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RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF KATHLEEN HEAPHY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 15, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kathleen Heaphy on her retirement from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Ms. Heaphy is an exemplary public servant who has demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism serving our Nation's veterans. She worked in the VA's Office of General Counsel for more than 30 years.

Ms. Heaphy provided guidance to the VA Secretary and senior officials in the Veterans Health Administration, including on health care eligibility reform, the establishment of the medical benefits package, mental health care, care for military sexual trauma, care for women veterans and issues involving informed consent and medical ethics. As Ms. Heaphy embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she will recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions she made to the VA and to our Nation's veterans. May her retirement be filled with health and happiness.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Colleen Duffy Kiko, of North

Dakota, and Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the FAA Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Expert Panel Report.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's 2024 trade policy agenda.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine modernizing United States alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

11:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine Boeing's broken safety culture, focusing on firsthand accounts.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security

To hold hearings to examine feeding a healthier America, focusing on current efforts and potential opportunities for Food is Medicine.

SD-430

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine an update on foreign threats to the 2024 elections.

SH-216

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's efforts to ensure servicemembers' access to safe, high-quality pharmaceuticals.

SD-G50

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1299, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 1590, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long

the veterans had such disease prior to death, S. 1910, to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2014, to ensure that certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service, S. 2181, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the sunset on entitlement to memorial headstones and markers for commemoration of veterans and certain individuals and to repeal the sunset on authority to bury remains of certain spouses and children in national cemeteries, S. 2276, to provide for opt-out sharing of information on members retiring or separating from the Armed Forces with community-based organizations and related entities, S. 2718, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve matters relating to medical examinations for veterans disability compensation, S. 2778, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on competition among suppliers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2863, to establish the Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services, S. 2873, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the Women-Owned Small Business program in the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement hierarchy of small business preferences, S. 2888, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to participate in presentations to promote certain benefits available to veterans during prepreparation counseling under the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, S. 3126, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient's dates of service in the Armed Forces, S. 3256, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Veterans Experience Office, S. 3295, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a portal for maintaining digital records of former members of the Armed Forces and to establish an advisory committee regarding the maintenance of those records, S. 3452, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to determine the eligibility or entitlement of a member or former member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a) to a benefit under a law administered by the Secretary solely based on alternative sources of evidence when the military service records or medical treatment records of the member or former member are incomplete because of damage or loss of records after being in the possession of the Federal Government, S. 3567, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a Veterans Affairs History Office, S. 3636, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish a pilot program to identify and refer veterans for potential employment with Federal land management agencies, S. 3728, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the administration of housing loans of the Department of Veterans Affairs to prevent or resolve default under such loans, S. 3746, to amend title 38, United States Code, to

make certain spouses eligible for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program, S. 3873, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 3979, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent and codify the pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 4047, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2024, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 4074, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to approve interstate commerce carrier apprenticeship programs for purposes of veterans educational assistance, S. 4100, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the National Cemeteries Foundation to support the educational outreach activities of the Veterans Legacy Program, and an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure direct access for families to national cemeteries.

SR-418

4 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

4:45 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Re-

quest for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

APRIL 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal Housing Regulators.

SD-538

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on resources and authorities requested to protect and secure the homeland.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and the nominations of Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Georgia N. Alexakis, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Krissa M. Lanham, and Angela M. Martinez, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Sparkle L. Sooknanan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, and John Gleeson, of New York, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Matthew L. Gannon, to be United States Attorney for the Northern Dis-

trict of Iowa, David C. Waterman, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, and Gary D. Grimes, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-G50

MAY 1

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 616, to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act to provide for the transfer of additional Federal land to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, S. 2868, to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community, S. 3022, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow Indian Health Service scholarship and loan recipients to fulfill service obligations through half-time clinical practice, H.R. 1240, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 465, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and S. 2695, to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities.

SD-628

MAY 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366