

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 644, TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, America's trade laws only work as well as they are enforced—which is why the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act is of such vital importance. Both versions of the bill include vital provisions to modernize our customs process and increase enforcement of our trade laws—including my bill to finally end the importation of goods made by child, slave and forced labor after 75 years. It has been five months since H.R. 644 passed both the House and Senate and it is long past time the two versions of the bill be conferred. In addition to the provision of the Senate bill which was used in the Democratic Motion to Instruct; there exists another, noncontroversial provision to combat currency manipulation in the legislation. Senator BENNET's amendment, which passed the Senate Finance Committee unanimously, has real teeth. The amendment creates enhanced oversight of international exchange rate policy, authorizes specific remedial actions for the U.S. government to pursue against trading partners that fail to adopt appropriate exchange rate policies, and provides the U.S. government with additional tools for strengthening trade enforcement. The language referenced in the Democratic Motion to Instruct is considered a poison pill by many and could threaten the underlying legislation which is vital to updating our trade enforcement laws for the 21st century.

There are a number of vital differences between the House and Senate versions which will meaningfully impact the United States' ability to enforce our trade laws that must be a priority as we move into the conference process. Differences such as the ENFORCE Act, which helps to enforce duty evasion; creating an enforcement and capacity building fund using a portion of penalties paid by foreign trade cheats; holding our trading partners accountable for this uneven enforcement of environmental regulations; and codifying the Interagency Trade Enforcement Center are issues vital and cannot be bogged down. In light of the existence of the Bennet language which I believe substantively moves the ball forward on currency manipulation, while I support the spirit of the Motion to Instruct I believe it is more important that the customs bill not be bogged down by a controversial provision which could potentially lead to retaliation which would hurt Wisconsin's farmers, workers and businesses. Many of these other provisions will ultimately determine my support for the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement

Act and I hope rather than falling into partisan foxholes we can help move this vital piece of legislation forward in a bipartisan manner.

HONORING DR. ARIANE
PALMASANI CONABOY, D.O.

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ariane Palmasani Conaboy. Dr. Conaboy is the 138th President of the Lackawanna County Medical Society and the youngest President in the Society's history. The Lackawanna County Medical Society is a professional association for physicians and physicians in training that promotes an environment which fosters excellence in medical care.

Dr. Conaboy graduated in 2000 from Scranton Preparatory School and went on to graduate from The University of Scranton, where she majored in biochemistry and philosophy. In 2008, Dr. Conaboy earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She went on to complete her internship and residency at Scranton Temple Residency Program.

Dr. Conaboy is certified in Internal Medicine and is currently employed by Physicians Health Alliance, a division of Commonwealth Health, and practices traditional inpatient and outpatient internal medicine. She serves on the Physicians Health Alliance Advisory Board, the Moses Taylor Hospital Medical Executive Committee, and was recently elected Treasurer of the Medical Staff at the hospital.

Dr. Conaboy serves on the Moses Taylor Hospital Credentials Committee and is the physician lead for the finance and contract committee for NEPA Quality Health Alliance, where she also serves as a board member. She is also a member of The Commonwealth Medical College Volunteer Clinical Faculty. Dr. Conaboy is the daughter of Millie Palmasani and the late Michael Palmasani. She is married to an attorney, Kevin, and they have two children, Clare and Kevin.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am pleased to recognize Dr. Ariane Conaboy for improving the quality of life for citizens through her leadership as the President of the Lackawanna County Medical Society.

HONORING MAST COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of

the Mathematic Science and Technology Community Charter School in my district—known as MaST—which was just recognized as the top charter school in Pennsylvania by the Philadelphia City Council.

Since opening in 1999, MaST has established a proven record as a high-performing charter school in the region, with multiple awards from local, state, and national entities for its advanced curriculum in STEM education. MaST's focus on STEM education has created a high-achieving student body that is well-prepared for and focused on entering post-secondary education. I am proud to say that 93 percent of graduating students have moved directly into a post-secondary institution over the last three years.

Despite these achievements, MaST is only capable of accepting a fraction of the applications it receives every year. This past application year, MaST received 7,165 applications for 96 open spots. I supported a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education which would allow for MaST to meet the needs of a larger body of students who currently lack the tools MaST can provide—particularly advanced education and preparation in STEM fields.

MaST is an impressive model for quality education in Philadelphia. If given the resources to grow, MaST will continue to expand its award-winning curriculum which has contributed to its meteoric rise in the past 16 years. I am proud to support this effort.

RECOGNIZING CARLY
IMBIEROWICZ AND DAULTON
POINTEK

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Carly Imbierowicz and Daulton Pointek. Carly and Daulton were two star students at Octorara High School in Chester County, loved and admired by their entire school community. They were the victims of carbon monoxide poisoning. A faulty automobile exhaust pipe allowed the deadly gas to leak into their car. When they were found, the car keys were still in the ignition.

It is important that we spread awareness of this silent killer. The danger of carbon monoxide poisoning is present whenever you combine burning fuel and enclosed spaces, from stoves to gas-powered water heaters and furnaces. These dangers increase in the colder months.

The Imbierowicz and Pointek families have been working to educate our community on these dangers and I admire their dedication to this mission. Their efforts to raise awareness about this issue will save lives and protect more families from having to cope with such terrible tragedies.

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