

and a proud father of four daughters. Together, they have navigated the many moves and sacrifices that accompany a life of service.

On behalf of this great Nation, I salute Special Agent Blevins for his remarkable service to the United States Marine Corps, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the people of the United States. His career stands as a testament to duty, honor, and selfless service. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him and his family continued happiness, health, and success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, and Thursday, June 11, 2026, due to a Post Polio medical condition. Had I been present, I would have voted: Nay on Roll Call No. 222, condemning actors seeking to defraud the U.S. Government, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that government-wide fraud and improper payment prevention reforms will meaningfully improve the financial prosperity of the U.S., and that Federal program eligibility should be verified before payment; Nay on Roll Call No. 221, to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; Nay on Roll Call No. 220, Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act; Yea on Roll Call No. 219, Motion to recommit the Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act; Nay on Roll Call No. 218, Fraud Prevention and Accountability Act; and Nay on Roll Call No. 217, No Aid for Ghost Students Act.

I would like to further explain my vote on Roll Call No. 221, regarding H.R. 9238, I could not support this bill after President Trump nominated Bill Pulte to be the next Director of National Intelligence (DNI). The law requires the DNI nominee to have extensive background in intelligence and the man the President put forward has none. He has zero experience.

HONORING HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM AND THEIR HISTORIC 2025–2026 SEASON

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable achievements, leadership, and enduring impact of the Howard University (HU) Men's Basketball program. Led by Head Coach Kenneth Blakeney and his entire coaching staff, HU's historic 2025 to 2026 season brought immense pride to the University, the Washington, D.C. community, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities nationwide.

During the 2025 to 2026 season, HU recorded the second-most regular season wins in program history and later won the Mid-East-

ern Athletic Conference Championship (MEAC), securing another National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament appearance and continuing the program's rise on the national stage. Most notably, the HU Bison earned their first-ever NCAA Tournament victory, a milestone achievement that cemented this team's place in Howard University history and inspired countless students, alumni, and supporters across the Nation.

The Howard University Men's Basketball program has shown that success is measured not only by historic victories and championships, but by the lives impacted along the way. Beyond their historic accomplishments on the hardwood this season, Coach Blakeney, his staff, and the student athletes have remained deeply committed to serving the Washington, D.C. community. Through mentorship initiatives, youth engagement, community outreach, and service efforts throughout the District, these young men have continuously demonstrated what it means to lead with purpose and represent their university with honor.

As a proud Howard University Law alumnus, extending this honor will always hold a special meaning to me. I know firsthand the transformative impact that Howard University has on its students and the broader community. The legacy of this historic basketball program will shape lives, develop the next generation of leaders, and uplift communities for years to come.

HONORING DR. PAULENE ADRIENNE LEWIS HOPKINS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2026

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and service of Dr. Paulene Adrienne Lewis Hopkins, a distinguished educator, community leader, World War II veteran, and member of the historic 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion—the legendary “Six Triple Eight.” Her life exemplified the highest ideals of patriotism, service, perseverance, and leadership.

Dr. Hopkins was born on December 13, 1919, in Chambers County, Texas. She was the daughter of Fannie Patterson Lewis and Elbert Lewis and the eldest of five children. Following her mother's death, she moved to Marshall, Texas, where she graduated from Central High School and then attended Wiley College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. She began her career as an educator in Double Bayou, Texas, where she invested in the lives of young Texans and demonstrated the dedication to public service that would define her life's work. She met and married Mack Henry Hopkins in Marshall before going to New York to attain her master's degree in educational administration from Columbia University.

On May 2, 1943, at a pivotal time in World War II, she joined the Women's Army Corps and honorably served until 1946, attaining the rank of Technician Fifth Grade. Most notably, Dr. Hopkins served as a member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only predominantly African American Women's Army Corps unit deployed overseas during

World War II. The women of the Six Triple Eight were assigned one of the most daunting logistical missions of the war: eliminating a backlog of millions of letters and packages destined for American servicemembers and their families.

At a time when troop morale was critical to the Allied war effort, these women worked around the clock in difficult conditions to restore communication between soldiers and loved ones. Guided by their famous motto, “No Mail, Low Morale,” the members of the 6888th accomplished what many believed impossible. Through efficiency, discipline, and determination, they cleared years of accumulated mail in a matter of months, reconnecting families and boosting the morale of American troops stationed abroad.

For her honorable military service, Dr. Hopkins received the American Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Yet her greatest military legacy remains her contribution to the success of the Six Triple Eight and her role in a unit whose service has only recently received the national recognition it has long deserved.

After the war, Dr. Hopkins continued her pursuit of excellence through education. She went on to serve as a teacher, principal, educational administrator, literacy advocate, and community leader. She devoted decades to helping students achieve their potential and strengthening educational opportunities for others.

Upon her retirement, Dr. Hopkins returned to Marshall, Texas, where she remained active in civic and educational affairs. She served on the Wiley College Board of Trustees, the Marshall Independent School District Community Education Advisory Council, the Marshall Planning and Zoning Commission, and numerous community organizations. As Executive Director of the Truitt Ingram Literacy Center, she championed literacy and lifelong learning throughout East Texas.

Whether serving schoolchildren in Chambers County, educating future generations in California, or serving her country overseas with the historic Six Triple Eight, Dr. Hopkins consistently answered the call to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, the life of Dr. Paulene Adrienne Lewis Hopkins reflects the very best of America. Her service in the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion helped sustain the morale of American troops during World War II, while her lifelong commitment to education transformed countless lives. May her life as a pioneering educator, a dedicated community servant, and a proud member of one of the most significant military units in American history continue to inspire generations of Americans for years to come.

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, June 16, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 17

9 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bradford Pentony Wilson, of New Jersey, to be Archivist of the United States, Hal Duncan, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Brian Cavanaugh, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, David Cummins, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, Cameron Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Don Richard Berthiaume, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Justice, Charles Baldis, of Virginia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, James Woodruff, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Jeffrey Brodsky, William Gallo, Anthony Lomangino, and Robert Steffens, of Florida, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 1547, to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the state of the U.S. Territories.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 4726, to promote efforts to bring about stability and security in Sudan, S. 3984, to authorize a 2-year extension of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, S. 4570, to incentivize, streamline, and sustain United States foreign government partner procurement of United States-origin cyber and digital technologies, S. 4259, to promote the development, production, and deployment of secure and resilient Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) to enhance United States national security and support the defense and resilience of Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region, S. 3018, to permit visiting dignitaries and service members from Taiwan to display the flag of the Republic of China, S. 2578, to support United States investment opportunities, to strengthen bilateral collaboration in addressing criminal elements

operating in the Brazilian Amazon, S. 2252, to require United States foreign assistance commodities to be made available for their intended purposes before they expire, S. 3050, to amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, to modify requirements under that Act relating to exemptions, S. 4610, to promote the development and use of geothermal resources in the Pacific, S. 3172, to repeal certain Acts that impose sanctions upon Syria, S. 3676, to require a sports diplomacy strategy to strategically leverage the major sporting events being hosted in the United States during the next decade to enhance United States soft power, diplomatic relationships, and global leadership, S. 4708, to improve the security of the Arctic, S. 4009, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, S. 1542, to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, to safeguard their distinct identity, S. 3900, to promote human rights, internet freedom and accountability in Iran, S. 4709, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to modify a limitation relating to exports and transfers of defense articles and services under the AUKUS partnership, S. 4392, to promote United States and allied energy and mineral security, S. 4600, to require a South China Sea diplomatic engagement strategy, S. 4577, to reassess the United States-Tanzania bilateral relationship, S. 4443, to increase cooperation with countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region in order to strengthen energy security and defense capabilities, S. 4723, to establish a program to provide assistance to strengthen the capacity of law enforcement agencies in Latin America and the Caribbean to prosecute Chinese organized criminal groups and Chinese government-linked organizations engaged in criminal activity, S. 4680, to authorize the Secretary of State to extend limited consular appointments to eight years, with an additional two-year extension for needs of the Foreign Service, S. 4665, to require the Secretary of State to submit a strategy to Congress for countering Iranian and Hezbollah influence operations in Latin America, S. 3733, to amend the Passport Act of June 4, 1920, to authorize certain public libraries to collect and retain a fee for the execution of a passport application.

S-116

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1782, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants, S. 3799, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Healthy Start Initiative, S. 4109, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, S. 2339, to reauthorize the Young Women's Breast Health Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009, S. 4472, to amend the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act to reauthorize the provisions of such Act through fiscal year 2031, S. 2658, to require sponsors of drug applications and holders of approved applications to provide certain submissions and communications to the Food and Drug Administration and the United

States Patent and Trademark Office, S. 3014, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to citizen petitions, and S. 1954, to improve the requirements for making a determination of interchangeability of a biological product and its reference product.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine Walter Clayton, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine 250 years of Main Street, focusing on retail to research.

SR-428A

3:30 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine China's toll on older Americans' health, finances, and security.

SH-216

JUNE 18

9:30 a.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending business items.

SH-219

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and a promotion list in the Coast Guard.

SR-253

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1133, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 1146, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 4591, to protect intellectual property rights in the voice and visual likeness of individuals, and the nominations of Benjamin M. Flowers, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Matthew A. Schwartz, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Michael J. Hendershot, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Jeffrey T. Kuntz, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Arthur Roberts Jones, and John George Edward Marck, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Don Richard Berthiaume, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Justice, and Sean Costello, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Juan Segura, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs) and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, Brendan Hanrahan, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs), Rudolph Bauer, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Belize, Kari Lake, of Arizona,

to be Ambassador to Jamaica, and Michael Vance, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence

and Research), all of the Department of State.

JUNE 23

SD-419

4:15 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
To hold hearings to examine an update on the F-35 aircraft program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SR-222