

Michiganders are so grateful for Michigan State Police's century of law enforcement excellence, selfless service, and tireless dedication to communities across Michigan.

Originally organized as a temporary, war-time emergency force to provide domestic security during World War I, the force was formally reorganized two years later as the Michigan State Police. In April of 1917, a small band of 300 mounted men became the first Michigan State Police troopers, and over the last 100 years, they have become a world-class, professional law enforcement agency with over 2,900 members. In the First District, we are grateful to have ten Michigan State Police posts serving men and women in every community.

From Alpena to Iron Mountain and Traverse City to the Soo, each Michigan State Police trooper takes on the sacred oath to serve and protect our families and homes when he or she puts on the uniform. You do more than protect, you inspire and build relationships in our communities through creative partnerships and programs ranging from direct engagement with Community Service Troopers to Teen Safe Driving programs that keep our most precious resource, our children, safe. It's your commitment to integrity, excellence, and courtesy that has led to real results in Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Michigan State Police for 100 years of service. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing that Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula are better and safer places thanks to the work and dedication of the Michigan State Police. On behalf of my constituents and residents across the State of Michigan, congratulations, Michigan State Police, on 100 years of exceptional service.

**SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE'S MIG TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 4 YEARS IN A ROW**

### **HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Southeastern Illinois College's Model Illinois Government team's success at the 2017 Model Illinois Government competition. Southeastern's team won the Outstanding Large Delegation Award, earning its tenth Outstanding Delegation Award in 14 years, and fourth in a row.

Southeastern is the smallest school in terms of enrollment at the simulation and not only defeated much larger community colleges, but also Universities including the University of Illinois at Springfield, Eastern, and Western Universities. Southeastern led all schools in total points, leadership positions, and controlled both the House Democrat and Senate Republican caucuses. Southeastern set new school records for floor leadership positions (six) and total points (sixteen). Tracy Stokich and Casper Johns won the Award for Outstanding Original Legislation, while William Tippet was named Outstanding First Year Delegate, and Morgan Denbo won the Outstanding Member of the House of Representatives Award.

Team members were elected to 4 committee spokesperson positions, two committee

chairs, while Evan Doughty was elected House Majority Leader, and Ryan Dennison was elected Senate Minority Leader. William Tippet and Grant Loudy were also elected as Assistant Leaders in their respective chambers, while Dana Hooven and Chloe Brandon were elected as floor whips.

The Southeastern Model Illinois Government team, coached by Matt Lees, consists of Chloe Brandon, Ryan Dennison, Morgan Denbo, Evan Doughty, Reagan Gray, Dana Hooven, Stephanie (Casper) Johns, William Johnson, Granton Loudy, Braden Scroggins, Tracy Stokich, Nolan Sutton, and William Tippet.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the continued success of the Southeastern Model Illinois Government team, and I extend my best wishes to them for another outstanding season next year.

### **PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

#### **HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on H.R. 1362, To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. I had intended to vote "yes" on Roll Call vote 127, and "no" on Roll Call vote 128.

**HONORING JUDY TABAR, PRESIDENT & CEO OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT**

#### **HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 8, 2017*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to my good friend, Judy Tabar, as she marks her retirement as President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. Under her leadership over the last two decades, PPSNE has stood at the forefront of every major effort to expand the organization's role in health care and education. Though she will most certainly be missed, she leaves a strong foundation on which PPSNE can continue to build.

Nearly five decades ago, Judy first joined Planned Parenthood as a physician assistant, providing direct patient care. Through her work with patients, she developed a deeper understanding of their needs and how Planned Parenthood could better meet. She soon became Associate Director of Planned Parenthood New England and twenty years ago took on the mantle of President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. In addition to her work throughout Southern New England, Judy has served in numerous leadership roles within the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), and currently serves on the PPFA Board of Directors.

As President and CEO, Judy has overseen PPSNE's eighteen health centers, managed its \$30 million annual budget, and guided it through a 42 percent patient increase over the course of her tenure. It has been through Judy's vision and unwavering dedication that PPSNE has expanded its services to include primary care as well as a clinical research program. Under her leadership, PPSNE has focused on reducing teen birth rates and reducing racial and ethnic health disparities by removing barriers to services and information. Today, PPSNE serves nearly 70,000 patients with preventative care making up 90 percent of the services provided. A visionary by any definition, Judy has placed PPSNE on the cutting edge of reproductive health care service expansion.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to extend a special note of thanks to Judy for her friendship and support over the years. She has been an invaluable resource to both myself and my staff. I am confident that I speak for everyone who has had the opportunity to work with Judy over the years when I say her passion, compassion, tenacity, and commitment will be deeply missed.

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England stands as a model for affiliates across the country and that is in large part because of Judy Tabar. She has left an indelible mark on this outstanding organization and a legacy that will continue to inspire others to ensure that everyone has access to the affordable, quality reproductive health care they need and deserve. I am honored to stand today to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Judy Tabar, for her outstanding leadership and good work, as well as my very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

### **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, March 9, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

### **MEETINGS SCHEDULED MARCH 14**

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on information surrounding the Marines United website.

SR-222

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.  
SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine opportunities to improve American energy infrastructure.  
SD-366

Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.  
SD-215

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security  
To hold hearings to examine continuing to improve truck safety on our nation's highways.  
SR-253

MARCH 15

10 a.m.  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine assessing U.S. sanctions on Russia, focusing on the next steps.  
SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on innovation, integration, successes, and challenges.  
SD-106

Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine innovative solutions to control invasive species and promote wildlife conservation.  
SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider S. 34, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", S. 21, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major

rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, S. 317, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, S. 500, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism, S. 218, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, S. 188, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government, H.R. 274, to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business, H.R. 366, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department's vehicle fleet, an original bill entitled, "Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act", an original bill entitled, "Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act", an original bill entitled, "Follow the Rules Act", an original bill entitled, "Regulatory Accountability Act", and the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.  
SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine visas, focusing on investigating K-1 fiancé fraud.  
SD-226

10:30 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of Defense  
To hold closed hearings to examine a ballistic missile defense program update.  
SVC-217

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine STEM education, focusing on preparing students for the careers of today and the future.  
SD-138

11 a.m.  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine six years of war in Syria, focusing on the human toll.  
SD-419

1:30 p.m.  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.  
SD-430

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism  
To hold hearings to examine the modus Operandi and toolbox of Russia and other autocracies for undermining democracies throughout the world.  
SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine GAO's high risk list and the Veterans Health Administration.  
SR-418

Special Committee on Aging  
To hold hearings to examine raising grandchildren in the opioid crisis and beyond.  
SD-562

3 p.m.  
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine how small businesses confront and shape regulations.  
SR-428A

3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Airland  
To hold hearings to examine all arms warfare in the 21st century.  
SR-232A

#### MARCH 22

10 a.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations.  
SD-G50