Enterprises. For the past forty-four years he has provided labor services with a safe and secure environment for his employees. During periods of water shortages, he has searched for other opportunities to place his workers to ensure that they are able to work and are able to provide for their families. Mr. Hall holds licenses that allow him to provide farm labor in twenty-nine countries. His business provides services to more than three hundred thousand acres and employs nearly thirty thousand people throughout the state of California.

Beyond his generosity to his employees, Mr. Hall is dedicated to his community as well. He has provided financial assistance to various causes including health care, charitable organizations and child services. Mr. Hall is part of the Farm Labor Contractors Alliance, the California Association of Agricultural Labor and an active member of Ag SAFE. He is currently serving as the Chairman for the Fresno County Farm Bureau Labor Committee and the Rural Health and Safety Committee. In 2003, Mr. Hall was awarded the “Central California Excellence in Business Award” by The Fresno Bee.

As a young man, Mr. Hall was turned pro in the rodeo circuit; he is a lifetime member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy’s Association and is a “gold card” holder which allows him to compete in the over-fifty age group. He is involved in rodeo events by assisting and providing advice and mentorship to youth preparing for rodeo events.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Earl Hall upon being awarded with the “Community Health Champions Award.” I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Hall many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF STRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL FLAMING ARROW INDIAN PRIDE MARCHING BAND

HON. ROY BLUNT
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today with pleasure and pride to pay tribute to the achievements of the Music Department at Strafford High School in Strafford, Missouri. The Strafford High Flaming Arrow Indian Pride Marching Band and choir will participate in the events surrounding the December 31, 2009, Chick-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. The event is the National Chick-fil-A Bowl Parade. The music festival has clinics and competitions for choir, concert band, jazz band and marching band. The Strafford marching band and choir will compete against other schools while the Marching Band will march in the National Chick-fil-A Bowl Parade in downtown Atlanta.

The Strafford band will participate in a pre-game and halftime massed band “extravaganza” of 2,000 members performing in the Georgia Dome Olympic Stadium.

Strafford, Missouri, is my hometown. Today, Strafford has a population of 1,845 citizens, and the school has approximately 400 students. The band and choir are made up of 55 motivated, hardworking teens in concert and marching band, 20 students in jazz band and 36 students in choir. The music department is under the direction of Shane Harmon. The Strafford High Flaming Arrow Indian Pride Marching Band consistently ranks among the best bands in Missouri, earning first place at six judged events this year. At the 2007 Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida, the Strafford concert band, jazz band and marching band each earned a 1st place Silver rating, and the concert choir earned a 1st place Gold rating. These achievements led to the invitation to participate at the band festival at the Chick-fil-A Bowl. This recognition is the result of the students’ hard work and dedication to excellence by Strafford students, faculty and their families.

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 3, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 4

9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for November 2009.

SH–216

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal drinking water programs.

SD–406

1:30 p.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine Afghan stan.

SH–216

2:15 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider S. 1559, to consolidate democracy and security in the Western Balkans by supporting the Governments and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro in reaching their goal of eventual NATO membership, and to welcome further NATO partnership with the Republic of Serbia.

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DECEMBER 9

3:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine H.R. 3585, to guide and provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy.

SH–216

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation.
SR-253

Finance
International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine exports' place on the path of economic recovery.
SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the diplomat's shield, focusing on diplomatic security today.
SD-342

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending nominations of Jacqueline A. Berrien, of New York, Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, Chai Rachel Feldblum, of Maryland, Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
SR-418

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine five years after the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, focusing on stopping terrorist travel.
SD-342

Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security.
SD-342

 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Economic Policy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine creating jobs in the recession.
SD-342

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine mortgage fraud, securities fraud, and the financial meltdown, focusing on prosecuting those responsible.
SD-342

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.
S-407, Capitol

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 2052, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research and development and demonstration program to reduce manufacturing and construction costs relating to nuclear reactors, and S. 2612, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs.
SD-366