

Flotilla 11-1's 75th Anniversary. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress to support the Coast Guard with its boat safety mission. Clearwater Flotilla 11-1's service to the Clearwater area predates the Coast Guard's presence in the city. Today, though, the auxiliary provides direct and continuing support to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater and to Coast Guard Station Sand Key. This June, the Clearwater Chapter, Flotilla 11-1, celebrates its 75th anniversary of service to the boating public throughout the Tampa Bay area. The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotilla 11-1 provide invaluable support to the active-duty Coast Guard through a variety of non-law enforcement programs. These include search and rescue missions, marine environmental patrols, youth programs, public education and safety patrols. Additionally, their missions include search and rescue "call outs", back up marine radio coverage and near short patrols as part of the America's Waterway Watch Program. As the Coast Guard's homeland and national security responsibilities continue to expand, the men and women of the auxiliary have stepped up to increase their port security patrols to provide for the defense of our Nation's and in our case Florida's coastline and waterways.

Last year, the Flotilla 11-1 volunteered more than 9,100 hours in support of the Coast Guard. The group conducted ten boating safety education classes with more than 200 graduates, including over 100 children ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. The group also performed almost 150 Vessel Safety Checks to ensure recreational boaters have all the safety gear they need to be legal and safe and conducted more than 175 Recreational Boating Safety Program Visits to boat equipment stores, marinas, and harbors to improve public safety. Flotilla 11-1 Clearwater operates under the leadership of Karen Miller, Commander, and Betsy Scott, Vice-Commander. The Flotilla 11-1's officers include: Jeff Otto—Communication Services, Debbie Mallorie—Finance, Steve Bushnell-Fowler—Human Resources, Karen Miller—Information Services, Public Affairs, and Public Education, Joe Garisto—Materials, Mavrick Putnam—Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Lisa Repetto—Publications and Recreational Boating Safety Program Visitations, Gerard Gaudry—Navigation Systems, Tim Dolan—Operations and Rescue and Survival Systems, Mark Kolupa—Secretary/Records, and Andre Skoinezny—Vessel Examinations. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking the men and women of Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 for their 75 years of service to our community and for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO VALERIE NELSON

HON. MARK B. MESSMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2025

Mr. MESSMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Valerie Nelson, who today marks 20 years of selfless service in the United States House of Representatives. Her unwavering commitment to public service has not only benefited this institution, but it has set an example for generations of congressional staff to come.

Val first entered federal service as an executive assistant to her home state Congressman Jim Ramstad of Minnesota, serving in his Washington D.C. office to support his legislative efforts. She later joined the leadership office of Congressman Eric Cantor where she served as Member Services Director. In this position, Valerie served as a vital link between the Republican Conference and the Whip's office. When Congressman Cantor became Majority Leader, Val continued in this key role during a critical time in our conference's history.

Upon his retirement, Val stepped away from Capitol Hill for a well-deserved break and time in the private sector but in 2021, Val was recruited back to the Hill to serve as Communications Director for Appropriations Chairwoman Kay Granger.

In that role, Val was instrumental in supporting the Chairwoman's priorities by ensuring they were clearly and effectively communicated. She worked closely with Chairwoman Granger, committee staff and senior personal office staff to help shape messaging and communicate key initiatives to both the broader public and the constituents of Fort Worth. She later went on to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff.

Her relationships across the Hill—built over two decades of trusted service—have already opened doors and helped my freshman office hit the ground running. Being a new Member of Congress comes with plenty of unknowns, but thanks to Val's steady leadership, these first few months have been marked by order, effectiveness, and forward momentum. Since taking office, I've relied on Val to help build a strong team and good culture that ensures we are delivering results for the people of Indiana's 8th District. The 119th Congress will be one for history books, and Val will be responsible for many of the core contributions that my office adds to that record.

It is my honor and privilege to recognize Valerie Nelson for her 20 years of public service in the House of Representatives. Few staffers reach this milestone, and even fewer do so with the level of dedication, professionalism, and grace that Val has consistently shown. We are all better for her service, thankful for her selfless dedication—and I'm truly grateful to have her on my team.

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 6, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 8

9 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-138

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Obadal, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Sean O'Keefe, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrea Travnicek, of North Dakota, and Leslie Beyer, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Theodore J. Garrish, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Tristan Abbey, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of William L. Doffermyre, of Texas, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and Catherine Jereza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Electricity), and Kyle Haustveit, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary (Fossil Energy), both of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine winning the AI race, focusing on strengthening United States capabilities in computing and innovation.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James O'Neill, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Janette Nesheiwat, of New York, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile;

to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Caleb Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

MAY 12
3:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To receive a closed briefing on space superiority.

SD-419

SVC-217

MAY 13
10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Fink, of New Hampshire, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Pierre Gentin, of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Commerce, and Rob-

ert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

MAY 14
1 p.m.
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Health and Human Services.

SR-253

SD-430