

From 2002–2005, he served as the Chief of Weapons and Tactics for the 138th Fighter Squadron and then served as their Director of Operations until 2008. Col. Brenton then became the 174th Operations Support Flight Commander for three years. Concluding his 27 years of service, from 2011 to present day, Col. Brenton has served as the 174th Operations Group Commander at Hancock Field.

Throughout his military career, Col. Brenton has logged a total of over 4800 flying hours, including over 350 combat missions in various contingencies to include Operations Northern and Southern Watch in Iraq, Operations Deny Flight and Deliberate Force in Bosnia, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

During his career, Col. Brenton has displayed honorable character and service to the United States Air Force, the New York Air National Guard, and our country. His military decorations and unit awards include: the Meritorious Service Medal with one device; Air Medal with six devices; Aerial Achievement Medal with five devices; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Award with one device; and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four devices.

Col. Brenton's effective dates of promotion are: Second Lieutenant, October 1987; First Lieutenant, October 1989; Captain, October 1991; Major, August 1998; Lieutenant Colonel, September 2003; Colonel, July 2012.

In his civilian capacity, Col. Brenton graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned through the ROTC program in 1987. He then went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Science and Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University. During his service to our nation, Col. Brenton graduated from the NATO Tactical Leadership Programme in Belgium, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and the Joint Task Force Commander Training Course within USNORTHCOM at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

Without question Mr. Speaker, Col. Brenton is a very special person. He willingly served his nation, exuding loyalty and pride. For his unrelenting service, Col. Brenton can retire knowing he has earned such a status. I would like to wish him well in his retirement years; Col. Brenton, thank you for all of your years of hard work, dedication, and service to our country.

IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY ANDREWS  
ON WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL  
AT THE 2015 JUNIOR U.S. OPEN  
INTERNATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP  
IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Timothy Andrews for winning the Gold Medal for his weight division at the 2015 Junior U.S. Open International Judo Championship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

This remarkable young man has risen from an immensely challenging childhood to become an icon for his community and peers. Timothy has been featured in the Westside Gazette and South Florida Sun Sentinel for his athletic wins and inspirational triumphs over adversity. As a mark of good character, he has shown only gratitude and humbleness to those who have helped him in his life.

I would be remiss not to mention the Broward County-based organization Helping Abused, Neglected, Disadvantaged Youth (HANDY, Inc.) for the role that it has played in Timothy's ascent into adolescence and adulthood. HANDY, Inc. has worked with Timothy since the age of 12 to help him prioritize his life and realize his dreams to one day represent the United States in the Olympic Games. Timothy has also shown tremendous appreciation to his Sensei, Mr. Ghalib Carmichael of the Onikusu Judo Club in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Timothy Andrews for all that he has accomplished. His story is one of inspiration and demonstrates that all children have incredible potential to do great things and give back to their communities. I bid him good luck as he trains and remains steadfast in reaching his dreams.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS EMERGENCY TREATMENT ACT

#### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Veterans Emergency Treatment Act. This important and necessary legislation would ensure that every enrolled veteran is afforded the highest level of emergency care at every emergency-capable medical facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). It would accomplish this by applying the statutory requirements of the Emergency Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) to emergency care furnished by the VA to enrolled veterans.

EMTALA, designed to prevent hospitals from transferring, or "dumping," uninsured patients at public hospitals requires 1) a hospital to conduct a medical examination to determine if an emergency medical condition exists; 2) if such condition exists, the hospital must either stabilize the patient or comply with the statutory requirements of a proper transfer; and 3) if an emergency medical condition exists and has not been stabilized, the hospital may not transfer the patient unless the patient, after being made aware of the risks, makes a transfer request in writing or a physician certifies that the medical benefits of a transfer outweigh the risks.

EMTALA grants every individual a right to emergency care. While a 2007 Veterans Health Administration (VHA) directive indicates that the VA complies with the intent of the EMTALA requirements, VA hospitals are "non-participating" hospitals and are therefore not obligated to fulfill EMTALA requirements. It is has become abundantly clear that the VA is not fulfilling the EMTALA directive. All too frequently, the policy is to turn down those who try to access an emergency room. It happened

to my constituent, 64-year-old Army veteran Donald Siefken, when the Seattle VA refused to assist him from his car into the emergency room. Last year in New Mexico, a veteran died when the VA refused to transport him the 500 yards to the emergency room. This is not a new issue. These incidents have been documented as far back as 2006, yet the VA has yet to change their policy, and Congress must act.

Put simply, my commonsense and straightforward legislation would ensure that every enrolled veteran who arrives at the emergency department of a VA medical facility and indicates an emergency condition exists, is assessed and treated in an effort to prevent further injury or death.

I urge all members to join me in supporting this legislation. This is common sense legislation to ensure our veterans are treated fairly.

### 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, July 28, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 29

9 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on combating campus sexual assault.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 284, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram, and the nominations of Michele Thoren Bond, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), and Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, both of the District of Columbia, Sheila Gwaltney, of

California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Perry L. Holloway, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, and Peter F. Mulrean, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1400, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses, S. 1756, to help small businesses take advantage of energy efficiency, S. 1857, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, S. 1866, to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, an original bill entitled, "A Sense of the Committee on the Small Business Tax Compliance Relief Act of 2015", and an original bill entitled, "Veterans Entrepreneurial Transition Act of 2015".

SR-428A

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the impacts of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on United States interests and the military balance in the Middle East.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine the role of bankruptcy reform in addressing too-big-to-fail.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Border Security Metrics Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "EINSTEIN Act of 2015", S. 1073, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, an original bill entitled, "Quarterly Financial Reporting Reauthorization Act of 2015", S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, S. 1526, to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to improve the manner in which Federal contracts for construction and design services are awarded, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements, to amend title 31 and 41, United States Code, to improve the payment protections available to construction contractors,

subcontractors, and suppliers for work performed, S. 1820, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 1808, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, S. 779, to provide for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency, S. Res. 104, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the success of Operation Streamline and the importance of prosecuting first time illegal border crossers, S. 708, to establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, H.R. 1531, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, an original bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 West 2nd Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as the "Lieutenant Colonel James 'Maggie' Megellas Post Office", S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building", and the nomination of Denise Turner Roth, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of General Services.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine wireless broadband and the future of spectrum policy.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation

To hold hearings to examine the financial crisis in Greece, focusing on implications and lessons learned.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts

To hold hearings to examine IRS targeting, focusing on progress of agency reforms and congressional options.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 383, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and S. 732, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the true costs of alcohol and drug abuse in Native communities.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine best practices at public and private shipyards.

SR-232A

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ending veteran homelessness.

SR-418

JULY 30

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, to be Chief of Naval Operations.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine the impact of the United States tax code on the market for corporate control and jobs.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine sanctions and the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1814, to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities, and S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine whistleblower claims at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Jeffrey J. Hawkins, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, David R. Gilmour, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and Daniel H. Rubinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

AUGUST 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle and related legislation, including S. 854, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366

3 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine cer-  
tain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

AUGUST 6

2:30 p.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To receive a closed briefing on certain  
intelligence matters.  
SH-219

POSTPONEMENTS

JULY 29

10 a.m.  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the North  
Korea threat and United States policy.  
SD-419