

Provides Funding for PILT that is vitally important in Idaho for rural counties that depend on it.

Establishes certainty for biomass which is critical to the landscape of our forests.

Rolls back regulations like the previous Administration's "Waters of the United States" rule.

Provides increased funding to address the \$12 billion backlog in to our National Parks.

Provides \$2.6 billion for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund, which states and localities use for water infrastructure projects.

The list goes on, but the underlying point is the Interior and Environment bill is a critical piece of legislation, especially for those of us in western states. I want to reiterate my appreciation to Chairman CALVERT and his staff of Dave LesStrang, Darren Benjamin, Betsy Bina, Jaclyn Kilroy, Kristin Richmond, Ian Foley, and Mac Cloyes. Their late nights and early mornings have produced a product that members of Congress, particularly in the west, should be proud of.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6147) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes:

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Chair, I would like to thank Chairman CALVERT for his great work on this bill, and my colleague Mr. OLSON for his support of this amendment.

My amendment would simply reduce the National Recreation and Preservation account by \$20 million, and then increase it by the same amount with the intent of using these funds to increase the budget of the National Maritime Heritage grant program.

This program provides federal funding for local and state operated maritime educational exhibits and preservation projects.

The United States has a rich history of maritime excellence that has played an important role in the U.S. becoming the powerful nation that it is today.

It is important that we preserve these great ships rather than let them fall into disrepair.

It is an insult to their legacy to let them sink rather than help them stay afloat.

For example, right outside my district back in Texas floats the Battleship *Texas*, the last great dreadnought.

But maybe not for long.

Growing up, I always looked forward to visiting the Battleship.

My best friend and I would climb from top to bottom, firing every gun and squeezing down every port hole.

When commissioned in 1914 she was the most powerful war ship the world had ever seen.

She was the first of her kind to mount anti-aircraft guns, use commercial radar, and launch an aircraft.

As the flagship of the U.S. fleet, she battered the Nazi defenses during the D-Day invasion at Normandy and also helped the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Then, at the end of the war, she made three trips to bring American servicemen back home.

Today, she serves as a museum and a reminder of wars long past.

Nearly 70 years after school children used nickels and dimes to pay for her move to her namesake state, here she still floats, but maybe not for long.

The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife has jurisdiction of the battle wagon, but state funding has been sporadic and federal funding non-existent.

That is where this amendment comes into play.

We owe it to the Texans who served to save the Battleship *Texas*.

This battleship, like so many battlefields and sacred, historical landmarks across our country, is consecrated with the blood of Americans.

Without the *Texas*, things might have gone a little bit differently for us at D-Day or in the Pacific Theater.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE HEROIC MOYER
BROTHERS

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate and commemorate the service of the seven Moyer brothers who fought in World War II. For a single family to send seven members to serve our nation in its time of need, they must have had a great love for America and what it stands for.

Franklin, Charles, Hile, James, Jay, Leonard, and Leslie, the children of Charles and Nina Moyer, were born and raised in Bass Lake Township, Washburn County. The brothers represented Wisconsin in almost every distinct branch of the military, serving in the Navy, Army, Merchant Marines, and Army Air Corps.

It is with great gratitude that I recognize these fine men who have made not only Wisconsin proud, but also the nation as a whole. Seven brothers. Seven stories. Seven immeasurable contributions to freedom, all from Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.

On behalf of my family and Wisconsinites in every corner of our state, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the Moyer brothers for their service to our nation when we needed them the most.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. MACK
MORRIS ON 50 YEARS OF MIN-
ISTRY

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Mack Morris on his 50 years of min-

istry. Dr. Mack Morris currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Woodridge Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama.

Dr. Morris, a native of Dothan, Alabama, has faithfully served the Lord, our local community, the people of Alabama, and beyond for over half a century. Dr. Morris felt the call of the Lord and surrendered to the ministry at Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Geneva, Alabama in 1967. He was licensed to preach at the White House Baptist Church in Bay Minette, Alabama in 1968.

Within his period of dedicated service, Dr. Morris was called and served faithfully at all the following churches in Alabama: White House Baptist, Bethel Baptist, Tillman's Corner Baptist, Heritage Baptist, Old Spanish Fort Baptist, Jubilee Baptist, and Woodridge Baptist. Dr. Morris has been a supportive, faithful, and loyal advocate for his community throughout his ministry.

Dr. Morris has served on the Alabama State Board of Missions and Executive Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, as Moderator of the Mobile Baptist Association, as the first president of the Board of Regents at the University of Mobile, and as a trustee at the University of Mobile for eleven years.

During his 50 years of ministry, Dr. Morris has spread the Word of the Lord and His Saving Grace by officiating over 165 weddings, conducting over 547 funerals, and has seen the salvation and baptism of over 2,500 men, women, and children.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District and the countless people his ministry has impacted, I want to recognize and share my deep gratitude with Dr. Mack Morris for his tireless service to our community.

IN MEMORY OF CHESTER "CHET"
MORGAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a man I have been fortunate enough to call neighbor and friend. Chester "Chet" Morgan, of Vernon, Connecticut, left this earth on Saturday after a lifetime of service to his community, his state and his nation. I'd like to take a few moments to reflect on his generosity and service.

Born in Manchester, CT, Chet Morgan's selfless life was inspired by President John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural call to action in which he asked not what our country could do for us, but what we could do for our country. For not only his country, but also his state, town and family, Chet did a great many good works.

In addition to his career with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Chet served as a sergeant major in the 169th Infantry Battalion of the Connecticut National Guard for 30 years. He spent several of those years as his unit's First Sergeant at Connecticut's National Guard headquarters in Hartford and retired at the rank of sergeant major. It seems this line of work was Chet's true vocation and in 2017 he was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame for his years of service in and outside of the Guard.

Chet felt loyalty not only to his country, but to his state. In 1976 he was elected to the