

heinously murdering Jessica Lunsford? I don't believe it would have.

Our children deserve strong anti-pedophilia laws that meet basic constitutional thresholds and it's our responsibility to deliver that to them. Therefore I implore my Senate colleagues to step up and give the presence of the Conyers language in H.R. 3132 the scrutiny that it warrants. Should they pass a clean Children's Safety Act, I look forward to removing the Conyers language in conference and supporting the clean Conference Report.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN A. REICH—  
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT  
EMERITUS OF THE NATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to my dear friend Alan A. Reich, who retired recently as President of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.), which he founded. For the past 23 years, Alan provided extraordinary leadership as the leader of NOD, which is one of the leading non-governmental organizations promoting disability rights in the United States and, through its World Committee on Disability, around the world as well. Alan retired earlier this year after nearly a quarter century of extraordinary leadership, and he has been named President Emeritus of the organization.

Mr. Speaker, Alan Reich has been an outstanding human rights and disability rights leader, whose courageous work has had an impact on people with disabilities around the world. In recognition of his leadership, President George H.W. Bush awarded Alan the George Bush Medal in a ceremony at the Kennedy Center here in Washington on July 25 of this year. The George Bush Medal recognizes leaders who seek to fulfill the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to all Americans and who encourage the spirit of the ADA throughout the world. The award ceremony in July was held in connection with the 15th anniversary of the signing of the ADA by President George H.W. Bush in 1990.

Alan certainly epitomizes the high goals of the ADA, and I cannot imagine a more fitting

recipient of this award. In commenting on Alan's extraordinary leadership, former President Bush said: "As the Honorary Chairman of N.O.D. and its World Committee, I've observed first-hand Alan's tenacious commitment to providing hope and opportunity for millions of people with disabilities, not only in this country but also worldwide."

Mr. Speaker, Alan Reich joined the disability community over 40 years ago as a result of a swimming accident, and he has used a wheelchair since that time, but he refused to permit his disability to constrain his boundless energy and commitment to worthy causes. Alan has been at the center of progress on disability issues—including public awareness, disability programs and promoting important legislation—and has made groundbreaking contributions toward uniting and engaging the community of people with disabilities. His outstanding abilities to move disability rights issues forward first became apparent as the founder of the U.S. Council for the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981. He became the first wheelchair user to address the United Nations General Assembly when he called on the international organization to declare 1981 the U.N. International Year of Disabled Persons.

While President of N.O.D., Alan built the coalition of disability groups that successfully fought for the inclusion of a statue of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his wheelchair at the FDR Memorial in Washington, DC. He also spearheaded the critical survey research with Harris Poll Surveys that tracks the progress of Americans with disabilities in key areas of life. In addition, Alan is the founder and Chairman of the World Committee on Disability—the international arm of N.O.D., which further underscores the worldwide reach of his contributions. He is a founder of the World Committee's Franklin D. Roosevelt International Disability Award, which recognizes nations for progress toward the United Nations' goals for disabled persons. I should add, Mr. Speaker, that my wife Annette and I are honored to be members of the World Committee on Disability.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Oxford University and Harvard University, and former all-American track star and varsity football player, Alan has had a distinguished career in the business, government, and nonprofit sectors. Alan served as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs. In this position, he developed international exchange programs to further mutual

understanding. He also held the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for East-West Trade and Director of the Bureau of East-West Trade, where he was credited with the expansion of U.S. commercial relations with the People's Republic of China, the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe. Prior to his outstanding career as a public servant, Alan was an executive in manufacturing management and corporate long-range planning with the Polaroid Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation and the appreciation of this house to Alan Reich for his dedication and commitment to securing the equal participation and full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. In many capacities, Alan has changed the world's approach to disability and made groundbreaking contributions to uniting the disability movement. For that, our entire nation is deeply grateful to him and extends every good wish to him and his family.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF  
ELIZABETH ROSE LAPIERRE

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am happy to congratulate Amy Rose and Steve LaPierre of Fairfax, Virginia, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. Elizabeth Rose LaPierre was born on September 14, 2005, at 1:50 p.m., weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces. She has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Her birth is a blessing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2005*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 465, 466, and 467. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all three votes.

## 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, September 15, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## SEPTEMBER 19

2:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Francis Rooney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

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## SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, Terry Neese, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Mint, and Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, all of Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine climate change science and economics, focusing on the current state of climate change scientific research and the economics of strategies to manage climate change, including the relationship between energy consumption and climate

change, and the potential effects on the U.S. economy of climate change and strategies to control greenhouse gas emissions.

SD-366

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the taking of homes and other private property relating to the Kelo Decision.

SD-226

## 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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2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the prediction of Hurricane Katrina and the work of the National Hurricane Center.

SD-562

## SEPTEMBER 21

9 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the status of the World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

## Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Endangered Species Act and the role of States, Tribes and local governments.

SD-406

## Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming.

SR-385

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine able danger and intelligence information sharing.

SD-226

10 a.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine what lessons have been learned to secure U.S. transit systems relating to the London terrorist attacks.

SD-342

## SEPTEMBER 22

10 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the financial services industry's responsibilities and role in preventing identity theft and protecting sensitive financial information.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

## National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, S. 1378, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and S. 1627, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System in Delaware.

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## SEPTEMBER 28

2:30 p.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing.

SR-485

## SEPTEMBER 29

10 a.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine proposed Duck Valley Reservation, Shoshone Paiute Tribes, Water Rights Settlement.

SR-485

## POSTPONEMENTS

## SEPTEMBER 21

2 p.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

## Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Forest and Rangeland Research Program of the USDA Forest Service.

SR-328A