

The report by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) determined that welfare use increased significantly for households with children.

Almost half of immigrant households who have been in the country for more than 20 years still rely on welfare. This contradicts the commonly held notion that long-time immigrants don't consume government benefits.

Our immigration and welfare programs should not subsidize other nations' low-skilled workers who compete with struggling American families for scarce jobs.

The CIS report reminds us how much work remains before we have an immigration system that puts the interests of Americans first.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 1283

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Arts Caucus, I rise today in support of H.R. 1283, the Songwriter Equity Act. In today's evolving entertainment environment, songwriters sometimes don't get the credit or the pay they deserve—and it's time to change that.

H.R. 1283 will ensure that these artists receive fair pay every time someone listens to their song—whether from satellite radio or digital music services and downloads.

Congress established royalty rates of just two cents per copy in 1909, when Irving Berlin was beginning his career. Now, over 100 years later, the royalty rate has increased only to just over nine cents per copy. It's time to give songwriters the pay they deserve in today's dollars and cents.

Thank you to my colleagues Rep. DOUG COLLINS and Rep. HAKEEM JEFFRIES for their strong support of the arts here in Congress—I'm proud to support them, the arts, and this bill.

HONORING CHRIS CORMAN

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris Corman for being awarded the American FFA Degree as a member of the National FFA Organization. Chris is a member of the Willow Springs Chapter of the FFA and, with four of its other members, received this prestigious award. FFA is an inter-curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership consisting of 629,367 members, aged 12–21. Chris is among the 463 FFA members from Missouri that received the American FFA degree, marking the highest number of recipients from any state.

As a past recipient of the American FFA Degree, I offer my highest congratulations as I understand the hard work and effort required to reach this goal. In order to obtain the American FFA Degree, a member must begin their pursuit of the award during their freshman year of high school through participation in

every level of the organization and leadership events.

As a former member of FFA, I can proudly say that my experience in the organization was invaluable learning about leadership skills and public speaking. It is my pleasure to recognize Chris Corman for receiving this prominent award before the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING AISHA KARIMAH

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Aisha Karimah, who is retiring from NBC4 Washington after 46 years of outstanding service to the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

Residents have seen Aisha at many of our charitable events in the city and region, but far more often, they have seen only her good works in many community campaigns. We could not count the people or the dollars Aisha's efforts have helped bring to our most successful community campaigns, among them: Beautiful Babies Right from the Start, Drug Free Zones, It Takes a Whole Village, Make the Right Call, Camp 4 Kids, Get Healthy 4 Life, Backpacks 4 Kids, Food 4 Families, and the NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo. In addition, Aisha produces two weekly news programs: Reporters Notebook and Viewpoint. A veteran television producer, Aisha also has generously lent her gifts to Howard University Television, including the Urban Health Report, Washington's Leaders and the Randall Robinson Program. Ms. Karimah is a particularly positive and dedicated role model for African Americans and for women entering journalism, and serves as a mentor to hundreds of young people. Aisha herself is a graduate of Howard University and Wesley Theological Seminary. She has been an extraordinary friend and guidepost to the District and to me ever since I have been a Member of Congress.

While Aisha has been engaged in a successful career in television and journalism, she also has been a devoted mother of two sons: Donnell, a graduate of American and George Washington universities, and Jay, a Howard University graduate.

Aisha Karimah's success, of course, has come from her tireless efforts, her love for her community and her drive to excel in her profession. However, Aisha gives all the credit to God. Aisha, a native Washingtonian who grew up on welfare in the District's Lincoln Heights public housing complex and started work at the age of 10, says her faith has helped her to rise to the top of her profession and serve her hometown at the same time. Aisha kept going at NBC4 despite illness. Now, after 46 years, often behind the scenes, bringing countless campaigns to our city and region, the time has come for Aisha herself to take a much deserved bow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Aisha Karimah for excellence well beyond the call of duty for NBC4 Washington, the District of Columbia,

and the national capital region for 46 remarkable years.

HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE
PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues of the humanitarian crisis that continues to unfold in Eastern Ukraine. While the media, and the world, focuses on the Syrian migrant crisis, winter is fast approaching for the millions affected by the conflict in Ukraine. As we speak, there are over 1.5 million people internally displaced, 1.1 million externally displaced, and more than 5 million people in need of humanitarian aid. Thousands have died in the fighting, and thousands more lie injured. Homes and schools are being destroyed, and the movement of goods and people is severely restricted. As temperatures edge toward zero, we must remember why Ukrainians find themselves in need. They are in need because of their rejection of Russian authoritarianism and of Vladimir Putin's aggressive expansionism. They are in need because they are fighting to defend their freedom and their democracy. We, the United States, as a beacon of liberty and democratic government, must demonstrate our solidarity with our Ukrainian brethren and our unwavering belief in the ideals for which they fight. We must provide food, we must provide shelter, we must provide blankets. We, as Americans, must provide support to those willing to stand up to Russia in defense of freedom and democracy. I call on my colleagues to join me in urging President Obama to increase humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine.

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 Thursday, December 10, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 15

JANUARY 20

DECEMBER 11

2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

2 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Armed Services

Commission on Security and Cooperation
in Europe

To hold hearings to examine transition
assistance.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Manage-
ment Support

To receive a briefing on human rights
violations in Russian-occupied Crimea.
RHOB-B318

SR-418

To hold an oversight hearing to examine
Task Force for Business and Stability
Operations projects in Afghanistan.
SR-232A