

who filed a complaint of racial discrimination in 1961. This courageous decision to speak out led then Defense Secretary Robert McNamara to acknowledge the presence of military employment discrimination based on race in 1963. These 21 workers went on to establish the "Original 21ers Club" for the purpose of elevating qualified minorities in every phase of Mare Island employment. Their efforts have led to increased equal opportunity employment in the region and in military facilities throughout the rest of the Nation, and it is for this great impact on our society that we honor them today.

I thank my friend, the distinguished gentleman from California, Chairman GEORGE MILLER, for introducing this bill acknowledging the efforts of these hardworking men. It is especially fitting that we pass this legislation today, the first legislative day after the observance of the national holiday honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Madam Speaker, this legislation highlights President John F. Kennedy's establishment of the Committee of Equal Employment Opportunity in 1961, which allowed the 21 workers proper recognition of their complaint. This committee was an essential forerunner to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in existence today.

I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill to honor these young men and their efforts toward equal opportunity employment for all Americans.

#### 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, January 18, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JANUARY 19

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Subcommittee Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold joint hearings to examine stem cell research.

SD-192

##### JANUARY 23

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

SR-325

Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine challenges and strategies for securing the U.S. border.

SD-226

10 a.m.  
Budget  
To hold hearings to examine the growing tax gap and strategies for reducing it.

SD-608

##### JANUARY 24

9 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to consider S. Con. Res. 2, a resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

SH-216

9:45 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine analysis completed by the Energy Information Administration, "Energy Market and Economic Impacts of a Proposal to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Intensity with a Cap and Trade System".

SD-366

10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the state of the airline industry, focusing on the potential impact of airline mergers and industry consolidation.

SR-253

#### Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

SD-215

#### Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; committee will also consider the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act.

SD-430

##### JANUARY 25

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine oil and gas resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and areas available for leasing in the Gulf of Mexico.

SD-366

##### JANUARY 30

10 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildlife suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts.

SD-366

2 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the remaining options, alternative plans and the Iraq Study Group relating to securing America's interests in Iraq.

SH-216

##### FEBRUARY 1

10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the communications marketplace relating to the FCC.

SR-253

##### FEBRUARY 8

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SD-366