

I am grateful for his time serving the constituents of my district and wish him all the best on his next chapter in the United States Senate.

HONORING LISA HILAS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Hilas. I have named Ms. Hilas as the California 4th District's Woman of the Year for Solano County because of her excellent work in our community. This honor recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Born in San Jose, California, Ms. Hilas grew up in the rural town of Arnold in Calaveras County, where she developed a deep appreciation for the arts as a unifying force within communities. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Santa Clara University before embarking on a successful career as a corporate travel executive for United Airlines and later as Vice President of Global Travel for JP Morgan Chase, in 2000, she was diagnosed with a rare retinal condition that rendered her legally blind, a challenge she met with remarkable determination. She found a new calling in nonprofit leadership and, in December 2024, earned a Master's degree in Arts Management and Entrepreneurship from the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Hilas currently resides in Vacaville, California, with her husband, Steve, and their beloved miniature Australian Shepherd, Gracie.

Since 2018, Ms. Hilas has served as President of On Stage Vacaville, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering artistic expression and enriching our community through the performing arts. Under her leadership, the organization expanded its mission to support local arts organizations devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. One of her most impactful initiatives is "Synergy Adaptive Arts," an academy providing dance, theatre, and visual arts education for neurodivergent children and adults, ensuring that all members of the community have access to creative expression. Ms. Hilas's commitment to arts accessibility extends beyond our Vacaville community. As the CEO and Founder of Big Lights, Little City, she has championed rural arts programs, supporting venue management and nonprofit consulting to uplift artistic endeavors in underserved areas. Furthermore, Ms. Hilas is a dedicated advocate for animal welfare. She is the Executive Director and Founder of Saving Gracie, a nonprofit dedicated to ending euthanasia due to economic hardship by providing financial assistance for emergency veterinary care. Since its founding in 2016, Saving Gracie has provided over \$400,000 in funding to our Solano County residents, ensuring that financial hardship does not separate families from their beloved pets.

Ms. Hilas's advocacy work also extends to human rights. As a Soroptimist and a community organizer, she has collaborated with local nonprofits, law enforcement, and advocacy groups to educate the public about the dangers of human trafficking. She has organized

two large-scale community awareness events at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, drawing participation from schools, churches, and our local government to combat this pressing issue. In recognition of her tireless efforts, Ms. Hilas was honored in 2024 by the Solano County Commission on Women and Girls as one of six recipients of the Woman of the Year award. She has also been recognized by Senator Bill Dodd's office with a formal resolution praising her outstanding service to the community. Additionally, she was a featured guest on the Association of Performing Arts Professionals' podcast "Work, Art, Life," where she shared her inspiring journey from corporate leadership to nonprofit advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Lisa Hilas's passion, leadership, and determination have profoundly impacted our Solano County community. Her unwavering commitment to the arts, animal welfare, and social advocacy is an inspiration to us all. It is with great honor and deep appreciation that I recognize her invaluable contributions here today.

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, March 4, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 5

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider an authorization to subpoena the production of memoranda, documents, records, and other materials from the Massachusetts Port Authority, and an authorization to subpoena the production of memoranda, documents, records, and other materials from NewPoint Strategies, LLC.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, and Aaron

Szabo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine advancing American interests in the Western Hemisphere.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-562

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine stemming the tide of antisemitism in America.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-106

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 105, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, S. 240, to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, S. 241, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, S. 390, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, S. 546, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, S. 550, to provide for the equitable settlement of certain Indian land disputes regarding land in Illinois, S. 562, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna in the Rio San Jose Stream System and the Pueblos of Jemez and Zia in the Rio Jemez Stream System in the State of New Mexico, S. 563, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of Ohkay Owingeh in the Rio Chama Stream System, to restore the Bosque on Pueblo Land in the State of New Mexico, S. 564, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, S. 565, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in the Rio San Jose Stream System in the State of New Mexico, S. 612, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, S. 620, to provide public health veterinary services to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for rabies prevention, S. 621, 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. 622, 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. 632, 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, S. 637, to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, S. 640, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund, S. 642, to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854, S. 673, to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, S. 689, to approve the settlement of the water right claims of the Tule River Tribe, S. 719, to amend the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 to improve that Act, S. 723, to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mort-

gages on Indian land by certain deadlines, S. 748, to reaffirm the applicability of the Indian Reorganization Act to the Lytton Rancheria of California, S. 761, to establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, and H.R. 165, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reforming SBIR-STTR for the 21st century.

SR-428A

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine defense mobilization in the 21st century.

SD-G50

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Keith Sonderling, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, and other pending calendar business.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Faulkender, of Mary-

land, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martin Makary, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-562

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Dean Sauer, of Missouri, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Harmeet Dhillon, of California, and Aaron Reitz, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-106

11 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology

To hold hearings to examine options to reduce catastrophic wildfire, including H.R. 471, to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands.

SR-328A