

They will see that threatening the lives of millions with nuclear weapons brings rewards and acceptance by the international community. If a deal must be made, it must require safeguards and direct humanitarian assistance for the Korean people.

Kim Jong Un cannot be permitted to use our gestures of good will as a weapon against his people. One day the Korean people will be united in freedom and security. We have it in our power to work towards that goal.

The first step requires us not rewarding the regime's threats. And that's just the way it is.

SAM FARR AND NICK CASTLE
PEACE CORPS REFORM ACT OF
2018

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, about 15 years ago, I walked into a community in the Dominican Republic with a loose grasp of the Spanish language and little idea about the history or culture of those I would be living with for the next two years.

For months, I worked hand in hand with that community to build sustainable ecotourism that continues to grow today.

Wrestling with the existing industry there was hard.

Battling with entrenched government interests was hard.

But the hardest part, the one that took months to achieve, was earning the trust of those people. People who to this day I'm proud to call some of my closest friends.

And that is what the Peace Corps is all about.

Men and women, young and old, walking into foreign lands and remote neighborhoods offering their own helping hand on behalf of this nation.

Diplomats of democracy and decency embedded in the farthest corners of our globe.

Volunteers exporting our values and our ideals in search of a kinder, fairer world.

American might can be found on battlefields and military bases, yes, but it can also be found in the college graduate teaching in a small village in India or the recent retiree teaching a stranger in Belize how to build a business.

Enactment of this bill will allow current and future Peace Corps Volunteers to carry out their important duty while improving their access to care and ensuring their safety and security abroad.

Before they even step foot on a plane, Volunteers will be made fully informed of the risks they face in the country in which they have been invited to serve.

And once the jetlag has worn off and they've written their first letter home, we will guarantee that these Volunteers will have access to well-qualified medical officers and support staff at overseas Peace Corps posts.

In addition, this bill promises to take a number of steps to address and combat instances of sexual assault by reauthorizing the Sexual Assault Advisory Council through 2023 and requiring the Peace Corps to provide information to host families regarding sexual assault prevention and awareness.

And because we recognize that tragedies can occur and this service is not without risks, for any Volunteer who returns home with a service-connected disability, this legislation will help minimize bureaucratic delay and work to ensure that they receive the medical care they deserve without delay.

Through their selfless and tireless work, Peace Corps Volunteers leave lasting, positive impressions in countries all across the world that can endure generations.

With the bipartisan passage of this bill, we are one step closer to protecting our Volunteers currently serving around the world and ensuring the Peace Corps' influence reaches new heights. I thank Congressman POE for his advocacy and his staff for helping advance this important piece of legislation.

Before concluding, I would like to offer one point of clarification.

Under Section 102 of this bill, if the Director of Peace Corps determines that the injury or illness is probably related to their service outside of the U.S., a former Peace Corps Volunteer will be able to access health care for such condition for 120 days. During this 120 period, the Department of Labor will provide a written authorization for physician or medical facility to provide medical treatment or examination to a former Peace Corps Volunteer. This authorization is referred to as a "voucher" under this legislation, and is the mechanism by which the Peace Corps Volunteer secures medical services from a medical provider when they seek medical services. For purposes of clarification, this voucher will be similar to Form CA-16 issued by the U.S. Department of Labor provides medical coverage for a 60 day period. Under FECA, a federal employee injured while in the performance of duty has the initial right to select a physician of his/her choice to provide necessary treatment. These medical expenses will be paid out of the Employees' Compensation Fund established under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during roll call votes No. 314–321. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on H.R. 5793 the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act, "Yea" on H.R. 5749, Options Markets Stability Act, "Nay" on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 965, "Nay" on H. Res. 965, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 200) Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, "Nay" on H. Res. 985, "Nay" on H. Res. 985, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 50) Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3281) Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act, "Yea" on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 200, and "Nay" on H.R. 200, Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act.

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, July 12, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 17

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018".

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Interior's final list of critical minerals for 2018 and opportunities to strengthen the United States' mineral security.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on eliminating excess health care spending and improving quality and value for patients.

SD-430

11 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russia's occupation of Georgia and the erosion of the international order.

SD-124

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine supporting economic stability and self-sufficiency as Americans with disabilities and their families age.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine sharks.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's government reorganization proposal.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine promoting justice for victims of crime, focusing on the Federal investment in DNA analysis.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine trade and commerce at United States ports of entry.

SD-215

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 3060, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Stat-

utes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands, and S. 3168, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent.

SD-628

JULY 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dennis Dean Kirk, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and to be Chairman

of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, and Andrew F. Maunz, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Carmen Guericagoitia McLean, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342