

Eric is an administrative forester that is in charge of restoring and managing some 90,000 acres of forested habitat for waterfowl and migratory birds in the lower Mississippi Valley.

While protecting this extensive acreage, he developed the Nation's first Spatial Habitat Management Plan. This plan will serve as a new national standard for refuge systems and protect all of Arkansas' five refuges, including Bald Knob's Wildlife Refuge in my district.

His service to the State of Arkansas and to wildlife conservation will not be forgotten, and I join all Arkansans in congratulating Eric on this recognition and wish him much continued success.

U.S. POLICY IN SYRIA

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the daily atrocities in Syria.

Few would have predicted that 8 years ago peaceful protests would turn into violent conflict that has left more than half a million men, women, and children dead, millions more displaced, and the entire region feeling like a lit fuse ready to explode into further conflict.

Shortly after coming to Congress, I met Mouaz Moustafa, a young Syrian American from Arkansas who has been leading a Syrian pro-democracy group here in Washington called the Syrian Emergency Task Force.

After meeting Mouaz, I studied his efforts and learned more and more about the horrific events happening in Syria over the past few years.

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Mouaz led me through the Caesar file photos in a special exhibit at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Earlier this year, he introduced me to Omar Alshogre, who was arrested as a teenager and survived the torture, starvation, and other brutalities in Assad's prisons for more than 3 years. Seeing those photos and hearing Omar's personal testimony were powerful experiences.

I believe what is happening in Syria today is a modern-day holocaust, and our obligation to end Assad's reign of terror is something that all Americans must confront.

I am grateful for The New York Times and its recent extensive front-page story, in last Sunday's newspaper, going inside Assad's torture prisons.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a link to this article: [www.nytimes.com/2019/05/11/world/middleeast/syria-torture-prisons.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/11/world/middleeast/syria-torture-prisons.html)

Madam Speaker, it is the experiences shared by former prisoners like Omar that remind us of the likes of Hitler, Mao, and Stalin. Bashar al-Assad can add his name to this list of barbarous

thugs who rule with evil, torture, and mass murder.

We have known about these atrocities for years but have only expressed outrage while we twiddled our thumbs as these modern-day Hitlers annihilate the civilian population in Syria.

I commend Senate Majority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL for passing S. 1, the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act.

Last week, many of us, including myself, signed the discharge petition for the companion legislation to S. 1 here in the House, H.R. 336 sponsored by MIKE MCCAUL from Texas. This legislation includes the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act, which has critical provisions to hold Assad accountable for his atrocities.

As Speaker PELOSI well knows, this House, under Republican leadership, has passed the Caesar bill three times over the last three Congresses, only to have it bogged down in the Senate.

Now Leader MCCONNELL has acted, and we, in the House, must now act with expedition and pass H.R. 336 to end this step back into darkness, to stop the torture and the murder of thousands, and to move to convict Assad and his henchmen for war crimes.

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

PUBLICATION OF BUDGETARY MATERIAL

REVISION TO THE AGGREGATES, ALLOCATIONS, AND OTHER BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,  
Washington, DC, May 21, 2019.

MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (CBA) and H. Res. 293 (116th Congress), I hereby submit for printing in the Congressional Record a revision to the aggregates and allocations set forth in the Statement of Aggregates, Allocations, and Other Budgetary Levels for Fiscal Year 2020 published in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2019, as adjusted.

This adjustment responds to House consideration of H.R. 1500, as amended, the Consumers First Act. This adjustment is allowable under section 1(d)(2) of H. Res. 293, as H.R. 1500, as amended, would not increase the deficit for either of the following time periods: fiscal years 2020–2024 or fiscal years 2020–2029. It shall apply while that legislation is under consideration and take effect upon the enactment of that legislation.

Accordingly, I am revising the aggregate spending level for fiscal year 2020 and the aggregate revenue level for 2020 and 2020–2029 and the allocation for the House Committee on Financial Services for fiscal year 2020. For purposes of enforcing titles III and IV of the CBA and other budgetary enforcement provisions, the revised aggregates and allocation are to be considered as aggregates and allocations included in the budget resolu-

tion, pursuant to the Statement published in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2019, as adjusted.

Questions may be directed to Jennifer Wheelock or Raquel Spencer of the Budget Committee staff.

JOHN YARMUTH.

TABLE 1—REVISION TO ON-BUDGET AGGREGATES  
(On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars)

	2020	2020–2029
<b>Current Aggregates:</b>		
Budget Authority .....	3,712,348	n.a.
Outlays .....	3,677,940	n.a.
Revenues .....	2,740,533	34,847,515
<b>Revision for the Consumers First Act (H.R. 1500):</b>		
Budget Authority .....	2	n.a.
Outlays .....	1	n.a.
Revenues .....	27	19
<b>Revised Aggregates:</b>		
Budget Authority .....	3,712,350	n.a.
Outlays .....	3,677,941	n.a.
Revenues .....	2,740,560	34,847,534

n.a. = Not applicable because annual appropriations for fiscal years 2021 through 2029 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

TABLE 2—REVISED ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES  
(In millions of dollars)

	2020	2020–2029
<b>Current Allocation:</b>		
BA .....	8,900	101,712
OT .....	1,250	1,428
<b>Revision for H.R. 1500:</b>		
BA .....	2	20
OT .....	1	19
<b>Revised Allocation:</b>		
BA .....	8,902	101,732
OT .....	1,251	1,447

SENATE BILL REFERRED

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

S. 163. An act to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 20, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 2379. To reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.