

national security. That fear has come true. As I stand here today, north Alabamians face job furloughs in the thousands because Washington would rather spend money on frivolous programs than protect national security.

Madam Speaker, I have voted against sequester at every opportunity. I sent a letter to the White House calling on the President to face and avoid the horrendous consequences of his sequester. I've escorted members of the House Armed Services Committee around Redstone Arsenal to help them better understand how our civilian defense workers are critical to America's security, and I have repeatedly cosponsored legislation to end the sequester.

For nearly 2 years I have been fighting sequester and the hollowing out of our Armed Forces. It's time for the President and the Senate to do the same.

SEQUESTRATION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Many of my constituents ask the question of what work are we doing for them. I'm very glad this morning that we will finally end the long journey for the Violence Against Women Act and finally vote on a recognized compromise that the Senate has proposed.

But I also say that I'm not here to talk about process and blame when it comes to this pending sequester, which most Americans do not understand. But I'm ready to work, and I believe we should stay and work. We should follow the Buffett rule and provides for modest reductions in defense and does not provide for these devastating cuts until 2014.

We can get this done, but we cannot have any compromise when one side refuses to acknowledge that it takes revenue to run this government to be able to ensure that people have the resources that they need when there's a natural disaster or that our military has the resources that they need. Or, for example, in Texas, for my colleagues who refuted the idea that I stand for children, where we're losing some 4,000 spots in Head Start, we can do something, Madam Speaker. We simply need to stay and work and follow the Senate plan.

SEQUESTRATION

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the White House to lead and turn away from Mayan politics: the world is going to end.

This strategy over the President's automatic cuts borders on untruthful. For example, the FAA released a list of

238 regional airports that could potentially close due to the President's cuts, saying that at least 100 of them would be closed. How can the FAA list 238 at-risk airports and admit that only 100 of them will close? It's Mayan politics. 238 affected airports puts more fear in people than 100 regional airports. Even with tomorrow's spending cuts, FAA operations and facilities will have \$500 million more than 2008 levels, and air traffic is lower.

More money, less traffic, and dramatic cuts? My seventh-grader would say, "That's fuzzy math, Dad." It's true. He's right.

The truth will prevail.

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STOP THE SEQUESTER

(Ms. BROWNLEY of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. As a member of the Veterans Affairs' Committee, as an American, and as the proud Representative of Ventura County—we are home to a large naval base with a very significant veteran community—I am extremely concerned about the impact the sequester will have on our women and men and their families who have courageously served, sacrificed, and defended our country.

If Congress fails to stop the across-the-board and unnecessary cuts at this moment, so many programs that help veterans—like transitioning to civilian life and finding employment—will be reduced.

More veterans with less resources is unacceptable. Our brave men and women deserve better. Now is the time to be doing more, not less. For our veterans' sake, we need to come together to stop this sequester now.

DEBT AND OVERSPENDING

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, \$52,653. A lot of numbers have been associated with our skyrocketing debt and government overspending, but \$52,653 is a particularly striking one and should give everyone pause as the specter of an unwanted sequester looms over the Federal budget this week. \$52,653 is the amount each individual American man, woman, and child owes as of today to pay off the country's \$16.6 trillion debt.

Clearly, overspending by the Federal Government has saddled us and our children with unsustainable debt. And just as clearly, any alternative must include reduction in spending.

I'm not looking for winners or losers in D.C.; I want the American people to win when we make the cuts that need to be made. Controlling spending is a necessity. Targeted spending cuts, such as the House has twice proposed and passed, is vital to the sequestration solution.

There is nothing worse than passing on a legacy to our children of a lower standard of living. Madam Speaker, we can and must deal with this issue of debt and overspending so that our children will not have to face \$52,653.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, while Congress is dealing with this manufactured sequester crisis, we have a real climate crisis occurring right outside the window.

There is clarity on what should be a bipartisan issue with the public. Seven out of 10 Americans believe the scientists that climate change is happening and that humans are making it worse. Every day, Americans see the impact. With record droughts and extreme storm events, 2012 set more than 3,500 monthly records for extreme heat, rain, and snow.

This week, 38 leading Republicans and national security advisors urged international action to prevent and mitigate the impact of climate change. The letter highlights the importance of immediate action and expresses national security concerns should we fail to address these issues.

We should be addressing the real climate crisis instead of dealing with a phony, made-up fiscal crisis.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDREW LEWIS

(Ms. DELBENE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Andrew Lewis, who tragically and suddenly passed away this weekend.

Andrew was a volunteer leader for the Sierra Club for over 25 years, serving most recently as the chair of the Washington State chapter. He was a local leader known for his intelligence, humor, and dedication, and Andrew was also a friend.

Over the course of his life, Andrew was a strong advocate for the protection of our wildlands and rivers—natural resources that make the Pacific Northwest such a special place.

As an avid rafter, Andrew had a great love for the rivers of Washington State. His early advocacy work helped lay the groundwork that eventually led to bipartisan legislation to protect the Middle Fork, Snoqualmie, and Pratt Rivers and expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, a bill that I'm proud to cosponsor.

I was fortunate to get to know him when we both served on the board of our children's school. Here, I saw his passion and love for his community and his family.

Andrew was a man that was large in stature, voice, and heart. My thoughts and prayers go to his wife Maaike, son

Peter, and his entire family. He will be missed by all of us who were fortunate to have known him.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 83, I call up the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 83, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S.47

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. Universal definitions and grant conditions.
- Sec. 4. Effective date.

TITLE I—ENHANCING JUDICIAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOLS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Sec. 101. Stop grants.
- Sec. 102. Grants to encourage arrest policies and enforcement of protection orders.
- Sec. 103. Legal assistance for victims.
- Sec. 104. Consolidation of grants to support families in the justice system.
- Sec. 105. Sex offender management.
- Sec. 106. Court-appointed special advocate program.
- Sec. 107. Criminal provision relating to stalking, including cyberstalking.
- Sec. 108. Outreach and services to underserved populations grant.
- Sec. 109. Culturally specific services grant.

TITLE II—IMPROVING SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

- Sec. 201. Sexual assault services program.
- Sec. 202. Rural domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse enforcement assistance.
- Sec. 203. Training and services to end violence against women with disabilities grants.
- Sec. 204. Enhanced training and services to end abuse in later life.

TITLE III—SERVICES, PROTECTION, AND JUSTICE FOR YOUNG VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

- Sec. 301. Rape prevention and education grant.
- Sec. 302. Creating hope through outreach, options, services, and education for children and youth.
- Sec. 303. Grants to combat violent crimes on campuses.
- Sec. 304. Campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking education and prevention.

TITLE IV—VIOLENCE REDUCTION PRACTICES

- Sec. 401. Study conducted by the centers for disease control and prevention.

- Sec. 402. Saving money and reducing tragedies through prevention grants.

TITLE V—STRENGTHENING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM’S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

- Sec. 501. Consolidation of grants to strengthen the healthcare system’s response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

TITLE VI—SAFE HOMES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

- Sec. 601. Housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Sec. 602. Transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Sec. 603. Addressing the housing needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

TITLE VII—ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

- Sec. 701. National Resource Center on Workplace Responses to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.

TITLE VIII—PROTECTION OF BATTERED IMMIGRANTS

- Sec. 801. U nonimmigrant definition.
- Sec. 802. Annual report on immigration applications made by victims of abuse.
- Sec. 803. Protection for children of VAWA self-petitioners.
- Sec. 804. Public charge.
- Sec. 805. Requirements applicable to U visas.
- Sec. 806. Hardship waivers.
- Sec. 807. Protections for a fiancée or fiancé of a citizen.
- Sec. 808. Regulation of international marriage brokers.
- Sec. 809. Eligibility of crime and trafficking victims in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to adjust status.
- Sec. 810. Disclosure of information for national security purposes.

TITLE IX—SAFETY FOR INDIAN WOMEN

- Sec. 901. Grants to Indian tribal governments.
- Sec. 902. Grants to Indian tribal coalitions.
- Sec. 903. Consultation.
- Sec. 904. Tribal jurisdiction over crimes of domestic violence.
- Sec. 905. Tribal protection orders.
- Sec. 906. Amendments to the Federal assault statute.
- Sec. 907. Analysis and research on violence against Indian women.
- Sec. 908. Effective dates; pilot project.
- Sec. 909. Indian law and order commission; Report on the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission.
- Sec. 910. Special rule for the State of Alaska.

TITLE X—SAFER ACT

- Sec. 1001. Short title.
- Sec. 1002. Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs.
- Sec. 1003. Reports to Congress.
- Sec. 1004. Reducing the rape kit backlog.
- Sec. 1005. Oversight and accountability.
- Sec. 1006. Sunset.

TITLE XI—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 1101. Sexual abuse in custodial settings.

- Sec. 1102. Anonymous online harassment.
- Sec. 1103. Stalker database.
- Sec. 1104. Federal victim assistants reauthorization.
- Sec. 1105. Child abuse training programs for judicial personnel and practitioners reauthorization.

TITLE XII—TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION

Subtitle A—Combating International Trafficking in Persons

- Sec. 1201. Regional strategies for combating trafficking in persons.
- Sec. 1202. Partnerships against significant trafficking in persons.
- Sec. 1203. Protection and assistance for victims of trafficking.
- Sec. 1204. Minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.
- Sec. 1205. Best practices in trafficking in persons eradication.
- Sec. 1206. Protections for domestic workers and other nonimmigrants.
- Sec. 1207. Prevention of child marriage.
- Sec. 1208. Child soldiers.

Subtitle B—Combating Trafficking in Persons in the United States

PART I—PENALTIES AGAINST TRAFFICKERS AND OTHER CRIMES

- Sec. 1211. Criminal trafficking offenses.
- Sec. 1212. Civil remedies; clarifying definition.

PART II—ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF POSSIBLE WITNESSES AND INFORMANTS

- Sec. 1221. Protections for trafficking victims who cooperate with law enforcement.
- Sec. 1222. Protection against fraud in foreign labor contracting.

PART III—ENSURING INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND EXPANDED REPORTING

- Sec. 1231. Reporting requirements for the Attorney General.
- Sec. 1232. Reporting requirements for the Secretary of Labor.
- Sec. 1233. Information sharing to combat child labor and slave labor.
- Sec. 1234. Government training efforts to include the Department of Labor.
- Sec. 1235. GAO report on the use of foreign labor contractors.
- Sec. 1236. Accountability.

PART IV—ENHANCING STATE AND LOCAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- Sec. 1241. Assistance for domestic minor sex trafficking victims.
- Sec. 1242. Expanding local law enforcement grants for investigations and prosecutions of trafficking.
- Sec. 1243. Model State criminal law protection for child trafficking victims and survivors.

Subtitle C—Authorization of Appropriations

- Sec. 1251. Adjustment of authorization levels for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.
- Sec. 1252. Adjustment of authorization levels for the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005.

Subtitle D—Unaccompanied Alien Children

- Sec. 1261. Appropriate custodial settings for unaccompanied minors who reach the age of majority while in Federal custody.
- Sec. 1262. Appointment of child advocates for unaccompanied minors.
- Sec. 1263. Access to Federal foster care and unaccompanied refugee minor protections for certain U Visa recipients.
- Sec. 1264. GAO study of the effectiveness of border screenings.