

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR
WENDELL FORD

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Wendell Hampton Ford. A dedicated public servant, Senator Ford held many roles in state and federal politics, including Governor of the Commonwealth and U.S. Senator.

A Daviess County native, Senator Ford always held his hometown close to his heart. It was his starting point in government and his final resting place. Holding elected office for more than three decades, Senator Ford is the only Kentuckian to seek and win election to consecutive terms as lieutenant governor, governor and U.S. senator.

Throughout his long tenure in state and federal government, Senator Ford was known and will be remembered for being an advocate for his fellow Kentuckians. A friend of the farmers, Senator Ford has been recognized for his work on agricultural issues, particularly tobacco. Senator Ford understood the vital role tobacco played—and still plays—in Kentucky's economy.

In tackling these big issues, Senator Ford quickly rose through the ranks. He was elected the whip of his party in 1990, a position he held until he left the U.S. Senate. He once described himself to the *New York Times* as “being a workhorse and not a show horse.” It's that same attitude that led him to be a behind-the-scenes dealmaker, who strived to achieve solutions to our policy woes.

That desire to better his community and country did not stop when Senator Ford left public service. After serving four terms in the U.S. Senate, Senator Ford created the Wendell H. Ford Government Education Center, located in Owensboro, KY. Designed to educate young people about civics and public policy, Senator Ford continued teaching those lessons until the end of his life. It is a fantastic facility with a wonderful mission, and the center is just one of the many lasting legacies his leadership has left on the region.

I join with Kentucky's Second District in sending prayers to Senator Ford's family. We will miss him and are grateful for his service to the Commonwealth and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE BIRTH OF THE
MODERN UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an important occasion, the creation of the modern-day United States Coast Guard

(USCG). The important designation was made official by President Woodrow Wilson on January 28, 1915, when he signed into law the “Act to Create the Coast Guard,” merging the Revenue Cutter Service with the U.S. Life-Saving Service.

The origins of the present-day Coast Guard can be traced back to August 4, 1790, when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act to empower ten United States ships to enforce trade laws and reduce smuggling. The USCG is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and was the only armed force patrolling the seas until the Navy Department was established in 1798.

Over its long and storied history, the USCG has acquired various responsibilities from maintaining the country's tools for maritime navigation to handling merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety. Additionally, the USCG is the nation's frontline of defense from threats at sea and is dedicated to saving lives, one of its most important functions.

Mr. Speaker, I come from an area that truly understands the important work the Coast Guard does on a daily basis. Mobile, Alabama, located in my Congressional district, is home to the Guard Aviation Training Center and also the USCG Sector Mobile Base. The Aviation Center acts as the Coast Guard's aviation and capabilities development center and also conducts traditional Coast Guard air station missions including search and rescue, homeland security, and environmental protection.

I am proud of all the brave men and women who serve in this essential organization, and I encourage all Americans to take some time to reflect on the sacrifices these people have made for our great country.

MICHIGAN STATE SENATOR JUDY
EMMONS

HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michigan State Senator Judy Emmons in recognition of her leadership in combating human trafficking.

This week in Congress, we have taken steps to fight the scourge of human trafficking in our country and around the world. In my home state, we are continuing to work on this critical issue, and one state legislator in particular has been at the forefront of this effort.

In Michigan, State Senator Judy Emmons has led the fight against human trafficking. Through her work, Michigan instituted new laws that fight this heinous crime. These laws, including life imprisonment for perpetrators, send a clear message that Michigan will not tolerate human trafficking. Further, Senator Emmons' legislative work and activism has made Michigan a national leader in understanding the plight of victims, and is providing

them with the resources they need to recover. Because of Senator Emmons' efforts, victims of this crime will find safe refuge in Michigan, and be able to make a complete recovery.

State Senator Judy Emmons has done outstanding work to help combat human trafficking and is worthy of recognition from this Congress. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Michigan State Senator Judy Emmons in gratitude for her strong conviction to prosecute traffickers, rescue victims, and assist survivors.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 351, LNG PERMITTING
CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the rule governing debate on this bill, H.R. 351, the “LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act.”

Mr. Speaker, I am not anti-energy exploration. I am not anti-trade. I am, however strongly “pro-jobs,” “pro-economic growth,” and “pro-sustainable environment.”

As a Member of Congress from Houston I have always been mindful of the importance of, and have strongly advocated for, national energy policies that will make our nation energy independent, preserve and create jobs, and keep our nation's economy strong.

That is why I carefully consider each energy legislative proposal brought to the floor on its individual merits and support them when they are sound, balanced, fair, and promote the national interest.

Where they fall short, I believe in working across the aisle to improve them if possible by offering constructive amendments.

Although I believe the nation would benefit by increased exports of natural gas, the legislation before contains several provisions that are of great concern to me.

Pursuant to Section 2, subsection (a) of the bill, an application for authorization to export LNG is “deemed” approved if the Department of Energy (DOE) or other federal agencies do not approve or deny the application within 30 days of the conclusion of the site review.

I have three concerns with this regulatory scheme.

First, as a senior member of the Committee on the Judiciary, I have a problem with “deeming” something done that has not been done in fact.

Thus, the provision is unwise.

Second, this provision is a remedy in search of a problem. There is no lengthy or intolerable backlog of neglected natural gas export authority applications awaiting action by DOE.

The provision is unnecessary because DOE has to date authorized the export of over 10

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