awaken the hope of their enemies that they would soon disappear." But we did not dis-appear. We celebrate today not only freedom, but the triumph of the human spirit and the legacy of a people whose struggle for equality continues even today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great celebration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 16, 2000, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 285 through 291. Had I been present I would have voted “present” on rollcall vote 285, “yes” on rollcall vote 286, “yes” on rollcall vote 287, “no” on rollcall 288, “yes” on rollcall 289, “yes” on rollcall 290, and “no” on rollcall 291.

COMMEMDING PRESIDENT KIM DAE-JUNG ON HIS HISTORIC QUEST FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemo-nd President Kim Dae-Jung of the Republic of Korea for his historic efforts toward peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula.

By extending the hand of friendship in summit meetings with Chairman Kim Jong II and the Democratic Peoples’ Republic of Korea, President Kim Dae-Jung has shown himself as a courageous visionary committed to the im-provement of relations with the North. The agreement reached by the two leaders on humanitar-and economic cooperation represen-t a bold step toward resolving a half-cen-tury of conflict.

As we prepare to depart on a Presidential Mission to the Korean War to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, I am filled with hope for the future of all the peoples of that great land.

On behalf of President Clinton and the peo-ple of the United States, I join with my former comrades-in-arms, the men of the 503rd Field Artillery Battalion who fought in defense of freedom and democracy in Korea in extending our congratulations to President Kim Dae-Jung and our best wishes for success in his great mission of peace.

A TRIBUTE TO JUNETEEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 19, 2000

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to pay tribute to Juneteenth Independen-cence Day. June 19, 1865 is the date that the news of freedom reached slaves in Texas; two and a half years after President Abraham Lin-coln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This holiday is now celebrated throughout our country as a time of joy, remembrance, and reflection.

It is my sincere hope that all Americans rec-ognize this as a day of freedom . . . freedom to learn one’s history . . . freedom to shape one’s own identity . . . freedom to control one’s own life. In Wisconsin’s Second Con-gressional District, Juneteenth will be rec-ognized with a wonderful celebration organized by the Nehemiah Community Development Corporation. This annual celebration includes beautiful cultural exhibits, colorful dancing, de-licious food, exciting entertainment, music and much more! I want to commend the organizers of this and other important celebrations taking place in Wisconsin and throughout the United States.

Former U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan captured the aspirations of many who rec-ognize the important symbolism of this day. She said, “What the people want is simple. They want an American as good as its promise.”

How true her words are. Locally and nation-ally, the struggle for equality continues, but this holiday offers hope for a better future.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 15, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriation for the Department of the Inter-rior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other pur-poses.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in favor of the Sanders amendment to create a Home Heating Oil Reserve in the Northeast.

As many of you know, last winter we had a severe oil crisis in the Northeast. Low temp-eratures combined with record high prices left thousands of Massachusetts residents struggling to pay enormous heating bills.

Middle income families saw their utility bills triple while lower income families had to choose between heating their homes and feeding their children.

Those of us who witnessed these hardships want to do all we can to make sure they never, ever happen again.

The chill of winter may seem a long way off, Mr. Chairman, but heating your home is not a luxury. In fact, for many in the Northeast, it is a matter of life and death.

By creating this oil reserve, we can help cushion oil prices from the shocks of inad-equate supply and steep demand and, in doing so, prevent working families from suf-fering through such a drastic hike in prices.

I thank Representative SANDERS for his leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 19, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday June 15 I had the privilege to attend the high school graduation of my daughter in California and so I was unable to cast the following votes during consideration of H.R. 4578, The Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

On Rollcall No. 278 (Rule on VA/HUD Appropriations) I would have voted: “No”.

On rollcall vote 283 (Slaughter amendment to Re Clean Coal Funding) I would have voted: “aye”;

On Rollcall No. 284 (Obey motion that the Committee Rise) I would have voted: “aye”;

On Rollcall No. 285 (Quorum Call);

On Rollcall No. 286 (Sanders amendment to create a Home Heating Oil Reserve) I would have voted: “aye”;

On Rollcall No. 287 (Doggett motion that the Committee Rise) I would have voted: “aye”;

On Rollcall No. 288 (Nethercut amendment to Re Indian Gaming in Florida) I would have voted: “no”;

On Rollcall No. 289 (Dave Weldon amendment Re Indian Gaming in Florida) I would have voted: “no”;

On Rollcall No. 290 (Motion to recommit with instructions) I would have voted: “aye”;

On Rollcall No. 291 (Final Passage Interior Appropriations—passed 204—172) I would have voted: “no”.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a sys-tem for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate com-mittees, 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 com-mittee—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 only Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.
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Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehavenn water reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2400, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; S. 2499, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania; and S. 2594, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes.

June 19, 2000

Appropriations Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

3 p.m.
Foreign Relations International Operations Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the role of security in the Department of State foreign service promotion process.

JUNE 27

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

Rules and Administration To hold hearings on the operations of the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution.

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings on S. 1016, to provide collective bargaining for rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

SD–430

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee To hold hearings on the April 2000 GAO report entitled "Nuclear Waste Clean-up—DOE's Paducah Plan Faces Uncertainties and Excludes Costly Cleanup Activities".

SD–366

JUNE 28

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee To hold hearings on the threat of terrorism and counterterrorism.

2 p.m.
Judiciary Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee To hold hearings on countering the changing threat of international terrorism.

SD–226

2:30 p.m.
Indian Affairs To hold hearings on the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes.

SR–485
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June 29
10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

July 12
2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement implementing the October 1999 announcement by the President to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest for increased protection.

Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings on risk management and tort liability relating to Indian matters.

July 19
2:30 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

July 26
2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on potential timber sale contract liability incurred by the government as a result of timber sale contract cancellations.

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 2326, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act.

CANCELLATIONS

June 21
11 a.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

July 22
9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with aviation and the internet, focusing on purchasing airline tickets through the internet, and whether or not this benefits the consumer.

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine medical device reuse.

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.

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