

IN HONOR OF PATRICK LEONARD

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 8, 2017

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Patrick Leonard of Dubuque, Iowa for his year of service as President of the Iowa Funeral Directors Association.

A fellow graduate of my own alma mater, Loras College, Mr. Leonard has successfully owned and operated his funeral home in Dubuque since 1990. His year as President of the Association has been marked by faithful leadership of the IFDA Board of Governors as they pursued IFDA's mission of promoting and supporting funeral service excellence.

Since coming to Congress in 2014, I have seen firsthand the dedication, enthusiasm, and passion that Mr. Leonard brings to his profession every day. Last summer, we were honored to have Mr. Leonard represent the IFDA at my congressional office's Dubuque Senior Wellness Fair. He understands that leadership is about stepping up and getting involved personally in service of the mission.

Mr. Leonard also finds time to give back to his community. Just last year, after months of preparation and coordination with the U.S. Navy, Mr. Leonard oversaw the return of a WWII veteran's remains back to Iowa. Mr. Leonard expressed to me how much of an honor this was for him, and how this project signified the importance of funeral services to those who pass, and their loved ones.

On behalf of the nearly 700 licensed funeral directors in Iowa, I want to again thank and recognize Mr. Leonard for his exemplary service as President of the IFDA.

HONORING THE TREFETHEN
FAMILY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Trefethen family, John, Janet, Lorenzo, Hailey and, posthumously, Eugene and Catherine, for their hard work, dogged perseverance and community involvement.

The Trefethen family first restored their historic McIntyre Winery, which is on the National Register for Historic Places, in 1973. In August of 2014 the largest earthquake in the Bay Area since 1989 caused significant damage to the winery. Rather than scrapping their winemaking operations and moving elsewhere, they stayed and rebuilt the winery and will hold a celebratory re-opening this week.

Led largely by Hailey, the McIntyre building has been resurrected and now includes a new base that is earthquake resistant. The McIntyre building today contains 85 percent of the original building material and will use the same 19th century pipes to distill the famous Trefethen family wine.

When Gene moved to the Napa Valley 50 years ago, the Trefethen family began a long tradition of community involvement. The family donates wine to many community events annually to be auctioned for charitable causes in-

cluding children at risk and the environment, two of the family's passions.

The Wine Community is integral to our way of life in my district. The Trefethen family has done more than their part to support our community. John was the founding President of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers and has served multiple terms on the Napa Valley Vinters Board. Janet served on the Board of Directors for the Queen of the Valley Foundation and founded the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, where she lead the effort to have it recognized as an American Viticulture Area in 2004. Hailey recently finished serving terms on the Board of California Institute and the Napa Valley Vintners.

Mr. Speaker, on May 7, the Trefethen's will host their winery's grand re-opening. True to their love of community, it will feature local high school choirs, vocalists and a barbershop quartet. They have worked hard to preserve their winery. It is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

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

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To receive a closed briefing on United States special operations capabilities to counter Russian influence and unconventional warfare operations in the "Grey Zone".

SVC-217

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance

To hold hearings to examine secondary sanctions against Chinese institutions, focusing on assessing their utility for constraining North Korea.

SD-538

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine state views on the need to modernize the Endangered Species Act.

SD-406

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 emerging external influences in the Western Hemisphere.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 934, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and S. 1028, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine cyber threats facing America, focusing on an overview of the cybersecurity threat landscape.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, and Makan Delrahim, of California, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine growth policies for the new Administration.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 677, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, S. 685, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System and the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, S. 930, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, S. 1012, to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 1029, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to exempt certain small hydroelectric power projects that are applying for relicensing under the Federal Power Act from the licensing requirements of that Act, and S. 1030, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects.

SD-366

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 458, to support the education of Indian children, and S. 691, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian

Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants, and S. 825, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine law enforcement access to data stored across borders, focusing on facilitating cooperation and protecting rights.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Veterans Choice Program and the future of care in the community.

SR-418

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine aging with community, focusing on building connections that last a lifetime.

SD-562

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Althea Coetzee, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine pesticide registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, focusing on providing stakeholders with certainty through the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act.

SR-328A

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine cyber policy, strategy, and organization.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the status of the housing finance system after nine years of conservatorship.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 139, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, S. 583, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize COPS grantees to use grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers, and S. 867, to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine the Choice 2.0 veterans program, focusing on what worked, what didn't, and what needs to happen next.

SD-124

1:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine worldwide threats.

SH-219

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the growing Russian military threat in Europe, focusing on assessing and addressing the challenge.

SVC-208

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's high risk list for Indian programs.

SD-628

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine United States military small arms requirements.

SR-232A