

Some may not be aware that the buffer zone is patrolled now by U.N. peacekeeping forces. The U.S. must maintain its financial support for these forces that are keeping peace in Cyprus. It is an effective investment, especially now, and it is needed.

There are numerous examples of Turkish aggression in the Eastern Mediterranean. Violations of Greek airspace and territorial waters are commonplace. Turkey continues to intimidate and interfere with the companies operating in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone and violates Cyprus' sovereign claims to its territory.

Fortunately, there are near-term initiatives that Congress is pursuing right now to defend Cyprus' stability and sovereignty. The NDAA conference report released Monday includes a provision to study lifting the arms embargo on Cyprus that has been in place since 1987.

I think we need to go much further than that. I think the embargo should be lifted today, and I am proud to be an original cosponsor of Representative CICILLINE's bill to do just that. This study will hopefully be at least a step in the right direction.

The NDAA also prohibits the sale of F-35 fighter jets to Turkey. That provision is long overdue, and that is in the defense budget that we will be considering today and tomorrow.

Cyprus is a vital U.S. partner in global and regional security, economic cooperation, and energy development. I am proud to be a champion of this relationship in Congress through the Hellenic Caucus and to have the support of so many of my Hellenic American constituents in that effort.

Mr. Speaker, I see my colleague, Mr. CICILLINE, representing the great State of Rhode Island is here. He is an incredible leader in this caucus, the leader of our messaging unit, and, in so many other ways, an important leader in this Congress.

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE), a great advocate for Cyprus. We have cosponsored legislation together.

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York for her co-chairmanship of this caucus. Both Mr. BILIRAKIS and Mrs. MALONEY have been great champions on this issue, and I am honored and privileged to work with them.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join both of my colleagues in celebrating the important relationship between the United States and Cyprus and in highlighting the critical role our partnership with Cyprus plays in advancing both of our nations' national security interests.

The Republic of Cyprus is a strategic partner to the United States in the eastern Mediterranean region and an

effective ally combating threats posed by terrorism and nuclear proliferation.

Through information sharing, training programs, counterterrorism activities, and increased cooperation on energy policy, our relationship with Cyprus allows us to advance our Nation's interests, defend against the rise of terrorism and regional actors who seek to take steps counter to American interests, and to promote the ongoing close cooperation between the United States and Europe.

The U.S. participates in a number of joint exercises with Cyprus, including annual multinational search and rescue and crisis management exercises, and we coordinate training programs for Cyprus in explosives management and disposal, cybersecurity, counterterrorism, and maritime safety and security.

We work closely with our Cypriot allies to combat the spread of weapons of mass destruction and foster an effective international nonproliferation regime.

In 2015, we joined Cyprus as members of the Proliferation Security Initiative in cohosting a regional nonproliferation workshop focusing on inspecting and identifying proliferation material. We are also joining Cyprus in providing more secure sources of domestic energy for Cyprus and all of Europe.

American companies are playing a valuable role in energy exploration activities in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone in order to help provide Europe with potential alternatives to Russian gas and oil. Yet, despite this critical partnership between our two countries, the United States has had in place an arms embargo against the island of Cyprus since 1987.

This policy was initially intended to prevent an arms race on the island with Turkey, following Turkey's 1974 invasion of Cyprus and its subsequent occupation of the northern territory, in order to provide space for reunification talks. However, more than 30 years since the embargo was first implemented, Turkey still has more than 30,000 troops occupying the northern territory of Cyprus, reunification talks have not produced intended results, and the U.S. is unable to maintain a full security relationship with a key partner in combating terrorism.

On top of this, Turkey continues to threaten Cyprus' energy exploration by continually harassing drilling vessels in the EEZ. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Wess Mitchell, has said that this harassment cannot be tolerated.

We need to enact policies that strengthen our relationship with Cyprus and counteract dangerous elements in the region which threaten our national security interests and the interests of our allies in the eastern Mediterranean.

Last year, I introduced legislation to lift the three-decade-old embargo on Cyprus, which would allow us to strengthen the partnership that we

have built with the Republic of Cyprus. Our inability to provide Cyprus with necessary equipment needed to defend its sovereignty and its economic interests threatens our own national security.

Lifting the arms embargo will allow Cyprus to better establish itself as a frontline state for Western security interests, defend itself from external threats, and ensure Cyprus is no longer forced to seek assistance for its defense from countries like Russia. Cyprus is an invaluable partner, and we need to make sure that we are treating it as such.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for organizing this opportunity to highlight the importance of the U.S.-Cypriot relationship, and I look forward to working with them, with our State Department, and with the Cypriot Government to continue to partner in important ways.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Rhode Island for those remarks. He is a great advocate for Cyprus.

Cyprus is a great partner, a great strategic ally, and will continue to be. We wanted to highlight that this evening, and I think we have.

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

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following titles was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2278. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 2245. An act to include New Zealand in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E-1 and E-2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of New Zealand.

S. 2850. An act to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5768. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry Residual Risk and Technology Review [EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0442; FRL-9981-06-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AS92) received July 20, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5769. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of California Plan Revisions; Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits [EPA-R09-OAR-2018-0171; FRL-9980-01-Region 9] received July 20, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5770. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0224; FRL-9977-82] received July 20, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5771. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2017-18 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 27; Correction [Docket No.: 160808696-799-03] (RIN: 0648-BG17) received July 23, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. THORNBERRY: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 5515. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-874). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BYRNE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1027. Resolution providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. 115-875). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 6501. A bill to secure Federal access to scientific literature and other subscription services by requiring Federal agencies and legislative branch research arms to make recommendations on increasing agency library access to serials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico):

H.R. 6502. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a program to allow qualified group practices to furnish certain items and services at qualified skilled nursing facilities to individuals entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B of the Medicare program to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 6503. A bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Governments of Haiti and Armenia to reverse the effects of deforestation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. BASS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. EVANS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. RUSH, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 6504. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in unrelated business taxable income by amount of certain fringe benefit expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. POCAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CRIST, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. MOORE, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms.

SHEA-PORTER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Ms. FRANKEL of Florida):

H.R. 6505. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate prices of prescription drugs furnished under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. HOLDING, Ms. GABBARD, and Mr. BERA):

H.R. 6506. A bill to provide for United States actions to advance the United States-India strategic relationship; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 6507. A bill to amend the Oil Region National Heritage Area Act to reauthorize the Oil Region National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIPINSKI:

H.R. 6508. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the public disclosure of charges for certain hospital and ambulatory surgical center treatment episodes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. LANGEVIN):

H.R. 6509. A bill to require all newly constructed, federally assisted, single-family houses and town houses to meet minimum standards of visitability for persons with disabilities; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. STIVERS, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. KILMER, Mr. COOK, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. COLE, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. HURD, Ms. MENG, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. KIND, Mrs. LOVE, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. AMODEI, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. STEWART, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. HANDEL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. UPTON, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. TURNER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. NOLAN):

H.R. 6510. A bill to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Education and