

With these examples fresh in our minds, we marvel at the strength and character of the Jewish people. Their steadfast determination to rebuild their lives following the Holocaust has given the world a remarkable model of resolve. Through their example, we can glimpse the extraordinary human spirit that rises above the fruitlessness of anger and resentment. With this day and with our deeds we honor that spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Yom Hoshuah, May 5, 2005, and I urge my colleagues, and all Americans, to do the same.

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CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1268,  
EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DE-  
FENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON  
TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF  
ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2005*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the inclusion of the REAL ID Act within the supplemental appropriations conference report. The REAL ID Act is an important step towards addressing a significant national security concern.

The inclusion of the REAL ID Act in this legislation will protect Americans from terrorists who seek to exploit weaknesses in our homeland security. By allowing homeland security officials to more closely scrutinize asylum claims and by expanding the grounds for deportation to include additional terrorist related activities, this act makes America more secure. The creation of minimal standards for drivers' licenses will help reduce the use of fraudulently obtained state IDs to access sensitive areas and board aircraft.

Last year, I voted against intelligence reform legislation because of the removal at the last minute of the REAL ID Act. I know Judiciary Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner strongly opposed the removal of the REAL ID Act from that legislation. When many had lost hope, he continued the fight to move the REAL ID Act through the legislative process. I thank Chairman Sensenbrenner for sticking by his convictions, providing leadership on this issue, and ensuring the inclusion of the REAL ID Act within this conference report.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH  
STEFANI

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 9, 2005*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and sincerity that I rise today to honor the late Mr. Joseph Stefani. Known to many as simply "Papa Joe," he was an endearing friend, a successful businessman and beloved member of our community in Merced, California. At the age of 92, Joseph Stefani passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2005.

Joseph Stefani, a life-long resident of Merced, was the son of Italian immigrants Carlo and Annunziata Stefani. He was born October 28, 1912 on his parents' 20-acre farm on Franklin Road. He attended and graduated from Franklin Grammar School, and then continued on to Merced High School. However, before he was able to graduate, the Great Depression forced Joe to leave school in order to earn money to help pay property taxes on the family's farm.

Soon after leaving school to work as a grocery clerk, Joe was hired at the Workingmen's Clothing Store in downtown Merced. After only four years of learning the business, and at the young age of only 24, Joe opened his own store—Stefani's Sport Shop on June 1, 1936. With a lifetime of success and happiness ahead of them, Joe married his first love, Mary Gonella Stefani on February 5, 1938. In the years following, the Stefani's business expanded and prospered. They eventually opened an additional store in the Merced Mall, and in the neighboring communities of Atwater and Los Banos. After 51 years as a downtown merchant, Joe reluctantly retired in 1987. In addition to creating and maintaining a successful business, Joe and Mary created a beautiful family of three children, Bob, Larry and Kathleen.

Throughout his life, Joe Stefani remained committed to the growth of Merced and dedicated his time to countless civic and business committees including the Merced Downtown Improvement Association, and the Merced Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Downtown Rotary Club for more than fifty years and was a Paul Harris Fellow. His service to the community continued up to the time of his passing, as he was currently a member of many organizations including the Merced Elks Lodge, and the Italian Catholic Federation. Throughout his entire life, Joe was a devout Catholic and an active member of Our Lady of Mercy/St. Patrick's Parish. He was instrumental in the building of a new Our Lady of Mercy School which opened in 1956, and in the building of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in

the 1990's. During his life he had the distinct honor of a personal audience with Pope John Paul II which serves as further evidence of his lifelong commitment to his church.

Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary, his son Bob, and his brother Angelo Stefani. He is survived by his son Larry and daughter Kathleen, both of Merced, his sister Mary Lucich of Merced, his sister Caroline Cugia of Concord, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to join the community of Merced in recognizing Joseph "Papa Joe" Stefani. Our community benefits greatly from the example he set throughout his lifetime of service as a successful businessman who dedicated his life to his community, his family, and his faith.

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COMMENDING SUPERINTENDENT  
BARBARA WEST

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 9, 2005*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Barbara West, the superintendent of Voyageurs National Park, as she prepares to leave Minnesota for America's southwest. I thank her for her hard work and know that she will be missed, not only as one who has dedicated her life to preserving our nation's natural treasures, but as a friend.

Voyageurs National Park is one of the crown jewels in our national park system. It contains four large lakes covering forty percent of the park with a series of beautiful islands for one to explore. Voyageurs was named for the French-Canadian canoemen who traveled these waters in their birch-bark canoes. The park's waterways were an important stretch of the "voyageurs' highway" from the Great Lakes into the interior of the western United States and Canada.

With grace and confidence, Superintendent West has done an outstanding job of overseeing and protecting this area so future generations can enjoy its history and beauty. Minnesotans and visitors to our state have benefited from her stewardship of the park and her dedication to community and our natural resources.

Superintendent West, thank you for your years of service. I, along with many who treasure and love our national parks, wish you the very best in your new assignment at the Chaco Culture National Historic Park in New Mexico.

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 Tuesday, May 10, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 11

9 a.m.  
 Appropriations  
 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2003, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers. SD-G50

Armed Services  
 Strategic Forces Subcommittee  
 Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

9:30 a.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition of Indian tribes. SD-106

Judiciary  
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226

10 a.m.  
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
 To hold hearings to examine issues relating to spyware. SR-253

Appropriations  
 Defense Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Missile Defense Program. SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold hearings to examine S. 895, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents. SD-366

Appropriations  
 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine issues relating to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). SD-G50

Armed Services  
 Personnel Subcommittee  
 Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-232A

10:30 a.m.  
 Appropriations  
 Legislative Branch Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Government Printing Office, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Office of Compliance. SD-116

11:30 a.m.  
 Armed Services  
 Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
 Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

2 p.m.  
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine 21st century biological threats. SD-430

Energy and Natural Resources  
 Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine S. 100, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado, S. 235 and H.R. 816, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 404, to make a technical correction relating to the land conveyance authorized by Public Law 108-67, S. 741, to provide for the disposal of certain Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, S. 761, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base. SD-366

2:30 p.m.  
 Armed Services  
 Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

Foreign Relations  
 European Affairs Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the United States-European Union regulatory cooperation on emerging technologies. SD-419

Intelligence  
 To hold a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters. SH-219

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.  
 Armed Services  
 Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. SR-222

Judiciary  
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226

Appropriations  
 Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). SD-138

10 a.m.  
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
 To hold hearings to examine S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government. SR-253

Foreign Relations  
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations. SD-419

Veterans' Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine issues relating to the planning, providing, and paying for veterans' long-term care. SR-418

2 p.m.  
 Appropriations  
 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). SD-192

Appropriations  
 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations. SD-124

2:30 p.m.  
 Intelligence  
 Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters. SH-219

3 p.m.  
 Aging  
 To hold hearings to examine the threat of HIV affecting people over fifty. SH-216

4 p.m.  
 Judiciary  
 To hold hearings to examine pending executive nominations. SD-226