

That is my story.

RECOGNIZING JORDAN FRENCH

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Jordan French has made through his work with the Pasco County Human Services Team. The Pasco County Human Services Team has proven itself to be a cornerstone of resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment to the community. Amidst the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, they emerged as an indispensable force, transforming challenges into triumphs and ensuring no resident was left behind. The team managed and helped coordinate efforts for shelters that housed 485 residents. When Hurricane Milton struck shortly thereafter, the team rose to even greater heights, coordinating shelters for 5,800 individuals and 1,315 animals—an extraordinary feat of operational precision and compassion. Despite personal hardships, including one case manager losing her home while another lost her rental property, the team prioritized the welfare of the community, working tirelessly to ensure safety and stability for all. Post-storm, the team was responsible for helping shelter residents whose homes were no longer safe, find appropriate alternatives for housing. Their dedication shone through in rapid response efforts. In the days immediately following Hurricane Helene, 49 residents received critical assessments and essential resources. After Hurricane Milton, they worked with 225 displaced individuals who remained in shelters, demonstrating their unparalleled ability to adapt and respond under pressure. The team leveraged the Human Services Needs app to streamline disaster case management, supporting 1,351 residents. Their follow-up system, in partnership with other agencies, ensured personalized service for every individual. This innovative approach epitomized their ability to harness technology and partnerships for meaningful impact. Beyond immediate relief, the team worked with individuals and families who would require long-term recovery efforts. For approximately 150 permanently displaced residents, they implemented a housing eligibility process, with the intent of ensuring fair and transparent allocation of resources. By securing placements at facilities like Pasco Hope, the team supported individuals and families along a pathway to rebuild their lives. Between September 28 and October 18, 2024, the team managed an overwhelming volume of calls—1,194 through their direct line and another 1,214 through work phones. Yet every call was met with care, professionalism, and actionable solutions, reflecting the team's deep commitment to being a lifeline for the community. The Pasco County Human Services Team exemplifies what it means to serve with excellence, compassion, and innovation. Their remarkable achievements during Hurricanes Helene and Milton, coupled with their dedication to long-term recovery and cutting-edge approaches to disaster management, have left an indelible mark on Pasco County. For their tireless service, extraordinary impact,

and embodiment of resilience, the Pasco County Human Services Team is a truly deserving nominee for the Heros Among Us Award.

It is clear Jordan French has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

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 Thursday, May 8, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 12

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

SVC-217

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Anderson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Adam Telle, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Matthew Napoli, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-G50

10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Pink, 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 Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine East Africa and the horn, focusing on a turning point or breaking point.

SD-419

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine competition issues in the prescription drug supply chain, focusing on pharmacy benefit manager power play.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Disaster Management, District of Columbia, and Census

To hold hearings to examine the insurance industry's claims practices following recent natural disasters.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine perspectives from the field, focusing on conservation.

SR-328A

4:45 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense missile defense activities in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

MAY 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine FAA reauthorization one year later, focusing on aviation safety, air traffic, and next generation technology.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine trade in critical supply chains.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sean McMaster, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, John Busterud, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, and Adam Telle, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense.

SD-562

1:30 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.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine foreign threats to American innovation and economic leadership.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship		3:30 p.m.		MAY 15	
To hold hearings to examine financing America's manufacturing and industrial boom.		Committee on Indian Affairs		10 a.m.	
SR-428A		To hold oversight hearings to examine delivering essential public health and social services to Native Americans, focusing on Federal programs serving Native Americans across the operating divisions at the Department of Health and Human Services.		Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation	
3 p.m.		SD-628		Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety	
Committee on Appropriations		Special Committee on Aging		To hold hearings to examine pipeline safety reauthorization, focusing on ensuring the safe and efficient movement of American energy.	
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch		To hold hearings to examine preparing for disasters, focusing on unique challenges facing older Americans.		SR-253	
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Senate Sergeant at Arms and United States Capitol Police.		SD-106			
SD-192					