

We remember the 613 Azerbaijani men, women, and children killed in Khojaly on February 25 and 26, 1992. Continuing to mark the anniversary of such a tragedy is always difficult, but it is critical that we spend time honoring the precious lives lost.

The Government of Azerbaijan continues to partner with the United States in counter-terrorism efforts, and the country has made meaningful strides its short history as an independent nation to promote economic development regionally, including its efforts in constituting the "New Silk Road."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the town and people of Khojaly who died on those fateful days and in offering our deepest condolences to Azerbaijan on this tragic anniversary.

**CITY OF BURIEEN'S 25TH
ANNIVERSARY**

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud today to join in the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the City of Burien in Washington's seventh congressional district.

The story of Burien's incorporation begins with a desire for the people to have their voices heard. Nestled between the peaceful waters of the Puget Sound and the bustle of Sea-Tac Airport, Burien's residents felt underrepresented as impacted communities of the airport. Through determination and organizing, the residents were able to reclaim their own agency and set forth on a path to incorporation and representation. The City's vision commits to, "A vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment."

This vision has guided Burien long before its incorporation. Driven by family and immigrant owned businesses, Burien is ever expanding and innovating new opportunities for its people. Together, long time Burien residents, Americans and immigrants from places like Vietnam and Mexico form a tight-knit city that bustles with traditional foods, celebrations, and neighborly spirit. These communities have laid a foundation for Burien to thrive.

Burien's investment in a just and sustainable city for all has been critical in the fight against climate change and will continue to be critical as we transition to a future powered by renewable energy. Individuals such as Burien's first mayor Dr. Arun Jhaveri have been leading Burien in climate solutions like solar centering a commitment to clean air, clean water and healthy communities.

With over 50,000 residents and over 50 different languages spoken, Burien brings people together across difference to celebrate what we have in common, whether basking in the glow of giant illuminated flower sculptures at Dottie Harper Park for Arts-A-Glow, dancing in the streets for Pride Fest, or eating strawberry shortcake while checking out vintage cars at Strawberry Days.

Mr. Speaker, my hope for Burien is to continue growing with compassion, love and understanding. To harness the power of collective action and grow in ways that supports

their vision for a brighter, more inclusive, and sustainable future. With the election of Jimmy Matta, Burien's first Latino mayor and this passionate City Council, will lead a vision of unity and strength for Burien's community. Together this community will tackle challenges with grace and courage ensuring that we leave the world a little better for our youth. A legacy that we can celebrate with pride.

I again offer congratulations to all in the City of Burien on their 25th anniversary and wish them the best for their next 25 years.

**FALLEN K-9 OFFICER RONY—
HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the radio blared, a criminal was on the loose.

K-9 Officer Rony and his fellow officers of the Houston Police Department (HPD) responded to the call, ready to take down a dastardly villain. The crook led the officers on a vehicle pursuit, throwing contraband from his car and intentionally ramming an HPD patrol car.

Suddenly, the criminal bailed out of the stolen vehicle, leaving K-9 Rony to pursue the criminal on foot, through a heavily wooded area. As he chased the suspect at full speed, one of K-9 Rony's legs became entangled on a fallen log.

Despite multiple breaks in his leg, K-9 Rony attempted to continue his pursuit. Always a fighter, he was simply in too much pain. His handler rushed him to an emergency animal hospital.

Prior to this accident, K-9 Rony had experienced the pain of arthritis in his other three legs from chasing outlaws. Losing a limb would have only put him in more suffering. His team made the heartbreaking decision. K-9 Rony would be put down.

K-9 Rony gave his life to the thin blue line, helping chase down and apprehend a vile criminal. He was a faithful servant of the Houston Police Department and the people of Houston. He served the department for seven years and had over 250 captures. Rony was known as one of the best K-9 officers the department had, and he will be dearly missed.

Mr. Speaker, we are eternally grateful for our police officers and their furry counterparts in their commitment to keeping our communities safe from criminals. K-9 officers like Rony are of the highest caliber, and we salute him for his service.

And that is 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 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, February 27, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 28

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2434, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs, S. 292, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, S. 2278, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas, and S. 1091, to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1520, to expand recreational fishing opportunities through enhanced marine fishery conservation and management, and the nominations of Joseph Simons, of Virginia, Noah Joshua Phillips, of Maryland, Christine S. Wilson, of Virginia, and Rohit Chopra, of New York, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Jeffrey DeWit, of Arizona, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-106

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 1142, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 1556, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 2166, to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and H.R. 2786, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify as a qualifying conduit hydropower facility.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider H.R. 2825, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the nomination of Michael K. Atkinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of

the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine seeking justice for and securing the legacy of Boris Nemtsov.

SD-138

MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Paul M. Nakasone, USA, to be general and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service/Commander, United States Cyber Command, Department of Defense, and Brent K. Park, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary (Environmental Management), both of the Department of Energy.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine private sector and government challenges and opportunities to promote the cyber security and resiliency of our nation's critical energy infrastructure.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's framework for rebuilding infrastructure in America.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Department of State, and Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John F. Ring, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine the role of Federal managers in hiring.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Colm F. Connolly, and Maryellen Noreika, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, William F. Jung, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Jonathan F. Mitchell, of Washington, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and Billy J. Williams, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, Mark S. James, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, Daniel C. Mosteller, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota, and Jesse Seroyer, Jr., to be United States

Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine implementation of positive train control.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session.

SH-216

MARCH 7

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President.

SH-216

POSTPONEMENTS

FEBRUARY 28

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine S. 2421, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide an exemption from certain notice requirements and penalties for releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms.

SD-406

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