

chairman at Osceola County Fire Rescue and has successfully developed and implemented programs aimed at reducing workplace injuries, enhancing physical readiness, promoting mental wellness, and preventing cancer. His hands-on approach to fitness training and safety education has equipped firefighters with the tools and confidence needed to perform their duties effectively under the most challenging conditions.

Lieutenant Vergara was a founding member of the Florida Firefighter Fitness Collaborative, established in 2011. Their mission was to offer "Wellness Mutual Aid" to other fire departments across the state that pursued the implementation and/or maintenance of their wellness/fitness programs, such as the IAFF Wellness Fitness Initiative.

Lieutenant Vergara currently serves on the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative, which focuses on areas of firefighter cancer prevention, health and fitness, mental wellness, and firefighter safety. Through the FFSHC, Bert chairs the health and safety section for the state of Florida. Bert also serves as a member of the First Responder Center of Excellence, Health, Wellness, and Fitness Advisory Committee. He also serves as an advisor on the IAFF Wellness Fitness Initiative Taskforce.

Lieutenant Vergara continuously seeks opportunities for professional development to stay at the forefront of emerging health and safety practices. He remains committed to mentoring firefighters, cultivating teamwork, and creating sustainable strategies to improve overall firefighter performance.

Lieutenant Vergara was recently the recipient of the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Firefighter Cancer Initiative, Commitment Award for his contributions to improve the health and wellness of Florida's firefighters.

#### RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JABAR SHABAZZ ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 6, 2025*

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lt. Colonel Jabar Shabazz, who is retiring after 31 years of faithful service to our Nation, culminating in his service as lieutenant colonel, the highest rank in the Sheriff's Office, immediately below Sheriff.

Lt. Col. Shabazz has always been a competitive and driven person, as was apparent in his days as a college basketball player. He attended Virginia State University on a four-year athletic scholarship and played small forward. In his senior year, his team won the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship. While his goal was to join the NBA, Shabazz ended up meeting several folks who worked for the Richmond Sheriff's Office when he was playing in a summer league after college.

He began his career in public service in 1989 when he joined the Richmond Sheriff's Office. After five years of distinguished service in Richmond, Lt. Col. Shabazz decided to join the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in March of

1994 after taking a tour of the Adult Detention Center (ADC) and liking what he saw.

Since his graduation from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, he has spent the majority of his career in the ADC but has served with distinction in all areas of the agency, including court security and internal affairs. Throughout his time in each division and rank, Lt. Col. Shabazz made his mark on his colleagues and the Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid. Sheriff Kincaid ended up offering Shabazz the position to serve as her Chief Deputy in 2022, despite his nearing retirement. Knowing he had more service to give, he accepted and obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

When taking over the position of Chief Deputy of Operations, Shabazz was confident in his skills in operations and was looking forward to being responsible for both the ADC and all of their support services. Sheriff Kincaid described him as being "the gold standard of leadership in [the] agency," and that he "brings with him a mentality of getting to yes and finding a way over, around, or through any obstacle to get the job done." His appointment to this position was also historic, as he became the first African American Lieutenant Colonel and Chief Deputy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lt. Colonel Jabar Shabazz on his retirement. On behalf of myself and the citizens of Fairfax County, I thank him and his family for his honorable 31 years of selfless service to our Nation. Fairfax County is the safest jurisdiction of its size, and that is in no small part due to the dedication of individuals like Lt. Col. Shabazz. Best wishes for a safe and happy retirement.

#### 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, October 7, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### OCTOBER 8

Time to be announced

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

S-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1070, to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities, S. 2126, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, S. 2245, to amend the Digital Coast Act to improve the acquisition, integration, and accessibility of data of the Digital Coast program and to extend the program, S. 2357, to reauthorize the Young Fishermen's Development Act, S. 2563, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, S. 2666, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a taskforce on unlawful robocalls, an original bill entitled, "PIPELINE Safety Act of 2025", and the nominations of Joyce Meyer, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Harry Kumar, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and Seval Oz, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine big tech and silencing Americans.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Douglas Troutman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-562

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jonathan Greenstein, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Donald Korb, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, and Derek Theurer, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine labor law reform part 1, focusing on diagnosing the issues and exploring current proposals.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing on restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the United States patent system.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider the nomination of William Kirk, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joshua Simmons, of Virginia,

to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Peter Metzger, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis.

SD-G50

3:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine closing loopholes that kill American patients.

SH-216

## OCTOBER 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Kenneth S. Wilsbach, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

SD-G50

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Crystal Carey, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel, and Scott Mayer, of Pennsylvania, and James Murphy, of Maryland, both to be a Member, all of the National Labor Relations Board, and Rosario Palmieri, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Anthony D'Esposito, of New York, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Labor.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine AI's potential to support patients, workers, children, and families.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Rebecca L. Taibleson, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, David A. Bragdon and Lindsey Ann Freeman, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Robert P. Chamberlin and James D. Maxwell II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Matthew E. Orso and Susan Courtwright Rodriguez, both to be a United States

District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Sara Bailey, of Texas, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Braden Boucek, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years, Dominick Gerace II, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years, Jerome Francis Gorgon, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years, James Kruger, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, Scott Leary, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, Bryan Stirling, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years, Thomas Wheeler II, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years, Thomas Albus, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years, and Adam Mildred, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

SH-216

## OCTOBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2130, to make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, S. 2424, to require a report of, and a strategy to combat, arms sales of the Government of the People's Republic of China, S. 1744, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, S. 2626, to strengthen the leadership role of the United States at the Inter-American Development Bank, S. 2146, to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, S. 2550, to provide for international cooperation to

secure critical mineral supply chains, S. 1854, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to political and economic elites in Haiti, S. 2657, to impose sanctions relating to the support of the People's Republic of China for the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, S. 2018, to modify certain limitations and exclusions regarding defense articles and requirements regarding security assistance and sales with respect to the Republic of Cyprus, S. 799, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to reduce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2684, to support countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan, to counter efforts by the People's Republic of China to coerce or pressure governments into breaking such ties, to deepen coordination with Taiwan on diplomatic, development, and economic engagement in the Western Hemisphere, S. 2224, to amend the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019 to provide that the United States, in its role as a member of any international organizations, should oppose any attempts by the People's Republic of China to resolve Taiwan's status by distorting the decisions, language, policies, or procedures of any such organization, S. 2918, to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, S. 1000, to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs, S. Res. 409, recognizing the 74th anniversary of the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Philippines and the strong bilateral security alliance between our two nations in the wake of escalating aggression and political lawfare by the People's Republic of China in the South China Sea, an original bill entitled, "Deter PRC Aggression Against Taiwan Act", and an original bill entitled, "SCAM Act".

S-116