

and she helped extend the Conrad State 30 program, which directly addresses national physician shortages.

When Senator Heidi Heitkamp was elected to represent North Dakota in 2012, Tracee was recognized for her impressive legislative record and named Legislative Director. Managing a legislative team of more than 15 staffers and interns, Tracee successfully set up a new Senate office—from creating a legislative roadmap to managing routine operations. As Legislative Director, she crafted more than 50 bills, four of which passed as stand-alone bills and fourteen of which were incorporated into law in larger legislative packages. She also secured \$2.1 billion for a flood control project in North Dakota's largest metro area.

Tracee's compassionate leadership and her ability to create innovative policy solutions to topics far beyond the average staffer's grasp has set her apart. She supported numerous interns and junior staff as they launched their own careers, taking the time to mentor anyone who asked for her help and guidance. Her hard work was recognized, gratefully, by the community she served. While in the Senate, Tracee received the Commodore Award for her work to protect, develop and manage North Dakota's water resources, the Kevin E. Quinlan Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety for her leadership in creating safer roadways, John M. Agrey Award for her many contributions to the state of North Dakota, and was a finalist for the prestigious Congressional Management Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Hiring Tracee to lead my legislative efforts when I was elected to Congress in 2018 remains one of the smartest decisions I've ever made. Her dedication and drive set my legislative team up for success from the start, and her expertise in water, transportation and infrastructure has proved invaluable. Tracee spearheaded the creation of my Arizona Environmental Infrastructure Authority—the first Army Corps project of its kind in Arizona that now disperses funds to critical water infrastructure projects all around our state. She shaped legislation for the FAA Reauthorization that ensure all Americans can fly safely, particularly Americans with disabilities. When my former Chief of Staff left my office in the summer of 2024, I never doubted for a moment that I already had the perfect candidate to step up as Chief. Tracee has given as much of her time and talent to the people of Arizona as she gave to her North Dakota community, and we owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

On the rare occasions Tracee isn't in her office giving Congress her all, she enjoys traveling with her husband, Kevin Sutton, and playing with her dog, Riley. It's my hope that her retirement will hold many more cherished moments with family and friends. I wish her all the best, and Godspeed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SALARY TRANSPARENCY ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2025*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Salary Transparency Act, which would require employers to provide the salary

range for jobs in advertisements and interviews and to existing employees.

Several states have enacted laws relating to salary range disclosure, and the Federal Government should follow their lead and make salary range disclosure a national requirement. Salary transparency is an important tool to combat the gender and race pay gap. Salary secrecy facilitates both intentional and unintentional pay discrimination and perpetuates the pay gap.

Studies have consistently shown that when women negotiate for their salaries, they negotiate for less than similarly situated men. Frequently, this is because the salary they request is a certain percentage higher than their current salary. Because women on average make less than men, this practice perpetuates the pay gap. The same is true for people of color, who earn less on average than their white counterparts. Requiring employers to disclose the salary range for a job will help address this harmful aspect of salary negotiations and lead to a reduction in the gender and race pay gap.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GERALD (JERRY) YAHIRO

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2025*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and extraordinary life of long-time community leader and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Gerald "Jerry" Yahiro. Jerry was a remarkable human being who dedicated his life to his country, his community, and his fellow veterans. Born in Wailuku, Hawaii in 1943 to Yoshisuki and Miyuki Yahiro, Jerry throughout his life exemplified the values of service, leadership, and compassion.

Jerry graduated from St. Anthony High School in Maui and went on to Seattle University where he earned his degree in Political Science. He answered the call of duty and served our Nation with honor as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from June 1967 to June 1968. He displayed extraordinary courage and commitment on behalf of his fellow soldiers and his country.

Following his military service, Jerry moved to California and began a career in marketing and sales. Upon retirement, Jerry began his "second career" and was a tireless advocate for veterans and military families. As president of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley (VNV DV) from 2010 through 2011 and later as event director from 2013 through 2024, Jerry provided critical services to veterans in need. He co-founded the East Bay Stand Down (EBS D) which has supported countless initiatives for the veteran community. Additionally, Jerry served on the board of trustees for the Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley, in Danville.

Jerry is survived by his life partner of 35 years, Patti Kintz, and his brother, Michael Yahiro. His legacy of kindness and service will be remembered by all those who knew him. Please join me in recognizing Jerry Yahiro for his incredible impact on our community.

#### 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 11, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 12

Time to be announced

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to consider the nomination of James Bishop, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

S-216

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution FY25, Major Medical Lease Committee Resolution PACT Act, and the nomination of Paul Lawrence, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the current readiness of the Joint Force.

SD-G50

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to continue consideration of an authorization to subpoena the production of memoranda, documents, records, or other materials from the Massachusetts Port Authority.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine housing roadblocks, focusing on paving a new way to address affordability.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 28, to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices, S. 97, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, S. 244, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices

that combine a modem and router, S. 289, to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrate to individuals, S. 323, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to develop a National Strategy to Synchronize Federal Broadband Programs, S. 389, to establish consumer standards for lithium-ion batteries, S. 414, to require covered digital advertising platforms to report their public service advertisements, S. 428, to promote space situational awareness and space traffic coordination and to modify the functions and leadership of the Office of Space Commerce, S. 433, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the National Manufacturing Advisory Council within the Department of Commerce, S. 582, to provide for the authorized use of Federal vehicle transportation by certain astronauts, S. 613, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to maintain the National Mesonet Program, S. 759, to provide for standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, S. 792, to require the National Telecommunications Information Administration to estimate the value of electromagnetic spectrum assigned or otherwise allocated to Federal entities, S. 841, to require online dating service providers to provide fraud ban notifications to online dating service members, S. 843, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and the nominations of Mark Meador, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Michael Kratsios, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 362, to allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, S. 544, to provide for the location of multiple hardrock mining mill sites, to establish the Abandoned Hardrock Mine Fund, S. 596, to establish a pilot program to support domestic critical material processing, S. 714, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, S. 789, to require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for the development of advanced mining, refining, separation, and processing technologies, and S. 859, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 854, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, S. 855, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, S. 269, to improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system, S. 81, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 861, 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. 766, to require an annual report of taxpayer-funded projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 872, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov, S. 727, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 874, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, S. 594, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 865, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, S. 856, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act, S. 850, to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require updates to the northern border threat analysis and the northern border strategy, S. 848, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, and S. 572, to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Briggs, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator, and Casey Mulligan, of Illinois, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, both of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine breaking the cycle of senior loneliness, focusing

on strengthening family and community support.

SD-106

MARCH 13

9:15 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.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jayanta Bhattacharya, of California, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, and Martin Makary, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and other pending calendar business.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Weldon, of Florida, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-562

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter Hoekstra, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Canada, George Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Ronald Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

1:45 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider 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.

S-120

MARCH 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mehmet Oz, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

SD-215