

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ATTORNEY JOAQUIN L. RODRIGUEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize attorney Joaquin L. Rodriguez for his many years of service and civic involvement.

Born and raised in Uvalde, Texas, Mr. Rodriguez first attended Southwest Texas Junior College before transferring to University of Texas at Austin and attaining a B.A. in Government. Later, Mr. Rodriguez attended the Texas Tech School of Law and obtained a

Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law.

After passing the Texas Bar in 1982, Mr. Rodriguez started his legal career and quickly became partner at Knickerbocker, Cowan, Heredia & Rodriguez law firm in Eagle Pass, TX. Over the years of his career, Mr. Rodriguez has mainly dealt within the area of personal injury and the representation of Plaintiffs.

In 1997, Mr. Rodriguez became a founding partner at Rodriguez & Muniz-Berain Law Firm and worked there for 11 years. Afterwards, Mr. Rodriguez found Joaquin L. Rodriguez & Associates in 1999 and has since been working there, serving the citizens of Eagle Pass.

While living and working in Eagle Pass, TX, Mr. Rodriguez has continued to involve himself and serve in the civic community. Among

his involvements, Mr. Rodriguez has served as Chairman of the Eagle Pass Housing Authority, Legal Counsel of the City of Eagle Pass Library Foundation, and as Advisory Board Member on a number of local Texas banks. Mr. Rodriguez was also elected as Mayor of Eagle Pass with an impressive 94 percent vote in May, 2002.

Among his honors and awards, Mr. Rodriguez was distinguished as "Professional of the Year" in 1999 by the Eagle Pass Business Journal. He also became a Keeton Fellow of the University of Texas School of Law Alumni Association in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my pleasure today to recognize the accomplishments and services of Mr. Joaquin L. Rodriguez.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on 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, April 7, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine S. 241, to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

SR-253

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Chemical Demilitarization Program of the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006.

SR-222

APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing regarding assessment of Iraqi Security Forces.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Joseph H. Boardman, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a

Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, William Cobey, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), and Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak).

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine developing a reliable supply of oil from domestic oil shale and oil sands resources, focusing on opportunities to advance technology that will facilitate environmentally friendly development of oil shale and oil sands resources.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine management and planning issues for the National Mall, including the history of the development, security projects and other planned construction, and future development plans.

SD-366

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold closed hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding and industrial base status in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006; to be followed by an open hearing in SR-232A.

SR-222

Aging

To hold hearings to examine role of employer-sponsored retirement plans in increasing national savings.

SD-106

APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, and Robert Joseph, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Indian Health.

SR-485

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine securing electronic personal data, focusing on striking a balance between privacy and commercial and governmental use.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-430

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine high risk areas in the management of the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006.

SR-232A

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

1:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine active and Reserve military civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006.

SR-232A

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine judicial activism regarding federal and state marriage protection initiatives.

SD-226

APRIL 14

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 388, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity and to provide credit-based financial assistance and investment protection for projects that employ advanced climate technologies or systems, to provide for the establishment of a national greenhouse gas registry.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine lifelong education opportunities.

SD-430

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Director of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

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2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine deportation and related issues relating to strengthening interior enforcement.

SD-226

APRIL 19

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Near East and South Asian experience relating to combating terrorism through education.

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine S. 334, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs.

SD-430

APRIL 20

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Education and Early Childhood Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine early childhood development.

SD-430

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the small business health care crisis, focusing on alternatives for lowering costs and covering the uninsured.

SR-428A

2 p.m.

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the readiness of military units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006.

SR-222

APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the anti-corruption strategies of the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank on Reconstruction and Development.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine Association Health Plans.

SD-430

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Re-

tired Enlisted Association, and the Gold Star Wives of America.

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2:30 p.m.

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the patent system today and tomorrow.

SD-226

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine pensions.

SD-430

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings to examine regulation of Indian gaming.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

APRIL 28

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Assistance to Sudan and the Darfur Crisis.

SH-216

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine Higher Education Act.

SD-430

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation's translation program.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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CANCELLATIONS

APRIL 19

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine pensions.

SD-430

POSTPONEMENTS

APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine U.S. agricultural sales to Cuba.

SD-419