Grace on achieving one hundred years young.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE JOLENE GRUBB KOPRIVA FOR 30 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO BLAIR COUNTY

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2017*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Jolene Grubb Kopriva for 30 years of devoted service to Blair County and to wish her well on her upcoming retirement.

Since earning her Juris Doctorate Degree in 1978 at the Duquesne School of Law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Judge Kopriva has been an essential part of the Blair County community. In November of 1987, Judge Kopriva challenged the status quo by becoming the first elected female judge in Blair County. In January 2006, she broke through another barrier by becoming the first female President Judge of Blair County—a position she held for over ten years.

Judge Kopriva has been rightfully recognized time and time again for her service to the community. Despite her busy career, Judge Kopriva has been an active volunteer serving on the United Way Board of Directors, the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA Board of Directors and Officer, the Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Team of Blair County, the Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children, as well as several other spots in her church and around Blair County. These positions earned her many distinctions such as the Altoona YWCA Tribute to Women Award, a NAACP Humanitarian Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from WISE Women of Blair County.

Judge Kopriva's devoted service is an inspiration to us all, and I wish her the best on her retirement. Though her time in court may be coming to a close, the impact she has made to improve the lives of those in Blair County will be felt for decades to come.

### 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, September 26, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

#### SEPTEMBER 27

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine forest management to mitigate wildfires, focusing on legislative solutions.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, Janet Dhillon, of Pennsylvania, and Daniel M. Gade, of North Dakota, both to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Carlos G. Muniz, of Florida, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland.

SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine preventing veteran suicide.

SR-418

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Howard R. Elliott, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and Walter G. Copan, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

SR-253

10:45 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine encouraging the next generation to visit National Parks.

SD-366

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Duke Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Jamie