

Friday, March 14, 2008

Many people ask me, "What's a typical day like in Washington?" What follows is a rather typical schedule, on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the "Drum Major Institute," a civil rights organization, to discuss economic issues confronting working families.

9:15 a.m. - Press conference on the middle class squeeze.

9:45 a.m. – Read the briefing memo for my upcoming hearing with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

10 a.m. - Appropriations Committee hearing with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. I questioned the Secretary about efforts to end extremism and hatred in Saudi textbooks.

10:40 a.m. - Floor Votes

11:00 a.m. - Catch up on memos and other reading. Return phone calls.

11:22 a.m. - Floor Votes

11:30 a.m. - Interview on MSNBC regarding New York's soon-to-be new governor, David Paterson.

12:00 p.m. - Meeting with Rep. Bishop and Brookhaven National Lab to discuss the BNL budget.

1:00 p.m. - Meeting with business leaders to discuss the development of electric vehicle infrastructure in the U.S.

1:13 p.m. - Floor Votes

1:30 p.m. - Meeting with constituents in the defense industry to discuss the President's budget for Blackhawk helicopters and local jobs.

1:42 p.m. - Floor Votes

2:48 p.m. - Floor Votes

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2:58 p.m. - Floor Votes

3:00 p.m. - Meeting with the New York State Department of Labor Commissioner to discuss job growth on Long Island.

3:07p.m. - Floor Votes

5:00 p.m. - Interview on Bloomberg Television.

5:15 p.m. - Floor Votes

6:00 p.m. - Receive award from the National Humane Society as “Humane Champion” for my work in Congress.

7:00 p.m. - Preparation to lead the debate on my resolution honoring the 69th Infantry Regiment while eating Chinese take-out.

8:30 p.m. - Debate my legislation honoring the New York-based Fighting 69th Infantry Regiment on the House Floor.

10:00 p.m. - Home