The treatment facility was located in a drug- and crime-infested neighborhood, and Ronald took to the streets, reclaiming and renovating the crack houses in the area. Starting the Treat the Streets Program, Flint Odyssey House reclaimed the area and earned Ronald Sahara Brown the title of Chief of Odyssey Village. Flint Odyssey House has moved from being a substance abuse treatment agency to a human development agency and is a model for programs throughout the United States. It operates many programs, and treats hundreds of persons, including pregnant addicts and mothers with children. Accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, Flint Odyssey House has expanded and now operates a program in Saginaw Michigan.

In 1993, Flint Odyssey House received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from the Michigan Department of Public Health and the Clayton R. Stroup Award. In 1996 Ronald Sahara Brown was the recipient of the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award. Ronald used the $100,000 stipend that came with this award to purchase and operate an old-age home in the neighborhood that was about to close. This kept the residents from being evicted and provided one more service to the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with and applaud the work of Ronald Sahara Brown, the staff, volunteers and the clients of Flint Odyssey House. Their courage and determination to bring out the potential in every human being is a brilliant example of the power in each and every one of us to effect change in our world. May they continue to provide service and compassion for many, many more years.

TRIBUTE TO MR. SANFORD HELLER

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate my constituent, Mr. Sanford Heller of Rockville, Maryland, as he prepares to celebrate his 100th birthday. Mr. Heller was born on December 27, 1907 in The Bronx, New York and lived in New York City until he has 95. He owned his own home, mortgage free, for more than 50 years.

Mr. Heller has dedicated his life to public service and took part in events that shaped our nation. During the 1930s, he processed our national finances, and developed resources, training, programs, communications, and membership services. Nancy also led and inspired a staff of dedicated advocates. As Executive Director of NCA, Nancy educated and inspired a staff of dedicated advocates. As Executive Director of NCA, Nancy educated and inspired a staff of dedicated advocates.

Throughout her remarkable career in children’s advocacy, Nancy was a member of Leadership Memphis and a founding board member of the National Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers. She also served on the National Advisory Committee for Darkness to Light, a primary prevention program aimed at reducing the incidence and consequence of child sexual abuse, and as Senior Warden of The Church of the Epiphany in Washington, DC. Nancy has proven herself as an experienced leader and a compassionate advocate for children.

And that’s just the way it is.
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, December 6, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.
Appropriations
To hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the supplemental request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
SD-106

Finance
To hold hearings to examine S. 1673, to facilitate the export of United States agricultural products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States citizens, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba.
SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the global challenge of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.
SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine e-government 2.0, focusing on improving innovation, collaboration, and access.
SD-342

DECEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine S. 1782, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.
SD-226

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider S. 579, to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, an original bill entitled “Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration”, and any pending nominations.
SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, and Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security.
SD-226

Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine a recently released Government Accountability Office report, focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution.
SR-301

DECEMBER 13

10:30 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine reverse mortgages, focusing on polishing not tarnishing the golden years.
SD-626

DECEMBER 19

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, focusing on truck driver hours-of-service (HOS) rules and truck safety.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine ways to reform the Mining Law of 1872.
SD-366