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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, personal circumstances kept me from voting on the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 592—21st Century Cures. "Yea" on rollcall No. 593—Intel Reauthorization.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 5143, TRANSPARENT INSURANCE STANDARDS ACT OF 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, this morning, the Rules Committee issued an announcement outlining the amendment process for H.R. 5143, the Transparent Insurance Standards Act of 2016.

The amendment deadline is set for Monday, December 5, at 10 a.m. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the Rules Committee Print 114-68, which contains the text of the bill, as reported by the Committee on Financial Services, with a modification, and can be found on the Rules Committee Web site.

Feel free to contact me or the staff if you have any questions.

ADOLFO "HARPO" CELAYA POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 6304) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 North Main Street in Florence, Arizona, as the "Adolfo 'Harpo' Celaya Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 34

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a concurrent resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 174

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That in the enrollment of*

the bill (H.R. 34) to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following correction: Amend the long title so as to read: "An Act to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes."

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

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END OF CUBA'S BRUTAL REGIME OF REPRESSION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, Fidel Castro led a brutal regime of oppression that imprisoned an island nation. While he and his family live like kings, the people of Cuba are repressed, starved, and forbidden any outside information.

According to credible sources and The Wall Street Journal, his regime may have killed up to 100,000 people. Thousands of political prisoners and human rights activists were brutally tortured and killed over the years.

Castro was eager to see the Soviet Union and the United States engage in a nuclear war, and even Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev had to remind Castro that the point of putting the missiles in Cuba was to further Communist interests, not start Armageddon. "This is insane," Khrushchev said. "Fidel wants to drag us into the grave with him."

Under Castro, the Cuban Government refused to recognize the legitimacy of Cuban human rights organizations, alternative political parties, independent labor unions, or even a free press. He also denied international monitors, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, to access the island to investigate human rights conditions.

With this vicious dictator finally dead, perhaps our close neighbor can finally be free. The people of Cuba can choose for themselves what they would like for their lives, rather than death squads and secret police imposing the will of a madman. I hope we can be supportive of a free Cuba and not further a bad regime.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP'S TREASURY NOMINATION

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight in alarm over the stacking of Wall Street insiders in top positions for the incoming administration.

During his campaign, President-elect Donald Trump said the system is rigged. He said hedge fund managers are "getting away with murder" and that he would "tax Wall Street" and

called Washington, D.C., corrupt and promised to "drain the swamp." President-elect Trump even closed his campaign with a political ad bashing Goldman Sachs.

Yet now, according to media reports, he has chosen a second-generation Goldman Sachs partner, Steven Mnuchin, to serve as Treasury Secretary. He will take the post most responsible for watching and regulating the dangerous, high-risk, high-stakes gambling behavior of Wall Street, which he has himself engaged in for decades. He worked at Goldman Sachs for 17 years. His father worked there. His brother still works there, and he frequently returns for alumni and social gatherings. He was named the "Foreclosure King" after buying up the remains of IndyMac, a California-based mortgage lender, and evicted approximately 36,000 people who could not keep up their mortgage payments.

The last three administrations have had Goldman executives at the helm inside the White House and Treasury. While President-elect Trump promises to drain the swamp, he is not doing it. He is enlarging it.

GUARDING AGAINST FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN FUTURE ELECTIONS

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

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, on October 7, 2016, the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence on Election Security released a joint statement saying: "The U.S. Intelligence Community is confident that the Russian Government directed the recent compromises of emails from U.S. persons and institutions, including from U.S. political organizations."

The U.S. Intelligence Community went on to explicitly state that "these thefts and disclosures are intended to interfere with the U.S. election process . . . only Russia's senior-most officials could have authorized these activities."

Despite this certification, the majority in this body has demonstrated zero interest in examining the unprecedented attack on one of our most cherished institutions, democratic free elections.

I am here today to plead with the majority to take an interest, not because I seek to undermine the results of the recent Presidential election. That is not my intention. Rather, it is my sincere hope that we understand the nature of the foreign interference and how to guard against it in all future elections.

PRECISION MEDICINE INITIATIVE

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