

February 28, 2001

Protect our future fate,
Martin King's posterity
Is waiting at the gate.
Angel in the whirlwind
Wrestle with the terror:
Tornado twisted greed;
Volcanoes belching
Ashes of indifference;
Human kind's highest hope
Strangling on a golden rope;
Merciful empire
That might've been,
Critically infected now
By the virus of public sin;
Giant graves reserved for midget men.
Angel in the whirlwind
Stay to save the brave and free,
Bring back judicial integrity,
Point us toward eternity,
Come steer us through new storms,
Angel in the whirlwind.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER F. WICKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 16 Tuesday, February 27, I was detained due to being with the official delegation honoring the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Kuwait. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 16, H. Con. Res. 39, Tuesday February 27, 2001, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PRASAD CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, February has been Children's Health Month. Today, on the last day of the month, it is an appropriate time to reflect on how important the health of our young people is to the future of our Nation. A strong, vibrant citizenry is the very keystone to our future. Today, in the wealthiest economy in the history of the world, there is no excuse to put the health of our boys and girls on the back burner.

I have been made familiar with a program which performs such exemplarily health service that it is an appropriate model for health programs throughout the United States.

The PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (CDHP) voluntarily serves all the young people in Sullivan County, New York. It provides health education, fluoride with parental

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consent, and restorative care through a mobile clinic that travels to every school district in Sullivan County.

The outstanding volunteers of PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program go into the schools to educate the children, provide free toothbrushes, and help fight the scourge of tooth decay and gum disease.

The program is targeted to children who qualify for the free lunch program, have Medicaid or Child Health Plus for their insurance, or who have no dental insurance. The health education and fluoride prevention aspects of the program are available to all children, regardless of parental income.

PRASAD CDHP has been in existence for five years and is supported wholly with private donations.

Mr. Speaker, tooth and gum disease is the number one chronic health problem of children in our nation. It is five times more common than asthma, and seven times more common than hay fever. It is estimated that 18 million school hours are lost each year by children due to dental problems.

I am greatly impressed by the outstanding service performed by the PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program. Dyan Campbell who is the national Program Director, is seeking the wherewithal to expand the program nationwide. I believe that Ms. Campbell and her program are deserving of our support and our kudos.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all of our colleagues to join with me in saluting this truly outstanding program—a role model for our nation's children's dental health.

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 1, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 2

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and

the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Budget

To continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002.

SD-608

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of gun locks.

SR-253

MARCH 7

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation entitled Better Education For Students and Teachers Act.

SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine voting technology reform.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Armed Services

To hold a closed briefing on current military operations.

SH-219

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

345 Cannon Building

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine foreign policy issues and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of State.

SD-419

MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

SD-124

MARCH 14

- 9:30 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Defense Subcommittee
 To hold closed hearings on defense intelligence matters.
 S-407, Capitol
- 10 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans.
 345 Cannon Building

MARCH 15

- 9:30 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market; S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Coordinating Council; and S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market.
 SH-216

MARCH 22

- 10 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Retired Officers Association, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.
 345 Cannon Building

MARCH 27

- 10:30 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings on issues relating to Yucca Mountain.
 SD-124

APRIL 3

- 10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold oversight hearings to examine issues surrounding nuclear power.
 SD-124

APRIL 24

- 10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Bureau of Reclamation, of the Depart-

ment of the Interior, and Army Corps of Engineers.
 SD-124

APRIL 26

- 2 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.
 SD-124

MAY 1

- 10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain Department of Energy programs relating to Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy, science, and nuclear issues.
 SD-124

MAY 3

- 2 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for Department of Energy environmental management and the Office of Civilian Radio Active Waste Management.
 SD-124