

through nonviolent means, have gained him the respect and admiration of notable human rights activists throughout the world and inspired countless Cubans to continue in their struggle for democratic change.

The Cuban regime, intimidated by the effectiveness of Dr. Biscet's message, has detained him 26 times over that last 18 months, terminated his employment and evicted him and his family from their home. He has been subjected to psychiatric examinations and has been constantly pressured to abandon Cuba.

We respectfully urge you to immediately denounce Dr. Biscet's unjust incarceration and trial and call for his immediate and unconditional release from prison. A statement of this nature would greatly serve to protect Dr. Biscet and his family from further harm by the Cuban government.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Robert Wexler, Robert Menendez, Christopher H. Smith, James A. Traficant, Jr., Dana Rohrabacher, Porter J. Goss, Peter Deutsch, Tillie K. Fowler, Bill McCollum, Luis V. Gutierrez, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Ben Gilman.

HAVANA, JANUARY 20, 2000.

Supreme Court of Justice of the United States of America

EXCELLENCIAS: I send you kind greetings. From a "tapiada" cell I write in darkness where it is forbidden to read and write. Under these conditions I pray God may grant you wisdom to make the proper decision in the case of the Cuban child Elián in order to dignify human life and liberty.

Esteemed judges: a nation must never deprive any person of freedom unless the individual becomes a danger to society, always respecting human rights. Nor may parents deprive their children of their right to life and freedom. Limits must prevail for both, nation and parents, to prevent violations of inalienable human rights.

I ask, what is life without freedom? Nothing, as without freedom life is deprived of the love of God.

"Justice exalts a nation, sin becomes its shame." Proverbs.

Magistrates, glorify humanity.

Thank you.

DR. OSCAR ELÍAS BISCET,
Lawton Foundation for Human Rights.

Note: This letter, written on a handkerchief, was clandestinely taken out of the prison at the Department of Technical investigation in Havana where Dr. Biscet is incarcerated. The letter was delivered to the independent journalist in Cuba, Angel Pablo Polanco who revealed its contents abroad via telephone.

HONORING DR. PERLITA NARVAEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who has worked hard to educate women in Bent County about preventing cancer. Dr. Perlita Narvaez works with women in her county to encourage regular checkups and comforts patients with her gentle bedside manner.

Perlita was honored by the local chapter of the Colorado Women's Cancer Control Initiative for her services to help encourage pre-

ventative measures in women's health. Perlita has been performing cancer screenings for area women for nearly two years by working directly with the Cancer Control Initiative. The Initiative encourages low-income women to call for an appointment and even offers for a volunteer to go with the woman if she wishes. This Initiative and Perlita have worked diligently to help reduce the number of women who suffer from breast and cervical cancer.

Perlita has been practicing medicine for 12 years. She has made working with women and children her specialty. Her efforts have been applauded by both patients and the Cancer Control Initiative.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute of thanks to Dr. Perlita Narvaez. Colorado is grateful for her service.

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, March 2, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 3

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the management of Air Force depot maintenance.
SR-222

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the current United States employment situation.
1334, Longworth Building

MARCH 6

1 p.m.

Aging
To hold hearings to examine colon cancer, focusing on greater use of screening as prevention.
SH-216

3 p.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

MARCH 7

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Fleet Reserve Association.
345, Cannon Building

Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant at Arms.
SD-124

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 1755, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate interstate commerce in the use of mobile telephones.
SR-253

Armed Services

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR-232A).
SR-222

Judiciary
Administrative Oversight and the Courts
Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the Counterintelligence Reform Act.
SD-216

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, and the Judiciary
Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.
SD-192

Appropriations
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Food and Drug Administration.
SD-138

Environment and Public Works
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation, focusing on the Federal Highway Administration.
SD-406

2 p.m.

Judiciary
Technology, Terrorism, and Government
Information Subcommittee
To hold hearings on Internet identity preservation.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior, and the Bonneville Power Administration, the Southeastern Power Administration,

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the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Western Area Power Administration, all of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Science Foundation, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

SD-138

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2089, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify procedures relating to orders for surveillance and searches for foreign intelligence purposes.

SH-216

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings on the nomination of Danny Lee McDonald, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission; and Bradley A. Smith, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission; hearing to be followed by a business meeting.

SR-301

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending committee business, and will be followed by an open hearing on the reauthorization of the Health Care Improvement Act.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs.

SD-192

Foreign Relations

International Operations Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for foreign aid.

SD-419

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2097, to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas; S. 1452, to modernize the requirements under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes; the nomination of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; and the nomination of Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 972, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to improve

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the administration of the Lamprey River in the State of New Hampshire; S. 1705, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho; S. 1727, to authorize for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest and for other purposes; S. 1849, to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and S. 1910, to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York.

SD-366

MARCH 9

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Atomic Energy Defense Activities of the Department of Energy.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the Department of Transportation Program oversight.

SD-124

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the impact of supply-side economics on the United States economy over the past twenty years.

SD-562

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine certain issues in Belarus.

334, Cannon Building

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine managing human capital in the 21st century.

SD-342

MARCH 10

9 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture.

SD-366

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the

Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Service's infrastructure accounts and Real Property Maintenance Programs and the National Defense Construction Request.

SR-222

MARCH 15

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

345, Cannon Building

MARCH 21

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on regulating Internet pharmacies.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

S-146, Capitol

10:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2102, to provide to the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland.

SR-485

MARCH 22

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

SD-124

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

SR-485

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs.

345, Cannon Building

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine recent program and management issues at NASA.

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MARCH 23

9:30 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-138

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Public Health Subcommittee To hold hearings on safety net providers.

SD-430

10 a.m. Appropriations Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

S-146, Capitol

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978.

SH-216

MARCH 28

9:30 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Communications Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the current state of deployment of hi-speed Internet technologies, focusing on rural areas.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Children and Families Subcommittee To hold hearings on child safety on the Internet.

SD-430

MARCH 29

9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band.

SR-485

Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

10 a.m. Appropriations Defense Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs.

SD-192

MARCH 30

9:30 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

10 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings on medical records privacy.

SD-430

APRIL 4

9:30 a.m. Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the Interior.

SD-138

APRIL 5

9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, to require Federal Indian program evaluations.

SR-485

10 a.m. Appropriations Defense Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs.

SD-192

APRIL 6

9:30 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-138

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m. Appropriations Interior Subcommittee To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy.

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APRIL 12

9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, and will be followed by a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

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10 a.m. Appropriations Defense Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs.

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APRIL 13

9:30 a.m. Appropriations VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-138

APRIL 26

10 a.m. Appropriations Defense Subcommittee To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion. 345, Cannon Building

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MARCH 15

9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on the proposed Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

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APRIL 19

9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

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