

with The Sunshine Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to children with cancer, and a frequent guest speaker for various Japanese reparation organizations. Kellye is the Artistic Director and Artist-in-Residence for the Towne Singers, sings with the California Philharmonic, and has been a long-time volunteer judge for Representative SCHIFF's 28th Congressional District Art Competition Forum & Exhibit.

Long-time Pasadena residents, Kellye and her husband David, have two children, daughter Nalani, son William, and four grandchildren, David, William, Max and Grayson.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Kellye Nakahara Walleit.

RARE DISEASE MONTH, HONORING  
DR. ABRAHAM ABUCHOWSKI

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Abraham Abuchowski, a constituent from Warren, NJ, for his contributions to the rare disease community, his important role in bringing innovative orphan therapies to market and his support of the biotechnology industry in New Jersey.

Last month Dr. Abuchowski was presented with the Dr. Sol J. Barer Award for Vision, Innovation and Leadership. This award recognizes outstanding research and business leaders who have made and who continue to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the biosciences industry in New Jersey and throughout the world.

After receiving his doctorate from Rutgers University, Dr. Abuchowski went on to develop PEGylation, the most widely used protein drug delivery system in the world. He founded Enzon to commercialize the technology and it later became the first biotechnology company in New Jersey to obtain Food and Drug Administration approval of a product.

Three decades later, New Jersey has become a leader in the biotechnology industry and our companies have secured more than thirty drug and medical device approvals in 2014 alone. Dr. Abuchowski is continuing his work to improve health outcomes for individuals affected by rare diseases and the company he currently leads, Prolong Pharmaceuticals, recently received an orphan drug designation from the Food and Drug Administration for a therapy he has been working on to treat sickle cell disease.

I am proud of the contributions that Dr. Abuchowski has made to advance medical research and to develop innovative treatments for rare diseases in New Jersey and around the world. I ask my colleagues to continue to support rare disease research and treatment development to ensure affected individuals have access to innovative therapies and improved health outcomes.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of 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 Tuesday, March 17, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on SeaPower  
To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine S. 697, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reauthorize and modernize that Act.

SD-406

10 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Forest Service.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-562

Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the impact of patent litigation practices on the American economy.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation from multiple veterans service organizations.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of Defense  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

2 p.m.  
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings to examine Northern Ireland, focusing on Stormont, collusion, and the Finucane inquiry, includ-

ing other issues of accountability for past government collusion in paramilitary crimes.

RHOB-2175

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the postures of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

Committee on the Budget  
Business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs  
Business meeting to consider S. 35, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects, S. 465, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, and the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine an original bill, entitled "the Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 2015".

SD-628

Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2015.

SD-562

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the Affordable Care Act at five years.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations  
Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy  
To hold hearings to examine the United States-Africa leaders summit seven months later, focusing on progress and setbacks.

SD-419

10 a.m.  
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security  
To hold hearings to examine the evolving cyber insurance marketplace.

SR-253