

my district, U.S. Army Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) John M. Diller who is retiring from Chaplain service to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve after over 21 years.

Chaplain Diller was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to a family with a rich history of ecclesiastical and military service. Chaplain Diller's lineage includes servicemembers involved in every major United States military campaign since his ancestors immigrated to America in the early 1900's.

After earning his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania in 1991, John taught music in elementary and middle schools and directed several choirs. After several career changes, John felt his calling to enter seminary and to join the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a Chaplain following the September 11, 2001 attacks. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Chaplain Candidate on February 26, 2004, and began drilling with the 108th Field Artillery, 56th Brigade, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Chaplain Diller served with the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion before being called back to the 56th Stryker Brigade for mobilization to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008 to 2009.

Chaplain Diller transferred to the Army Reserves in 2015, upon a family move to Orange Park, Florida. His first assignment was as a Brigade Chaplain with the 207th Regional Support Group out of Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Though he left the 207th because he was selected to serve as the Mission Support Element Chaplain for the 143rd Mission Support Element in Orlando, the 207th requested his return when the unit was marked for their first deployment since the start of the Global War of Terror. The 207th was the Base Operations Support element on Al Asad Air Base when it was attacked on January 8, 2020, by Iranian ballistic missiles. Chaplain Diller was the only Chaplain on the base, and the only Soldier Support element. For 5 days, Chaplain Diller drew upon his training in Traumatic Event Management and Critical Incident Stress Management to perform at least seven group debriefings/de-escalations following the attack. On the 5th, when multiple Behavioral Health and Chaplain teams finally arrived, the Behavioral Health lead Officer observed Chaplain Diller's program and instructed his teams to "learn and perform that program."

After, Chaplain Diller was selected as the Command Chaplain for the Deployment Support Command (DSC), in Birmingham, Alabama. He oversaw 56 Chaplains, Chaplain Candidates, and Religious Affairs Specialists in 16 states and 4 time zones.

Chaplain Diller has consistently received the highest praise and commendation from both his Branch Supervisors and his Unit Commanders. His dedication to the highest standards of the Army Values, and the principles of duty, honor, respect reflect well upon himself, the Army, and the Chaplain Corps. The residents in my district are blessed to have this Pennsylvanian grown citizen back home, and I congratulate him on his Army retirement and wish him, his family, and his congregation God-speed.

COMMEMORATING THE 1842 BUFFALO CREEK TREATY

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and recognize the 1842 Buffalo Creek Treaty, a landmark agreement that contributed to the history of Native Americans and the United States. Signed in a partnership agreement between the United States and the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Buffalo Creek Treaty ensured that the culture and heritage of the Seneca Nation remains on their rightful land in the Allegany and Cattaraugus Reservations.

Signed nearly two centuries ago in Western New York, the Buffalo Creek Treaty reaffirmed the Seneca Nation's right to self-govern and protect their remaining land. Seneca Nation leaders banded together, ensuring that the various nations of Western New York were not displaced and their culture allowed to survive—a significant victory for the Seneca people. The unwavering dedication to their heritage and people ensures the well-being, sovereignty, and prosperity of future generations.

To this day, the Seneca Nation territory in Allegany and Cattaraugus counties are sovereign territories. It is immensely important that the provisions of the Buffalo Creek Treaty continue to be recognized and followed, as it is a symbol of self-determination and coexistence. As we uphold the Buffalo Creek Treaty, we are continuously working toward mending and strengthening the ties between New York State and the Seneca Nation of Indians.

Today, as we celebrate 183 years of the 1842 Buffalo Creek Treaty, we look forward with hope for the future, but also acknowledgment of the past. The Buffalo Creek Treaty is a promise of sovereignty and respect. Please join me in recognizing and celebrating the Seneca Nation of Indians for their many contributions to Western New York and the United States of America.

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 20, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on an update on Yemen.

SVC-217

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jonathan Brightbill, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Tina Pierce, of Idaho, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Conner Prochaska, of Texas, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, all of the Department of Energy, and Ned Mamula, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 190, to enhance the operations of the North Pacific Research Board, S. 318, to require a plan to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, S. 337, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration relating to the shipping of household goods, S. 503, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, S. 1092, to require certain products to be labeled with 'Do Not Flush' labeling, S. 1442, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow for eligibility for projects for the installation of human trafficking awareness signs at rest stops, S. 1523, to modify operations of the National Water Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 1626, to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and the nominations of David Fink, of New Hampshire, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, David Fogel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Robert Gleason, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and Pierre Gentin, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, and promotions in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-562

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the state of higher education.

SD-430

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine fueling America's manufacturing comeback.

SR-428A

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dudley Hoskins, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Scott Hutchins, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture.

SD-106

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 Department of the Interior.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine science and Federal health agencies, focusing on Myocarditis and other events associated with the COVID-19 vaccines.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

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

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Small Business Administration.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold hearings to examine defense of the Department of Defense Information Network; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at 3:30 p.m.

SR-222

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law

To hold hearings to examine AI-generated deepfakes.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 214, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, S. 219, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing veterans the ability to choose health care providers, S. 506, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to coordinate, navigate, and manage care and benefits for veterans enrolled in both the Medicare program and the system

of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 585, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pre-transition health care registration process to facilitate enrollment in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs by members of the Armed Forces who are separating from the Armed Forces, S. 599, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, S. 605, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, S. 635, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recognize nurse registries for purposes of the Veterans Community Care Program, S. 649, 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. 778, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a lactation space in each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 784, to expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, S. 800, to modify the Precision Medicine for Veterans Initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 827, to extend and modify the transportation grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 879, to expand medical, employment, and other benefits for individuals serving as family caregivers for certain veterans, S. 1318, to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, S. 1320, to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, S. 1441, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit entities to assist such entities in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, S. 1533, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent and codify the pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 1543, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and S. 1591, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the acquisition structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Department.

SR-418

MAY 22

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Julie Hocker, of Virginia, to

be an Assistant Secretary, Wayne Palmer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and Henry Mack III, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Labor, Marco Rajkovich, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and Kirsten Baesler, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Kevin O'Farrell, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, and Nicholas Kent, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, all of the Department of Education.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

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

SD-138

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing America, focusing on key authorities under the Defense Production Act.

SD-538

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Gadyaces Serralta, of Florida, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, and David Charles Waterman, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, all of the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the National Guard and Reserves Forces.

SD-192

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 21

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Seapower

To hold hearings to examine Navy unmanned systems.

SR-232A

MAY 22

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Technology, and Data Privacy

To hold hearings to examine World Anti Doping Agency, focusing on swimming in denial over Chinese doping.

SR-253