

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### ADAPTATION TO CHANGING CRUDE OIL MARKETS

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 702) to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions:

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 702, legislation by my friend and Texas colleague Congressman JOE BARTON to lift the ban on American exports of crude oil.

Lifting this outdated and unnecessary ban on crude oil exports is a win for Texas and America. It opens up billions of dollars of new economic opportunity for American companies, which will create thousands of good paying jobs. It will help to stabilize the price of energy on the world market, making sure that gasoline and electricity remains abundant and affordable for hardworking families across America. And South East Texas is uniquely positioned to be at the center of it all, with the Port of Houston and other facilities in our area uniquely suited to lead America into this new market.

Unfortunately, and predictably, the Obama Administration has threatened to veto this bipartisan bill once it passes the House and the Senate. This is the same Administration that just led the way on a deal to lift the crude export ban that has been in place on the Islamic Republic of Iran, a terrorist sponsoring regime that will use the proceeds from selling crude oil to finance terror and mayhem throughout the world. Americans deserve better treatment from their President than he is giving to terrorists in Iran, and I believe that if he vetoes this bill, we will override that veto.

### HONORING THE CREW OF EL FARO

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the crew of the *El Faro*, the 790-foot container ship that recently perished in the Atlantic during Hurricane Joaquin. We cannot know the heartache that their families and friends are facing in the midst of the unanswered questions surrounding this maritime disaster. In their time of need, we send them strong prayers of support to help ease their pain.

The 33 crew members aboard the vessel, 18 from Florida, 12 from my hometown of Jacksonville, 10 others from cities and towns across America, and five Polish nationals, all faced the toughest of odds from a Category 4 hurricane. These brave men and women include: Jacksonville residents Roosevelt Clark,

Brookie Davis, Frank Hamm, Carey Hatch, Jack Jackson, Jackie Jones, Jr., Lonnie Jordan, Roan Lightfoot, James Porter, Theodore Quammie, Lashawn Rivera and Anthony Thomas. Florida residents Louis Champa of Palm Coast, Keith Griffin of Fort Myers, Joe Hargrove of Orange Park, Howard Schoenly of Cape Coral, German Solar-Cortes of Orlando and Mariette Wright of St. Augustine were also aboard.

Sylvester Crawford Jr. of Lawrenceville, Georgia; Michael Davidson of Windham, Maine; Michael Holland of North Wilton, Maine; Mitchell Kuflik of Brooklyn, New York; Jeffrey Mathias of Kingston, Massachusetts; Dylan Meklin of Rockland, Maine; Richard Pusatere of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Danielle Randolph of Rockland, Maine; Jeremie Riehm of Camden, Delaware; and Steven Shultz of Roan Mountain, Tennessee are also mourned as are Piotr Krause, Marcin Nita, Jan Podgorski, Andrzej Truskowski and Rafal Zdobych of Poland.

As we learn more about their lives we see the experience and professionalism they brought to their careers, their love of family and the hope they had for the future. May those closest to them take comfort from this diverse collection of stories.

We also take time to recognize the United States Coast Guard, United States Navy, United States Air Force and other maritime assets who combined forces in the search for the stricken ship and its members. They are to be commended for their full commitment and dedication to that mission.

As we move ahead, investigations are underway by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Coast Guard to determine what happened and how to prevent another such disaster from happening in the future. I have no doubt that those answers will come. In the meantime, America's maritime community is a tight one and will rally around those who need it the most right now—the loved ones of the *El Faro* crew. We stand with them, ready to meet their needs in whatever way we can, today and in all of the tomorrows.

### IN RECOGNITION OF CHINESE NATIONAL DAY AND THE UNITED STATES-TAIWAN FRIENDSHIP

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere congratulations to the Republic of China which recently celebrated its National Day and the anniversary of the Xinhai Revolution, referred to as the "Double Tenth" for October 10th.

Taiwan is a close ally and dear friend of the United States. We share critical and common values, values that include liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and equality, and over time, we have developed our friendship

into trade agreements, tourism, national security agreements, and cultural and educational exchanges.

Let me say today, from the halls of Washington, D.C., that the friendship between the United States and Taiwan is enduring and deep. Our bonds will continue to grow stronger and the world will be a better place because of it.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK SANFORD**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, Friday, October 9, 2015, I am in Charleston, South Carolina, accompanying Secretary Jeh Johnson of the Department of Homeland Security and attending to matters related to the historic storm and flooding in my district and as a consequence, I will not be present for votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call 545—Amash Amendment to H.R. 702: YEA.

Roll Call 546—Messer Amendment to H.R. 702: YEA.

Roll Call 547—Messer Amendment to H.R. 702: YEA.

Roll Call 548—Motion to Recommit H.R. 702: NAY.

Roll Call 549—Final Passage of H.R. 702: NAY.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Friday, October 9, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted against H.R. 702 (Roll no. 549) because I believe the crude oil export ban should only be lifted if it includes opportunities for increased alternative renewable energy tax credits.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE P. OLIVEIRA

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Mr. DAVID VALADAO to pay tribute to the life of our good friend, Joe P. Oliveira, Sr., of Lemoore, California who recently passed away at the age of 89. He leaves behind his loving family including his

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