

IN SUPPORT FOR RECOGNITION OF
WORLD WATER DAY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, every year on March 22nd we recognize World Water Day. It highlights drinking water is a basic right denied to many.

According to the United Nations fact sheet for World Water Day of 2017, a source of drinking water contaminated with feces, which puts them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio. Unsafe water, poor sanitation and 842,000 deaths each year." This is a reality for people around the world including here in the United States.

Flint, Michigan has been without clean drinking water for almost two years. There were high levels of lead in the water supply which is contributing to a growing number of chronic illnesses in the region. It was not until this month that the EPA awarded funds to repair the pipe system in the city of Flint to hopefully decrease the amounts of lead. Unfortunately, Flint is not the only city struggling in this capacity. Last year, Reuters published an article that announced thousands of other cities had dangerous levels of lead in their water systems. This is an unacceptable reality that cannot remain ignored. The health of Americans, especially children and the elderly will remain at risk daily if this problem remains unchecked.

Under Trump's new executive order, "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule," rolls back the landmark environmental rule that allows the government to limit the amount of pollution that enters into our streams, rivers, and wetlands. Originally the rule protected 60 percent of water sources in the U.S.; however, under this administration, whose primary concern seems to be protecting big business and corporations, these water sources are at risk.

As Members of Congress, we must take steps to protect our water supply as a matter of public health. We need to address the situations in cities where lives are in danger due to contaminated water, both in the U.S. and around the world.

REGARDING THE LIFE OF JESSE
O. ADCOCK

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Jesse O. Adcock who passed away this past Thursday, March 16, 2017. Mr. Adcock was born on March 8, 1924 in Neshoba County, MS, in the Arlington Community.

During World War II Mr. Adcock joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, and was assigned to the Eighth Air Force. While there he flew 35 missions in the B-17 and was awarded the Purple Heart and other distinguished decorations for his heroic service. He also served in the Berlin Airlift prior to retiring from the Air Force in 1967.

Mr. Adcock returned home to Mississippi and entered the real estate business in Biloxi. He became involved in several business and civic associations including the Mississippi Realtors Association, Biloxi Businessman's Club and the Gulf Coast Apartment Association. He built and owned several apartment complexes, and the successful business he started over 50 years ago continues to operate today.

Mr. Adcock was very involved with politics and government at all levels and was appointed to serve on the Mississippi Medicaid Commission by Governor William Waller. He later served as the commission's chairman.

Mr. Adcock was not only interested in serving his state, but his faith community as well. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Biloxi and served in various leadership positions until moving to Hattiesburg in 1994, where he became an active member of Venture Church.

Mr. Adcock's service to his nation, state and community will always be remembered and I am proud to recognize his life of service before the United States Congress.

RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL
DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is no secret that hate and racism are very much still alive today. Society is often racist and prejudiced against minority individuals, because of the color of their skin or where they come from. Men and women are denied jobs, migrant status, or even killed because of racial discrimination. The Southern Poverty Law Center's Hate Group Map indicates that the number of hate groups has grown for two years in a row. The SPLC map also demonstrates that currently there are more than 900 organizations in existence whose primary purpose is to drive a narrative of hate, discrimination, and intimidation. Additionally, a Pew research study showed racial tensions are perceived to have worsened by 38 percent of people since President Obama's first term. The same study indicated that African-Americans are about twice as likely as whites to feel that it is in fact discrimination that is preventing the success of Black Americans. The FBI's 2016 hate crime report reveals that hate crimes against Muslims grew by 67 percent in just one year.

This administration's rhetoric has encouraged behavior that is aggressive and intolerant. This is not reflective of America and our values. We must be diligent in our efforts to minimize and eliminate racial discrimination from all facets of society and our political narrative.

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 commit-

tees, 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 23, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 27

12 noon

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, and Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, to be Associate Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

MARCH 28

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine fostering economic growth, focusing on the role of financial companies.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the United States' increasing dependence on foreign sources of minerals and opportunities to rebuild and improve the supply chain in the United States.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting young athletes from sexual abuse.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the view from Congress, focusing on United States policy on Iran.

SD-419

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Energy

To hold hearings to examine the cybersecurity threats to the United States electric grid and technology advancements to minimize such threats, including S. 79, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense worldwide policy and strategy and the Fiscal Year 2017 Defense Supplemental Budget Request.

SVC-217

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine S. 518, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works, S. 675, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, and an original bill entitled, “Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act of 2017”.

SD-406

MARCH 29

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine closing the skills gap and boosting United States competitiveness.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine cleaning up our nation’s Cold War legacy sites.

SD-406

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues

To hold hearings to examine United State-Mexico relationship, focusing on advancing security and prosperity on both sides of the border.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine a review of the defense health program and military medicine funding.

SD-192

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the health of the Department of Defense industrial base, and its role in providing readiness to the warfighter.

SR-232A

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy

To hold hearings to examine American leadership in the Asia-Pacific, focusing on security issues.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine civil society perspectives on Russia.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

SD-50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the effect of borrowing on Federal spending.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine native youth, focusing on promoting

diabetes prevention through healthy living.

SD-628

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the arc of Alzheimer’s, focusing on preventing cognitive decline in Americans to assuring quality care for those living with the disease.

SD-106

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 Air Force modernization.

SR-222

MARCH 30

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the potential for infrastructure improvements to create jobs and reduce the cost of living through all-of-the-above energy and mineral production in Alaska.

SD-366

APRIL 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Southern Command and United States Northern Command.

SD-G50