

in journalism at Ohio University, and his alma mater named him Alumnus of the Year in 2015.

The accolades of Mr. Page hardly stop there. In 1972, he was serving as a reporter and assistant editor for the Chicago Tribune and participated in a Task Force series on vote fraud that earned a Pulitzer Prize. His work was again honored with a Pulitzer Prize in 1989, this time, for Commentary.

Mr. Page's contributions to our nation are immeasurable. Tackling issues from race to vote fraud, he has never shied away from the difficult stories. Rather, he has approached each with "good humor and humility," as the National Press Foundation astutely stated.

He is incredibly deserving of this honor, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Clarence Page, and thank him for his unwavering commitment to the free press and the truth.

FAITH, FAMILY, AND FLOODING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we know that Houston is "Houston strong", but what makes us so strong is the faithful and determined volunteers in our community. I wanted to commend the Prince of Peace Catholic Community for their efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Over 1,500 volunteers were utilized through the Mercy Ministry's relief efforts, which included distributing flood buckets, clothing, gift cards, and food. Over 3,200 hot meals and 2,000 lunches were served to 12 different neighborhoods over a span of 7 days. They collaborated with Champions Forest Baptist Church to work together to assist in the demolition and clean-up process.

The Mercy Ministry not only provided physical assistance, but emotional support. They have talked with over 160 families and assisted in prayer.

In hard times like the one Houston experienced, emotional encouragement to those suffering is better than offering a mop and bucket.

Weeks after Harvey, the Mercy Ministry was contacted from churches all over the Nation in hopes of getting some help to Houston. From Louisiana, Wisconsin, Colorado, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio. These churches sent tractor trailers full of donations from cleaning supplies, to handmade quilts and care packages for kids.

Now, more than ever, our city needs the spiritual nourishment and support that our local churches can provide. Houston still has a long recovery to go, but what will pull us through are our faith driven volunteers, and the power of prayer.

And that's just the way it is.

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 Tuesday, February 6, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine cost and competition among rheumatoid arthritis therapies.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 414 and H.R. 1107, bills to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, S. 441, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico, S. 507, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 612 and H.R. 1547, bills to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Tucson, Arizona, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversionary interest to the City, S. 1046, to facilitate certain pinyon-juniper related projects in Lincoln County, Nevada, to modify the boundaries of certain wilderness areas in the State of Nevada, and to fully implement the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act, S. 1219 and H.R. 3392, bills to provide for stability of title to certain land in the State of Louisiana, S. 1222, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S. 1481, to make technical corrections to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 1665 and H.R. 2582, bills to authorize the State of Utah to select certain lands that are available for disposal under the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to be used for the support and benefit of State institutions, S. 2062, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey at market

value certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona, S. 2206, to release certain wilderness study areas in the State of Montana, S. 2218, to provide for the conveyance of a Forest Service site in Dolores County, Colorado, to be used for a fire station, S. 2249, to permanently reauthorize the Rio Puerco Management Committee and the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, H.R. 995, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations, and H.R. 1404, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the impact of Federal environmental regulations and policies on American farming and ranching communities.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on positioning DHS to address new and emerging threats to the Homeland.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine defending the homeland, focusing on Department of Defense's role in countering weapons of mass destruction.

SR-232A

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 242, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit veterans to grant access to their records in the databases of the Veterans Benefits Administration to certain designated congressional employees, S. 624, to allow servicemembers to terminate their cable, satellite television, and Internet access service contracts while deployed, S. 1072, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, S. 2038, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of herbicide exposure for certain veterans who served in Korea, S. 2097, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the administration of State homes furnishing care to veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 2105, to modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, S. 2107, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Under Secretary of Health to report major adverse personnel actions involving certain health care employees to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to applicable State licensing boards, S. 2131, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish medically necessary transportation for newborn children of certain women veterans, S. 2247, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision

of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable, S. 2248, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain burial benefits for spouses and children of veterans who are buried in tribal cemeteries, S. 2294, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that individuals may access documentation verifying the monthly housing stipend paid to the individual under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2304, to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect veterans from predatory lending, S. 2341, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of veterans benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover overpayments made by the Department and other amounts owed by veterans to the United States, to improve the due process accorded veterans with respect to such recovery, S. 2357, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the processes and requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs for scheduling appointments for health care and conducting consultations under the laws administered by the Secretary, an original bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish organ transplant care to veterans at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, an original bill to provide additional protections for our veterans, an original bill to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and an original bill entitled "Department of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Accountability Act of 2017".

SR-418

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization.

SR-222

4:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine S. 2286, to amend the Peace Corps Act to provide greater protection and services for Peace Corps volunteers, S. 2060, to promote democracy and human rights in Burma, S. Res. 92, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon, H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, H.R. 535, to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels, and the nominations of Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and

Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary (Management), both of the Department of State.

S-116

5 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on Turkey.

SVC-217

FEBRUARY 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the evolution of energy infrastructure in the United States and how lessons learned from the past can inform future opportunities.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the opioid crisis, focusing on the impact on children and families.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul C. Ney, Jr., of Tennessee, to be General Counsel, Kevin Fahey, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Thomas E. Ayres, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, and Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

SH-216

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1917, to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and the nominations of Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Michael B. Brennan, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Barry W. Ashe, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Howard C. Nielson, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, James R. Sweeney II, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, Susan Paradise Baxter, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Daniel Desmond Domenico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Adam I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and John C. Anderson, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, Brandon J. Fremin, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, Joseph P. Kelly, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, Scott W. Murray, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, David C. Weiss, to be United States Attorney for the Dis-

trict of Delaware, David G. Jolley, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Thomas M. Griffin, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the Second Session of the 115th Congress, and the nominations of Jelena McWilliams, of Ohio, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Marvin Goodfriend, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Thomas E. Workman, of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

SD-538

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine improving animal health, focusing on reauthorization of Food and Drug Administration Animal Drug User Fees.

SD-430

FEBRUARY 14

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the current readiness of United States forces.

SR-222

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Native Americans and the 2020 Census.

SD-628

FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the state of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, focusing on pending rules, cryptocurrency regulation, and cross-border agreements.

SR-328A

FEBRUARY 28

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of State and redesign plans.

SD-419