

and the arts. She has performed in numerous community theater productions with Dreamweavers, Lucky Penny, and Valley Players. She is married to Dr. Marty Nemko, an accomplished career coach, author, and writer. Together they raised their daughter, Amy Zubrensky, who served as a researcher in the Clinton White House, earned her law degree from Yale, and now serves as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. Nemko and her husband are the proud grandparents of Lea and Sara Zubrensky.

Mr. Speaker, for nearly three decades, Dr. Barbara Nemko has dedicated herself to strengthening Napa County's education system and enriching her community. It is fitting and proper that we recognize her extraordinary career, leadership, and service here today.

REMEMBERING JAMES VITALE

HON. CHRISTOPHER R. DELUZIO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of my constituent, James Anthony Vitale, who passed away recently at the age of 66.

Mr. Vitale was a dedicated civic leader in Moon Township.

He was a dedicated public servant, serving on the Moon Township Board of Supervisors for nearly 18 years, holding the positions of Chairman or Vice Chairman for 11 of those years.

And he was committed to his community, representing the township on the Board of Directors of the South Hills Area Council of Governments for 15 years.

Public service was in Jim Vitale's bones.

In Western Pennsylvania, a life like his—devoted to his family and community—shows exactly who we are.

Humble, proud, and always ready to do our part: Jim embodied the very best of Western Pennsylvania values: hard work, service, and dedication.

I am holding Jim's wife, Luanne Vitale, his family, and his entire community in my heart as we celebrate his life and mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE JIM KNECHT ON 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Illinois Fourth District Appellate Court Justice, James "Jim" Knecht, as he reaches the milestone of serving 50 years as a judge.

Jim was born in Lincoln, Illinois in 1944 and graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1962. Afterwards, he attended Illinois State University and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1973. While in law school, Jim was an editor of the Law Review and was honored as

a member of the prestigious national law school honors society, the Order of the Coif.

Jim began his judicial career as a law clerk to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Underwood before serving as an Associate Circuit Judge for 3 years and as a Circuit Judge for 8 years. In 1986, Judge Knecht was elected to the Illinois Fourth District Appellate Court. Currently, he is the longest serving judge in Illinois court history and an accredited leader within the Illinois law community. He is a member of the Illinois State and McLean County Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society, the Illinois Judges' Association, the Appellate Lawyers Association, and is a fellow of the Illinois Bar Foundation.

Outside of the courtroom, Judge Knecht is heavily involved in our Illinois communities and within his alma maters. He serves on the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council and on the National Advisory Board of the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence. Additionally, he spent time as an adjunct professor at both Illinois State University and the University of Illinois College of Law. At Illinois State University, his time as an adjunct professor lasted nearly three decades and he is a recipient of their Distinguished Alumni Award.

I want to congratulate Judge Knecht on this momentous achievement and thank him for his continued service to the state of Illinois. I wish Judge Knecht, his wife Ruth, their children and grandchildren many years of happiness and success in the future.

RECOGNIZING LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS ON EARNING AN "A" RATING FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Lake County Schools in Lake County, Florida, for their outstanding achievement in earning an "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education for the 2024–2025 school year.

Lake County Schools currently operates 49 schools, serving students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12, with approximately 48,285 students and 2,696 teachers. This marks the first time since 2008 that the Lake County School District has earned this prestigious distinction, reflecting the district's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, student achievement, and community support.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Diane Kornegay and the dedicated members of the Lake County School Board, the district earned this "A" rating by achieving a high percentage of points based on student performance across a wide range of academic indicators. These include standardized assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, as well as learning gains in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Among the most notable improvements were a 15 percent increase in Algebra 1 proficiency, a 7 percent increase in English Language Arts for grades 9 and 10, a 4 percent overall increase in English Language Arts

scores, and a 4 percent improvement in Civics end-of-course exam performance. Additionally, the district proudly reports a high school graduation rate of 93 percent, a significant achievement that speaks volumes about the commitment of the students, educators, and families of Lake County.

I am pleased to join our community in congratulating the teachers, administrators, support staff, and especially the students of Lake County Schools for their hard work, diligence, and determination in making this achievement possible. I thank them for their continued pursuit of educational excellence.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROSEMARY ENRICO

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mrs. Rosemary Margo Enrico of Dallas, Texas, who peacefully passed away on May 6, 2025.

Rosemary was born on September 28, 1944, in Chisholm, Minnesota, to Andrew and Rose Margo. She graduated from Marquette University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. For 48 years, she was married to her childhood sweetheart, Roger Anthony Enrico, and they raised a large family with many children. Rosemary was a devout Catholic, schoolteacher, and generous philanthropist. Along with Roger, they founded the nonprofit Roger and Rosemary Enrico Foundation to support Catholic initiatives and provide life-changing scholarships to many economically disadvantaged students in North Texas.

In her free time, Rosemary was passionate about the arts and was an avid traveler. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling around the world with Roger. I am deeply saddened to hear of Rosemary's passing, as she brought compassion, kindness, and warmth with her presence wherever she went. The incredible impact she has made on our community will be remembered and felt for many years to come.

I have requested the United States flag to be flown over our Nation's Capitol in recognition of Rosemary's life and contributions to North Texas. She will be dearly missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her.

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, July 24, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on Operation MIDNIGHT HAMMER.

SVC-217

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on reauthorization of the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

SR-328A

JULY 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment

To hold hearings to examine guardrails and growth, focusing on AI's role in capital and insurance markets.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1691, to limit the use of facial recognition technology in airports, S. 2314, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, S. 2318, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to require the periodic update to the strategic plan to guide the Manufacturing USA Program to align with the mandatory updates to the National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing, S. 2351, to supplement existing lease authorities available to the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to support research, education, and training, and the nominations of Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Taylor Jordan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Commerce, Paul Roberti, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Jonathan Morrison, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary, Michael Rutherford, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, and Derek Barrs, of Florida, to be Adminis-

trator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

S-116

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2292, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user fee program for over-the-counter monograph drugs, S. 1440, to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to include as an additional right or privilege of commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (and their beneficiaries) certain leave provided under title 10, United States Code to commissioned officers of the Army (or their beneficiaries), S. 2301, to reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care, S. 1727, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to permit employee stock ownership plan participants to benefit from the full amount of beneficial ownership that can be accrued in the plan while also fully realizing the benefits of saving for retirement in a defined contribution plan, S. 1728, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to expand the membership of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to include representatives of employee ownership organizations, an original bill entitled "Kay Hagan Tick Reauthorization Act", and an original bill entitled "Retire Through Ownership Act".

SD-430

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; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. 1498, to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by Members of Congress, S. 2144, to improve the safety and security of Members of Congress, immediate family members of Members of Congress, and congressional staff, the nominations of Pedro Allende, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Paul Ingrassia, of New York, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years, Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

SD-342

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Congress's role in the regulatory landscape.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To hold hearings to examine finding opportunities for U.S.-Africa partnerships.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law

To hold hearings to examine protecting and safeguarding Americans' online data.

SD-226

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine awareness to action, focusing on combating elder abuse & neglect.

SD-106