

Families Act," with U.S. Senator JOHN CORNYN (R-TX). I thank U.S. Representatives MIKE TURNER (R-OH), MARK AMODEI (R-NV), MARILYN STRICKLAND (D-WA), and DON BACON (R-NE) and U.S. Senator ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MA) for their support as the original co-sponsors in the House and Senate.

My friend, the late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-NC), sponsored this legislation by another title, the "Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act," every Congress since 2002 until his death in February 2019. I am honored to reintroduce this bicameral, bipartisan legislation to protect military families from completely avoidable bank overdrafts following a veteran's death.

The "Respect for Grieving Military Families Act" would allow the spouse or other designated beneficiary to retain the full retirement benefit paid out in the final month coinciding with the veteran's death. Under current Department of Defense policy, that final month's retirement benefit may be clawed back on a prorated basis if the family fails to immediately notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) of their veteran's death.

Military families with joint bank accounts, into which retirement payments are deposited electronically, are often unaware that DFAS can withdraw payments without the account holder's consent. This results in joint bank accounts being drained of funds, often subjecting veterans' families to overdraft fees and avoidable financial hardship during an already emotionally challenging time following a veteran's death.

The "Respect for Grieving Military Families Act" would finally end this needless and callous DFAS practice for any retirement benefit received in the month a veteran was alive for at least 24 hours. Military families grieving the loss of their loved one should not be penalized for an accounting oversight by the Department of Defense.

As Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I continue to make the "Respect for Grieving Military Families Act" a priority for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). I look forward to working with Senator CORNYN, who assumed sponsorship of the bill this Congress from former U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH).

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to join Representatives MIKE TURNER (R-OH), MARK AMODEI (R-NV), MARILYN STRICKLAND (D-WA), DON BACON (R-NE) and me in cosponsoring this commonsense bill to provide military families the respect and dignity they deserve while following the loss of a loved one. Our Nation owes them that.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SAUL GARCIA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Saul Garcia.

Saul Garcia graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1999. After graduating, he completed a regional occupational program. In 2002, he attended Santa Ana College and became credentialed in transportation by the San Diego County Office of Education in 2016.

In 2001, he became a technician and completed mechanical and electrical diagnosis and repairs on automobiles at Caliber Motors of Mercedes Benz.

For many years he continued as a technician in Mercedes Benz and did a variety of maintenance activities and automotive repairs at Foothill Ranch. He educated clients and colleagues on repair needs and built long-term relationships based on the foundations of trust and integrity in his community.

In 2012, he became an automobile instructor in North Orange County ROP. He developed and implemented curriculum, lectures, lab activities in accordance with the non-profit organizations of NATE/ASE certifications. The NATE and ASE certifications were created by non-profit organizations to help students distinguish themselves as professionals in HV ACR and automobiles respectively.

As an automobile instructor in North Orange County ROP, he also performed outreach and collaborated with fellow educators. He provided instruction to secondary school students and adults to help prepare them for a career and university.

In 2014, he returned to his community and began his journey as an automotive instructor in the Santa Ana Unified School District. He developed curriculum and lesson plans in alignment with approved on line courses. He also developed internship sites and facilitated internship opportunities for the youth.

Saul is a certified instructor with more than 20 years of experience in public education and the fields of automobiles.

Today, he continues his journey as an instructor in the Santa Ana Unified School District. He continues to help the youth in his community and participates in annual committees, staff meetings, and professional development.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the accomplishments and commitment of Saul Garcia to his community of Orange County, California.

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 16, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine the role of Special Operations Forces in supporting the National Defense Strategy, including activities that contribute to long-term strategic competition with China and Russia.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine how tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations drive the national debt.

SD-608

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 92, to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the "Rick Boucher Amphitheater", S. 162, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, S. 199, to codify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain landscape-scale forest restoration projects, S. 440, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 452, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, and submit a report on a civil nuclear credit program, S. 461, to make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program pumping power, S. 534, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 535, to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, S. 593, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, S. 612, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, S. 623, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, S. 683, to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California, S. 706, to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge,

- Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws, S. 736, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, S. 776, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, S. 843, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional Carey Act projects, S. 873, to improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land, S. 1260, to release the reversionary interest of the United States in certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah, S. 1466, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, S. 1540, to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide for circumstances under which reinitiation of consultation is not required under a land and resource management plan or land use plan under those Acts, and the nominations of David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary, and Jeffrey Matthew Marootian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), both of the Department of Energy. SD-366
- Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security
To hold hearings to examine a crisis in mental health and substance use disorder care, focusing on closing gaps in access by bringing care and prevention to communities. SD-430
- Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ana de Alba, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Irma Carrillo Ramirez, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. SD-226
- 10:15 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine Federal actions to improve project reviews for a cleaner and stronger economy. SD-406
- 10:30 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider S. 285, to provide for the perpetuation, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, S. 311, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 1137, to establish the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Program, S. 931, to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, S. 1524, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, S. 1528, to streamline the sharing of information among Federal disaster assistance agencies, to expedite the delivery of life-saving assistance to disaster survivors, to speed the recovery of communities from disasters, to protect the security and privacy of information provided by disaster survivors, S. 1549, to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies, S. 885, to establish a Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve in the Department of Homeland Security as a pilot project to address the cybersecurity needs of the United States with respect to national security, S. 1425, to require a report on Federal support to the cybersecurity of commercial satellite systems, S. 1464, to restrict the flow of illicit drugs into the United States, S. 1564, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish, or otherwise ensure the provision of, a training program on artificial intelligence for Federal management officials and supervisors, S. 1443, to require an inter-agency strategy for creating a unified posture on counter-unmanned aircraft systems (C-UAS) capabilities and protections at international borders of the United States, S. 1510, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, S. 473, to provide for drone security, and S. 1560, to require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy. SD-562
- 2 p.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
To hold hearings to examine health care denials and delays in medicare advantage. SD-562
- Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights
To hold hearings to examine Federal judicial ethics processes at the Judicial Conference of the United States. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Economic Policy
To hold hearings to examine strengthening accountability at the Federal Reserve, focusing on lessons and opportunities for reform. SD-538
- Committee on Finance
Subcommittee on Health Care
To hold hearings to examine improving health care access in rural communities, focusing on obstacles and opportunities. SD-215
- Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SVC-217
- Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine how a U.S. default crisis harms American families and businesses. SH-216
- 2:45 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Heather Roach Variava, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Julie Turner, of Maryland, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations. SD-419
- 3 p.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy
To hold hearings to examine rural broadband, focusing on connecting our communities to the digital economy. SR-328A
- Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 and 2025 advance appropriations requests for the Department of Veterans Affairs. SR-418
- MAY 18
- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, focusing on financial stability, supervision, and consumer protection in the wake of recent bank failures. SD-G50
- Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine the strained nursing home inspection system and the need to improve oversight, transparency, and accountability. SD-366
- 10 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 1080, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require electronic communication service providers and remote computing services to report to the Attorney General certain controlled substance violations, S. 546, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants for recruitment activities, S. 1387, to reauthorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 1530, to permit COPS grants to be used for the purpose of increasing the compensation and hiring of law enforcement officers, S. 994, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities, and the nominations of Michael Arthur Delaney, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, and Shannon R. Saylor, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice. SD-106
- 10:15 a.m.
Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine tax incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act, focusing on jobs and investment in energy communities. SD-215
- 10:30 a.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine U.S. policy towards the Western Balkans. SD-419

MAY 31

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public
Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and
Wildlife

To hold hearings to examine water af-
fordability and small system assist-
ance.

SD-406