

many blessings and freedoms we experience.

We have many challenges in our Nation. We need a moral and spiritual renewal to meet those challenges.

We ask for Your protection over our lives, our families, our communities, and schools.

We pray we would be able to live peacefully, marked by godliness and dignity. "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord."

We pray that You would fill the men and women in this Chamber with Your wisdom as they consider the business at hand. We pray that the decisions that are made would be for the good of our Nation.

We pray You would give them courage to work together to make decisions that make our Nation strong and honorable to You. Father, I thank You for the service of these men and women.

In Jesus' name, amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SMUCKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND SAM SMUCKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to welcome

the guest chaplain to the House floor. He is a leader in our community in Pennsylvania's 16th District, as well as my oldest brother.

Mr. Speaker, five other brothers of ours are in the gallery with us here today on what I learned was a very appropriate day, as this is National Siblings Day. I am so very pleased to host my brothers, who are enjoying the sites here in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, we have five sisters as well, but I guess that will be another day.

My oldest brother, Sam, was born into an Amish home and was really used by God. Sam leads a congregation called the Worship Center in Lancaster County. They have 4,000 members. He also leads a ministers' fellowship impacting 100 other fellowships, and has traveled to 40 countries in missionary endeavors across the world.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud of Sam. He has had an impact not only on our community, but across the world as well, and certainly is a spiritual leader for our family, and we welcome him here today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

IN HONOR OF STEPHANIE WILLS

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

Mr. PITTINGER. Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks, I have joined many of our colleagues to rise in honor of Dr. Billy Graham.

Today, I rise in honor of one of the quiet heroes who helped make his worldwide ministry possible. Ms. Stephanie Wills served as Billy Graham's secretary—she always refused fancier titles—for over 45 years, traveling the world to help Dr. Graham at each crusade and at countless meetings.

My first conversations with Stephanie were in the early 1970s, when I served for 10 years as the assistant to Dr. Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ.

It was a blessing to see Stephanie at Dr. Graham's funeral, as she was still faithfully serving him.

Stephanie is legendary. She is highly competent, fiercely loyal, and unflappable.

I have said several times that Dr. Graham was a great man because he was faithful to the mission that God had given to him. The same can be said of Stephanie Wills. She has been a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, playing a quiet yet enormous role in sharing the Gospel around the world through her dedicated and tireless support of God's servant, Dr. Billy Graham.

Well done, Stephanie, a wonderful servant of God.

MANUFACTURING IS STILL KEY TO OUR NATION'S FUTURE PROSPERITY

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, in Illinois' 10th District, one doesn't have to look far to see America's strength in advanced 21st century manufacturing. In fact, my district has the fourth highest concentration of manufacturing jobs of any district in the Nation.

Manufacturing is still key to our Nation's future prosperity because it creates a multiplier effect that generates economic growth and jobs throughout our economy.

Last week, I visited 12 local manufacturers as part of my Made in Illinois 10 Tour. I had three key takeaways from my visit:

First, innovation is alive and well in Illinois 10. I saw new applications and design, additive manufacturing, robotics, and more. And at every turn, innovation is creating new, quality, well-paying jobs.

Second, we have to close the skills gap. We need more teachers, parents, and especially young, smart talented people to recognize that working in manufacturing can be a stimulating and rewarding career.

Third, when the global market is a fair and level playing field, American companies not only can compete, we can win and we can prosper.

We need to hold bad actors like China accountable. The President's shoot-from-the-hip actions risk sparking a destructive cycle of retaliatory tariffs.

The companies I visited are worried about that and, indeed, are already feeling the impact of a prospective trade war.

Mr. Speaker, I was encouraged by the ingenuity and drive of our local manufacturers, and I remain committed to supporting this crucial sector of our economy.

BUDGET DEFICIT WILL PASS \$1 TRILLION WITHIN 2 YEARS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the CBO, released a report highlighting the fact that the budget deficit will pass \$1 trillion within 2 years, thanks in large part to the massive tax cuts granted to the wealthiest Americans in the recently adopted Republican tax plan. \$1 trillion.

This tax plan is projected to itself add close to \$2 trillion to the deficit over a decade.

This reckless plan jeopardizes our economic recovery by taking away the

ability for us to invest in those elements of our communities and society that will grow the economy. The very thought that we have a massive deficit in our public infrastructure, and that is nowhere on the table in the House, roads and bridges crumbling, water systems, like the water system of my hometown of Flint, failing, and continuing to pass on massive debt to our children and grandchildren is irresponsible and it ought to be reversed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ZELDIN) at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

STB INFORMATION SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4921) to require the Surface Board of Transportation to implement certain recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4921

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "STB Information Security Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Surface Transportation Board (in this section referred to as the "STB") shall develop a timeline and plan to implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation in Report No. FI2018002, including improvements—

(1) to identify controls, including risk management, weakness remediation, and security authorization;

(2) to protect controls, including configuration management, user identity and access management, and security training;

(3) to detect controls, including continuous monitoring;

(4) to respond controls, including incident handling and reporting;

(5) to recover controls for contingency planning; and

(6) any additional tools that will improve the implementation of the recommendations.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the STB shall submit the plan and timeline developed under subsection (a) to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce of the Senate.

(2) *REPORT.*—The STB shall report annually to such Committees on the progress on implementation of the recommendations until the implementation is complete.

(3) *PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.*—The STB shall designate an individual to implement the plan developed under subsection (a).

SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.

No additional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements of this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MITCHELL) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. CAPUANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 4921, as amended.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, the STB Information Security Improvement Act requires the Surface Transportation Board to develop a timeline and plan to implement the recommendations and improvements outlined in its information security system.

After a concerning report from the Department of Transportation inspector general that outlined deficiencies in the STB's information security system, it is imperative that changes be made and there are improvements in that system rapidly.

When the STB separated from DOT, Department of Transportation, in December 2015, the agency gained full responsibility and control of its IT system, and it currently lacks any meaningful or strong cybersecurity system.

The improvements needed include basic building blocks, such as changes to policies and procedures. The STB is encumbered by a number of weaknesses, and its information security program has been determined by the OIG to be at a low level of maturity according to OMB standards.

A summary of the bill is it requires the STB, the Surface Transportation Board, to create a timeline and plan to implement recommendations made by the DOT Office of Inspector General in their report. Additionally, it requires the Surface Transportation Board to annually update Congress on its

progress until it has effectively been completed and updated.

This bill ensures that the Surface Transportation Board addresses these deficiencies so the agency can reduce the risk of an attack or compromise to this critical information system.

I believe this bill will improve the Surface Transportation Board's information security and is a good piece of legislation and oversight.

I again thank Chairman SHUSTER, Chairman DENHAM, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER for working with me on this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, very briefly, this is a short bill, an easy bill. It simply tells the STB that they should do something about cybersecurity as directed by their own inspector general.

It is a very simple bill. It is a bipartisan bill. It is something we should pass as quickly as we can.

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

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the bipartisan nature of the bill. My colleague supported the bill, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER is a cosponsor.

I urge my colleagues to join in supporting this important legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MITCHELL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4921, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

FRA SAFETY DATA IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4925) to require the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration to implement certain recommendations for management and collection of railroad safety data.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4925

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "FRA Safety Data Improvement Act".