

reduces early childhood anemia, increases immunization rates, improves access to pediatric health care, and readies children to learn.

Every dollar spent on pregnant women in WIC produces \$1.92 to \$4.21 in Medicaid savings for newborns and their mothers. Consider the following: it costs \$22,000 per pound to raise a low (less than 5.5 pounds) or very low (less than 3.25 pounds) birth weight infant to normal weight. It costs \$40 per pound to provide WIC prenatal benefits. Furthermore, Medicaid costs were reduced on average \$12,000 to \$15,000 per infant for every very low birth weight birth prevented.

These statistics illustrate that WIC works. By providing short-term preventative services, WIC improves the health and quality of life for millions of low-income women and children while at the same time saving the federal government money. We need to ensure that WIC continues to provide these important services—I know that I will continue to fight for funding for this important program.

Again, I want to congratulate WIC on their 25th anniversary and I urge them to keep up the good work.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF KREDA FRIERSON YOKLEY

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous contributions Kreda Frierson Yokley has made to the Sixth Congressional District and to her community on this her last day as my field representative.

Since November 1995, Kreda has worked in my Murfreesboro District office. Although my staff and I are sad to see her go, it is comforting to know that she will continue her career in public service as a director for the Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency.

For the past 13½ years, Kreda has helped those who served our country. Veterans from across the Sixth District relied on her to help get their medals and serve as a liaison in their efforts to receive compensation and medical assistance from the Veterans Administration. She has helped not only those who served, but those just starting a career with the Armed Forces. Kreda has been instrumental in securing the appointments of scores of young men and women in the Sixth District to the academies at West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs.

Traveling to Williamson and Marshall counties, Kreda reached out to constituents through my Mobile Congressional Office. I always get my best ideas from home and Kreda served as a constant conduit for peoples' ideas and concerns.

My staff and I will miss Kreda. Constituents, friends, family and staff describe her as professional, a class act and dependable. Most of all, she always seems to have the knack for saying just the right thing, whether to calm a frustrated or hunting constituent or to encourage a friend or co-worker.

Kreda, congratulations on your new job. May you prosper and thrive in your new envi-

ronment. May you new co-workers and clients value you as much as we do. Thank you for your many years of service, and may God bless you in your future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN NURSES DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a remarkable group of dedicated health professional—the 2.6 million registered nurses in the United States.

These outstanding men and women, who work hard to save lives and maintain the health of millions of individuals, will celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6–12, 1999. I believe that all Americans who have ever been cared for or comforted by a nurse should celebrate National Nurses Week.

According to the American Nurses Association, National Nurse Week was first observed October 11–16, 1954, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of modern nursing by Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War. National Nurses Day and Week was eventually moved to May to incorporate Florence Nightingale's birthday, which is May 12th.

Using this year's theme "Nursing: Healing from the Heart," the American Nurses Association (ANA) and its 53 constituent associations will highlight the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. Studies show that the higher the ratio of nurse-to-patients in a hospital, the lower the patient death rate. In short, registered nurses provide top-quality, cost-effective health care services for their patients.

Mr. Speaker, I salute America's nurses during the week of May 6–12, 1999 and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA OFFERS A "GIFT OF HOPE" FOR THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO IN THE WAKE OF THE LITTLETON SHOOTINGS

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest sympathies to the people of Littleton, Colorado, in the wake of the shootings at Columbine High School that left 15 people dead.

This tragedy stands as the worst case of school violence in the history of the United States. The people of Alabama share in the grief of all of those in Colorado who were touched by this horrific event. Our hope and prayers are with them.

Over the course of Alabama's history, our state has developed a rich tradition of music and songwriting that have helped people cope during times of great loss and sadness. Car-

rying on this tradition are two Alabama songwriters named Eddie Martin and Susan Welborn. The two Shoals-area artists have collaborated on a song called "Listen for the Wings." The song was written as a gift of hope for the people of Littleton as they work to rebuild their community and restore order to their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the lyrics to the song "Listen for the Wings" so that others might have the opportunity to read these words and take solace in the song's message.

LISTEN FOR THE WINGS

(By Eddie Martin and Susan Welborn)

Just a Tuesday morning  
At a school in the heartland  
'Til they walked in with bombs  
And guns in their hands  
It was all too familiar  
Another horrible mistake  
To see their future  
Explode in such rage  
We need some help to understand  
And lead us back to truth again  
Do you believe in angels?  
Well, I do  
I'm praying that the angels  
Wrap their arms around you  
If you could just believe in angels  
Like I do  
Then you'd know there's always hope for you  
No matter what life may bring  
Take time to listen for the wings  
If Moses needed angels  
What about you and me?  
In the middle of the violence  
And the crazy lives we lead  
Gotta bring some love back  
Gotta have a little faith  
Find some forgiveness  
'Cause it's the only way  
So many times we pass right by  
The simple answers to our whys  
Do you believe in angels  
Well, I do  
I'm praying that the angels  
Wrap their arms around you  
If you could just believe in angels  
Like I do  
Then you'd know there's always  
Hope for you  
No matter what life may bring  
Take time to listen for the wings  
When everything goes wrong  
Seems all hope is gone  
Remember, you're not alone  
We're all gonna feel some pain  
And walk through the wind and rain  
But no matter what life may bring  
Take time, and listen for the wings

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, May 6, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MAY 10

1 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on the investigation of TWA Flight #800.  
SD-226

## MAY 11

9 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SD-406

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To resume hearings on S.25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S.532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas; S.446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; S.819, to provide funding for the National Park System from outer Continental Shelf revenues; and the Administration's Lands Legacy Initiative.  
SD-366

10 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings on how to promote a responsive and responsible role for the Federal Government on combatting hate crimes.  
SD-226

Foreign Relations  
East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the policies between the United States and China, focusing on business and trade.  
SD-562

10:30 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on multiple program coordination in early childhood education. 342

2 p.m.  
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings to examine the status of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.  
SD-2255 Cannon Building

## MAY 12

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings on HUBzones implementation.  
SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title I provisions.  
SD-628

Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SD-366

10 a.m.  
Judiciary  
Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee  
Business meeting to consider S.692, to prohibit Internet gambling.  
SD-226

2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Immigration Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine workforce needs of American agriculture, farm workers, and the United States Economy.  
SD-226

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.  
SH-219

## MAY 13

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings on S.698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the state of Alaska; S.711, to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the Exxon Valdez oil spill; and S.748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska.  
SD-366

10 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings on issues relating to the Clean Water Action Plan.  
SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings on the nomination of Richard M. McGahey, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.  
SD-628

2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice's refusal to enforce the Law on Voluntary Confessions.  
SD-226

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine fire preparedness on Federal lands.  
SD-366

## MAY 19

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on S.614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands; and S.613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes.  
SR-485

2 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on the status of Youth Conservation Corps and other job programs conducted by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.  
SD-366

## MAY 20

2 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Energy Research and Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S.348, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public.  
SD-366

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Energy Research and Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee  
To hold joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, on the Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget request for climate change programs and compliance with various statutory provisions in fiscal year 1999 appropriations acts requiring detailed accounting of climate change spending and performance measures for each requested increase in funding.  
SD-366

## MAY 25

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold oversight hearings on state progress in retail electricity competition.  
SD-366

## MAY 26

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings on Native American Youth Activities and Initiatives.  
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2 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S.244, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a non-profit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system; S.623, to amend Public Law 89-108

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat; and S.769, to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Da-

kota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam.

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SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.

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