

the “Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act” with an amendment, by voice vote. The bill was referred primarily to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, with an additional referral to the Committee on House Administration.

I ask that you allow the Committee on House Administration to be discharged from further consideration of the bill so that it may be scheduled by the Majority Leader. This discharge in no way affects your jurisdiction over the subject matter of the bill, and it will not serve as precedent for future referrals. In addition, should a conference on the bill be necessary, I would support your request to have the Committee on House Administration represented on the conference committee. Finally, I would be pleased to include this letter and any response in the bill report filed by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, as well as in the Congressional Record during floor consideration, to memorialize our understanding.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

TREY GOWDY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, December 6, 2017.

Hon. TREY GOWDY,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1701. As you know, the bill was received in the House of Representatives on March 23, 2017, and referred primarily to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and in addition to the Committee on the Committee on House Administration. The bill seeks to restrict funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Federal Government from being used to pay for the painting of a portrait of an officer or employee of the Federal Government, including the President, the Vice President, a Member of Congress, the head of an executive agency, or the head of an office of the legislative branch. On September 13, 2017, your Committee ordered H.R. 1701 to be reported with an amendment by voice vote.

I realize that discharging the Committee on House Administration from further consideration of H.R. 1701 will serve in the best interest of the House of Representatives and agree to do so. It is the understanding of the Committee on House Administration that forgoing action on H.R. 1701 will not prejudice the Committee with respect to appointment of conferees or any future jurisdictional claim. I request that your letter and this response be included in the bill report filed by your Committee, as well as in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

GREGG HARPER,
Chairman.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This is a sad day in the swamp, to eliminate oil paintings of men and women who consider themselves very important, to make sure that taxpayer funds are never used for such a thing; sad day for the swamp in Washington.

One can come to the Capitol and look at oil paintings that bestride every corridor and wall, in hearing rooms here in the Capitol, and not know most of these people. We haven't got a clue who most of them are. We recognize John Adams, but when we go to committee hearing rooms, one or two chairmen past, we often don't know who they are.

I guess it was an attempt to achieve immortality, but it really is an act of ego that is a little embarrassing, even for Washington, D.C.

This is an important bill, a common-sense bill, that brings us all back to Earth; that none of us is expendable and that, frankly, we make our contribution and we move on.

This bill strikes at the uncontrolled egos and, I hope, sends a message to those narcissists among us that they can stay that way if they wish, but the taxpayer is not going to pay for their oil painting.

I thank my friend from Iowa for bringing up the bill. I support the bill, and urge its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make the gentleman from Virginia aware that I have no further speakers and I am prepared to close. I enjoy my colleague from Virginia's rather dry sense of wit and humor.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Iowa, with whom I share a dry sense of humor. I will remind him, being Irish, that leprechauns are always on the shoulder, especially this time of year.

Mr. Speaker, I like this bill. I think most taxpayers are going to like this bill. I think it is high time we acted on this kind of improvement and injected a sense of humility and humanity into our enterprise here in the United States Capitol. I urge passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 188, the Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act, an acronym for the EGO Act.

S. 188 is the Senate companion to H.R. 1401, legislation that I introduced along with Representatives JIM BRIDENSTINE, CHERI BUSTOS, WALTER JONES, LEONARD LANCE, DAVID MCKINLEY, PETE OLSON, and TOM RICE.

My friend and former House colleague, Senator BILL CASSIDY, is the lead sponsor of S. 188 which passed the Senate unanimously on September 18, 2017.

The EGO Act would prohibit Federal funds from being used to pay for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government. Federal agencies have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on portraits that are displayed within agency buildings, often in secure locations that are not open to the public. Although this money is only a fraction of a percentage of the federal budget, it represents a failure to exercise fiscal restraint. Every dollar the government spends on vanity projects for federal officials is a dollar that is not spent improving the lives of everyday Americans.

Congress has the responsibility to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used efficiently and effectively. For these reasons, I am proud to sponsor the EGO Act, and urge the House

to pass S. 188, sending it to the President's desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BLUM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 188, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “An Act to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The motion to recommit on H.R. 4607; and

Passage of H.R. 4607, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to recommit on the bill (H.R. 4607) to amend the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 to ensure that Federal financial regulators perform a comprehensive review of regulations to identify outdated or otherwise unnecessary regulatory requirements imposed on covered persons, and for other purposes, offered by the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK), on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 182, nays 228, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 94]

YEAS—182

Adams	Brady (PA)	Clark (MA)
Aguilar	Brown (MD)	Clarke (NY)
Barragán	Brownley (CA)	Clay
Bass	Bustos	Clyburn
Beatty	Butterfield	Cohen
Bera	Capuano	Connolly
Beyer	Carbajal	Cooper
Bishop (GA)	Cárdenas	Correa
Blum	Carson (IN)	Costa
Blumenauer	Cartwright	Courtney
Blunt Rochester	Castor (FL)	Crist
Bonamici	Castro (TX)	Crowley
Boyle, Brendan	Chu, Judy	Cuellar
F.	Ciçilline	Davis (CA)

Davis, Danny	Kind	Quigley	Meadows	Rohrabacher	Tenney	Davidson	Kelly (MS)	Roby
DeGette	Krishnamoorthi	Raskin	Meehan	Rokita	Thompson (PA)	Davis, Rodney	Kelly (PA)	Roe (TN)
Delaney	Kuster (NH)	Rice (NY)	Messer	Rooney, Francis	Thornberry	Delaney	Kilmer	Rogers (AL)
DeLauro	Langevin	Richmond	Mitchell	Rooney, Thomas J.	Tipton	Denham	Kind	Rogers (KY)
DelBene	Larsen (WA)	Rosen	Moolenaar	Ros-Lehtinen	Trott	Dent	King (IA)	Rohrabacher
Demings	Larson (CT)	Roybal-Allard	Mooney (WV)	Roskam	Turner	DeSantis	King (NY)	Rokita
DeSaulnier	Lawrence	Ruiz	Mullin	Rothfus	Upton	DesJarlais	Kinzinger	Rooney, Francis
Deutch	Lawson (FL)	Ruppersberger	Newhouse	Rouzer	Valadao	Diaz-Balart	Knight	Rooney, Thomas J.
Dingell	Lee	Rush	Noem	Royce (CA)	Wagner	Donovan	Kuster (NH)	Ros-Lehtinen
Doggett	Levin	Ryan (OH)	Norman	Russell	Walberg	Duffy	Kustoff (TN)	Rosen
Doyle, Michael F.	Lewis (GA)	Sánchez	Nunes	Rutherford	Walden	Duncan (SC)	Labrador	Roskam
Ellison	Lipinski	Sarbanes	Palmer	Sanford	Walker	Duncan (TN)	LaHood	Ross
Engel	Loeb	Schakowsky	Paulsen	Sanford	Walorski	Dunn	LaMalfa	Ross
Eshoo	Lofgren	Schiff	Perry	Scott, Austin	Walters, Mimi	Emmer	Lamborn	Rothfus
Españillat	Lowenthal	Schneider	Peterson	Sensenbrenner	Weber (TX)	Estes (KS)	Lance	Rouzer
Esty (CT)	Lowe	Schrader	Pittenger	Sessions	Webster (FL)	Esty (CT)	Latta	Royce (CA)
Evans	Lujan Grisham, M.	Scott (VA)	Poe (TX)	Shimkus	Wenstrup	Farenthold	Lewis (MN)	Ruppersberger
Foster	Luján, Ben Ray	Scott, David	Poliquin	Shuster	Westerman	Faso	LoBiondo	Russell
Frankel (FL)	Lynch	Serrano	Posey	Simpson	Williams	Ferguson	Loeb	Rutherford
Fudge	Maloney	Sewell (AL)	Ratcliffe	Smith (MO)	Wilson (SC)	Fitzpatrick	Long	Sanford
Gabbard	Carolyn B.	Sherman	Reed	Smith (NE)	Wittman	Fleischmann	Loudermilk	Schneider
Gallo	Maloney, Sean	Sinema	Reichert	Smith (NJ)	Womack	Flores	Love	Schrader
Garamendi	Matsui	Sires	Renacci	Smith (TX)	Woodall	Fortenberry	Lucas	Schweikert
Gomez	McCormack	Slaughter	Rice (SC)	Smucker	Yoder	Foxx	Luetkemeyer	Scott, Austin
Gonzalez (TX)	McEachin	Smith (WA)	Roby	Stefanik	Yoho	Frelinghuysen	Lujan Grisham, M.	Scott, David
Gottheimer	McGovern	Soto	Roe (TN)	Stewart	Young (AK)	Gaetz	MacArthur	Sensenbrenner
Green, Al	McNerney	Speier	Rogers (AL)	Taylor	Young (IA)	Gallagher	Maloney, Sean	Sessions
Grijalva	Meeks	Suozi	Rogers (KY)		Zeldin	Garrett	Marino	Shimkus
Gutiérrez	Meng	Swalwell (CA)				Gianforte	Marshall	Shuster
Hanabusa	Moore	Takano				Gibbs	Massie	Simpson
Hastings	Moulton	Thompson (CA)	Burgess	Jackson Lee	Polis	Gonzalez (TX)	Mast	Sinema
Heck	Murphy (FL)	Thompson (MS)	Cleaver	Johnson, E. B.	Scalise	Goodlatte	McCarthy	Smith (MO)
Higgins (NY)	Nadler	Titus	Cramer	Lieu, Ted	Shea-Porter	Gosar	McCauley	Smith (NE)
Himes	Napolitano	Tonko	Cummings	Marchant	Stivers	Gottheimer	McClintock	Smith (NJ)
Hoyer	Neal	Torres	DeFazio	Nolan	Veasey	Gowdy	McHenry	Smith (TX)
Huffman	Norcross	Tsongas	Gohmert	Olson	Walz	Granger	McKinley	Smucker
Jayapal	O'Halleran	Vargas	Green, Gene	Pearce		Graves (GA)	McMorris	Stefanik
Jeffries	O'Rourke	Vela				Graves (LA)	McMorris	Stewart
Johnson (GA)	Pallone	Velázquez				Graves (MO)	Rodgers	Stewart
Jones	Panetta	Visclosky				Griffith	McSally	Suozi
Kaptur	Pascrell	Wasserman				Grothman	Meadows	Taylor
Keating	Payne	Schultz				Guthrie	Meehan	Tenney
Kelly (IL)	Pelosi	Waters, Maxine				Harper	Messer	Thompson (PA)
Kennedy	Perlmutter	Watson Coleman				Harris	Mitchell	Thornberry
Khanna	Peters	Welch				Hartzer	Moolenaar	Tipton
Kihuen	Pingree	Wilson (FL)				Heck	Mooney (WV)	Trott
Kildee	Pocan	Yarmuth				Hensarling	Moulton	Turner
Kilmer	Price (NC)					Herrera Beutler	Mullin	Upton
						Hice, Jody B.	Murphy (FL)	Valadao
						Higgins (LA)	Newhouse	Vela
						Hill	Noem	Wagner
						Himes	Norman	Walberg
						Holding	Nunes	Walden
						Hollingsworth	O'Halleran	Walker
						Hudson	Palazzo	Walorski
						Huizenga	Palmer	Walters, Mimi
						Hultgren	Paulsen	Weber (TX)
						Hunter	Perlmutter	Webster (FL)
						Hurd	Perry	Wenstrup
						Issa	Peters	Westerman
						Jenkins (KS)	Peterson	Williams
						Jenkins (WV)	Pittenger	Wilson (SC)
						Johnson (LA)	Poliquin	Wittman
						Johnson (OH)	Posey	Womack
						Johnson (OH)	Ratcliffe	Woodall
						Johnson, Sam	Reed	Yoder
						Jordan	Reichert	Yoho
						Joyce (OH)	Renacci	Young (AK)
						Katko	Rice (NY)	Young (IA)
						Kelly (MS)	Rice (SC)	Zeldin
						Kelly (PA)		
						King (IA)		
						King (NY)		
						King (NY)		
						Kinzinger		
						Knight		
						Kustoff (TN)		
						Labrador		
						LaHood		
						LaMalfa		
						Lamborn		
						Lance		
						Latta		
						Lewis (MN)		
						LoBiondo		
						Long		
						Loudermilk		
						Love		
						Lucas		
						Luetkemeyer		
						MacArthur		
						Arrington		
						Babin		
						Bacon		
						Brooks (AL)		
						Brooks (IN)		
						Buchanan		
						Buck		
						Bucshon		
						Budd		
						Burns		
						Byrne		
						Calvert		
						Carter (GA)		
						Carter (TX)		
						Chabot		
						Cheney		
						Coffman		
						Cole		
						Collins (GA)		
						Collins (NY)		
						Comer		
						Comstock		
						Conaway		
						Cook		
						Cooper		
						Correa		
						Costa		
						Costello (PA)		
						Crawford		
						Cuellar		
						Culberson		
						Curtis		

NOT VOTING—20

Messrs. BRADY of Texas, YOHO, RENACCI, BRIDENSTINE, COLLINS of New York, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, and Mr. MULLIN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. KELLY of Illinois and Mr. NORCROSS changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 264, nays 143, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 95]

YEAS—264

Abraham	Davidson	Hollingsworth	Adams	Courtney	Green, Al
Aderholt	Davis, Rodney	Hudson	Barragán	Crist	Grijalva
Allen	Denham	Huizenga	Bass	Crowley	Gutiérrez
Amash	Dent	Hultgren	Beatty	Davis (CA)	Hanabusa
Amodei	DeSantis	Hunter	Beyer	Davis, Danny	Hastings
Arrington	DesJarlais	Hurd	Blumenauer	DeGette	Higgins (NY)
Babin	Diaz-Balart	Issa	Bonamici	DeLauro	Hoyer
Bacon	Donovan	Jenkins (KS)	Boyle, Brendan F.	DelBene	Huffman
Banks (IN)	Duffy	Jenkins (WV)		Demings	Jayapal
Barletta	Duncan (SC)	Johnson (LA)		DeSaulnier	Jeffries
Barr	Duncan (TN)	Johnson (OH)		Brown (MD)	Deutch
Barton	Dunn	Johnson (OH)		Brownley (CA)	Dingell
Bergman	Emmer	Johnson, Sam		Butterfield	Doggett
Biggs	Estes (KS)	Jordan		Cole	Doyle, Michael F.
Bilirakis	Farenthold	Joyce (OH)		Collins (GA)	Kelly (IL)
Bishop (MI)	Faso	Katko		Collins (NY)	Kennedy
Bishop (UT)	Ferguson	Kelly (MS)		Comer	Khanna
Black	Fitzpatrick	King (IA)		Conaway	Kihuen
Blackburn	Fleischmann	King (NY)		Cook	Kildee
Bost	Flores	Kinzinger		Cooper	Krishnamoorthi
Brady (TX)	Fortenberry	Knight		Correa	Langevin
Brat	Foxx	Kustoff (TN)		Costa	Larsen (WA)
Bridenstine	Frelinghuysen	Labrador		Costello (PA)	Larson (CT)
Brooks (AL)	Gaetz	LaHood		Crawford	Lawrence
Brooks (IN)	Gallagher	LaMalfa		Cuellar	Lawson (FL)
Buchanan	Garrett	Lamborn		Culberson	Lee
Buck	Gianforte	Lance		Curtis	Levin
Bucshon	Gibbs	Latta			Lewis (GA)
Budd	Goodlatte	Lewis (MN)			
Byrne	Gosar	LoBiondo			
Calvert	Gowdy	Long			
Carter (GA)	Granger	Loudermilk			
Carter (TX)	Graves (GA)	Love			
Chabot	Graves (LA)	Lucas			
Cheney	Graves (MO)	Luetkemeyer			
Coffman	Griffith	MacArthur			
Cole	Grothman	Marino			
Collins (GA)	Guthrie	Marshall			
Collins (NY)	Handel	Massie			
Comer	Harper	Mast			
Comstock	Harris	McCarthy			
Conaway	Hartzer	McCaul			
Cook	Hensarling	McClintock			
Costello (PA)	Herrera Beutler	McHenry			
Crawford	Hice, Jody B.	McKinley			
Culberson	Higgins (LA)	McMorris			
Curbelo (FL)	Hill	Rodgers			
Curtis	Holding	McSally			

Lipinski	Panetta	Slaughter
Lofgren	Pascarell	Smith (WA)
Lowenthal	Payne	Soto
Lowey	Pelosi	Speier
Luján, Ben Ray	Pingree	Swalwell (CA)
Lynch	Pocan	Takano
Maloney,	Price (NC)	Thompson (CA)
Carolyn B.	Quigley	Thompson (MS)
Matsui	Raskin	Titus
McCollum	Richmond	Tonko
McEachin	Roybal-Allard	Torres
McGovern	Ruiz	Tsongas
McNerney	Rush	Vargas
Meeks	Ryan (OH)	Velázquez
Meng	Sánchez	Visclosky
Moore	Sarbanes	Wasserman
Nadler	Schakowsky	Schultz
Napolitano	Schiff	Waters, Maxine
Neal	Scott (VA)	Watson Coleman
Norcross	Serrano	Welch
O'Rourke	Sherman	Wilson (FL)
Pallone	Sires	Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—23

Black	Green, Gene	Poe (TX)
Burgess	Jackson Lee	Polis
Cleaver	Johnson, E. B.	Scalise
Cramer	Lieu, Ted	Shea-Porter
Cummings	Marchant	Stivers
Curbelo (FL)	Nolan	Veasey
DeFazio	Olson	Walz
Gohmert	Pearce	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1625

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 95.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 94 and "yea" on rollcall No. 95.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 6, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: I, Val Butler Demings, am submitting my resignation from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in compliance with the Rules of the Democratic Caucus. It has been a privilege and honor to have served on this Committee.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

VAL BUTLER DEMINGS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 764

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM.—Mr. Gomez (to rank immediately after Mr. Raskin), Mr. Welch, Mr. Cartwright, Mr. DeSaulnier, Ms. Plaskett, and Mr. Sarbanes.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1630

HONORING MARVIN KAHN, FLORIDA CITRUS GROWER

(Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, when you drive through Florida's heartland in Highlands County, you will probably see signs that say "Kahn Groves," and then you will drive through miles of citrus groves.

Marvin Kahn has been a passionate advocate for citrus over the last five decades, leading his management company from managing 400 acres to over 5,500 acres at its peak.

Mr. Kahn is one of the State's most innovative growers, caretakers, and marketers. He served on the Florida Citrus Commission for 8 years and worked on the long-range planning committee for several years after that. His devotion to Florida citrus and agriculture was real, and he did everything he could to share his passion with others, especially with young people.

Each year, the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame honors the most distinguished leaders who have made significant contributions to the Florida citrus industry, and there is no one more deserving of a spot on that hall of fame than Mr. Marvin Kahn. When it comes to serving Florida's agriculture industry, his passion for Florida's citrus is unparalleled.

Florida is a better place because of Mr. Kahn, and it has been an honor to serve him in the House of Representatives.

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death for men and women combined. It

is a silent killer because the disease often has no signs or symptoms. Each year, more than 50,000 Americans die from colorectal cancer even though it is mostly preventable and treatable if caught early.

Six years ago today, my father, the late Congressman Donald Payne, died from colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer screening just wasn't something people of his generation did.

Mr. Speaker, my father might have lived had he gotten tested for colorectal cancer. That is why each year I sponsor a resolution to recognize March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a time to educate the public about the disease and the need for screening.

By educating people, increasing research funding, and making Medicare coverage better for seniors, we can save tens of thousands of lives each year.

I would rather not have to make this 1-minute speech every year, to have my father still be a Member of Congress from the 10th Congressional District.

MILITARY SAVE ACT

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the Military SAVE Act.

Last year, the Department of Defense reported there were an estimated 20,300 military members who indicated they had experienced a sexual assault the year prior. Many of these military sexual trauma survivors expressed concerns that services available within the VA healthcare system did not meet their post-trauma needs.

This bill will now require the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a 3-year pilot program to allow these survivors treatment related to their injuries from the provider of their choice. Then the VA will compare the care received from outside providers with the VA so that they can find ways to provide better care for MST survivors.

Mr. Speaker, anyone who is sexually assaulted should be able to receive the care that they need, and that stands true for the men and women protecting our Nation. Members of the military should be confident in the quality of care they receive from the VA, and this new bill, when it becomes law, would help the VA to improve the services that they offer.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I see my colleagues from the great South