

Of weighing memories while searching for the light,

Gratefully feeling still the loving hands faithfully

Placed on my curly head by proud Grandpa Zvi,

Son of martyred Rabbi Yaacov and Dena of Zamosc,

With radiant grandma Rachel smilingly approving,

Reassuring their first grandchild,
A refugee like Father Abraham and Mother Sara,

Whose birth was surely a divine sign of a threatened

Covenant renewed, to protect me always with a Tallit

Of reaffirmed life even if God's blessing would not.

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HONORING ST. MARY'S COUNTY'S TOBACCO BARN DISTILLERY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 2, 2026

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the founders of the Tobacco Barn Distillery in my district: Dan Dawson, Sean Coogan, and Scott Sanders. Their Maryland Bourbon Cream recently placed first in the Nation in the American Craft Spirits Association's 2025 "Beyond Bourbon" category.

Since its founding as the first licensed distillery in St. Mary's County back in 2014, the Tobacco Barn Distillery has been an institution in our community. Dan, Sean, and Scott transformed their former tobacco farm into a true "dirt to bottle" distillery, growing the corn that goes into their bourbons themselves. From the start, three principles have guided their enterprise. First, they maintain a high standard of excellence for their product, ensuring that every bottle of their spirits exceeds expectations. Second, they are committed to caring for the land and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Accordingly, they practice "no till" farming, applying minimal fertilizer, and recycle 100 percent of their cooling water. They are even members of the Maryland Green Registry. Third, they pride themselves on being community oriented and community driven, believing that their success is linked to the success of the people and local businesses around them. I also ought to note, Mr. Speaker, that the Tobacco Barn Distillery is a Veteran-owned business and a strong supporter of numerous charities benefiting our Veterans.

I don't drink, but I'm told their product is as good as their values. No wonder the Tobacco Barn Distillery has earned national recognition. In addition to its recent award, it was named America's number 1 "Farmer-Distiller" by the American Craft Spirits Association in 2023 and 2024.

Mr. Speaker, I have long championed my Make It In America agenda. The only thing better than making it in America is making it in Maryland. The Tobacco Barn Distillery is a paragon of that principle. Dan, Sean, and Scott continue a rich, centuries-old tradition of distilling in our state. They carry on the legacy

of Hayden, Willett, Mattingly, Dant, and Wathen, who all got their start in Maryland before building up the bourbon industry in Kentucky.

Mr. Speaker, Dan, Sean, and Scott do our county and our state proud. I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking them for giving back to their community and in congratulating them on this recent, well-deserved award.

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, February 3, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 4

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 90, to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to finalize and implement certain travel management plans in the State of Utah, S. 91, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 290, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to upgrade existing emergency communications centers in units of the National Park System to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems, S. 291, to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, S. 365, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to allow for additional entities to be eligible to complete the maintenance work on Bolts Ditch and the Bolts Ditch Headgate within the Holy Cross Wilderness, Colorado, S. 446, to prohibit Big Cypress National Preserve from being designated as wilderness or as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, S. 700 and H.R. 837, bills to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona, S. 730, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of establishing the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center at the African Burial Ground National Monument, S. 790, to redesignate the National Historic

Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center", S. 791, to establish the Justice Thurgood Marshall National Historic Site in the State of Maryland as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 815, to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the "Rick Boucher Amphitheater", S. 1319, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 1321, to amend the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 to provide for the transfer of the Moab site to Grand County, Utah, S. 1341, to amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, S. 1353, to extend the authority for modifications to the Second Division Memorial in the District of Columbia, S. 1413, to authorize additional funding for the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, S. 1476, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico, S. 1516, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds, Emerald Mounds, and Pulcher Mounds in the State of Illinois, S. 1518 and H.R. 1550, bills to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park, S. 1777, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", S. 1870, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, S. 2102, to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site, and S. 2881, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California.

SD366

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the future of self-driving cars.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine identifying and addressing cybersecurity challenges to protect America's water infrastructure.

SD-562

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 102, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025, and H.J. Res. 142, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.

TBA

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations.

SH-216

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2098, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska, S. 1055, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to modify the notification requirement for emergency contract health services for certain beneficiaries, and S. 699, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to address liability for payment of charges or costs associated with the provision of purchased/referred care services.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine European energy security.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

To hold hearings to examine fighting fraud in Minnesota and beyond.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veteran health and healing through adaptive sports.

SD-G50

FEBRUARY 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council's Annual Report to Congress.

SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine secure retirement, focusing on the success of the Railroad Retirement Board.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2544, to permit State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies and grantees that receive eligible Federal grant funds to use such funds for investigating elder financial fraud, pig butchering, and general financial fraud, and to clarify that Federal law enforcement agencies may assist State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies in the use of tracing tools for blockchain and related technology, S. 1809, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking or transmitting video of defense information, S. 3023, to limit liability for certain entities storing child sexual abuse material for law enforcement agencies, H.R. 6719, to prohibit threats to a minor, S. 3398, to amend title 18,

United States Code, to criminalize intentional threats to distribute child sexual abuse material, and to provide appropriate penalties for the use of child sexual abuse material to extort or coerce victims, S. 3397, to make coercion of children to commit harm a criminal offense, S. 3394, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to amend the sentencing guideline relating to child sexual abuse material, and the nominations of Thomas Govan, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, Zachary Keller, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, and Ryan Raybould, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

SH-216

FEBRUARY 10

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law

To hold hearings to examine Arctic Frost accountability, focusing on oversight of telecommunications carriers.

SH-216

FEBRUARY 11

3 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine the Senior Enlisted Leaders on servicemember and family quality of life.

SR-222