

regional, state, and national implications, demonstrating his ability to view a challenge from many angles and develop innovative solutions.

LCDR Ragsdale's work ethic, duty to mission, and commitment to servant leadership is without equal. I believe that his personal drive to achieve excellence in his work has and will set a very high standard for his peers. I would also like to thank LCDR Ragsdale for the service and sacrifice he has made, and continues to make, both for our Nation and our great Navy. His impeccable integrity, boundless work ethic, and loyal devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of my staff and the First District of Virginia. I have no doubt that LCDR Ragsdale will continue to serve the Navy honorably and with distinction.

I wish Chris and his wife Andrea the best of luck as they continue their journey together as a Navy family. It was an honor and a pleasure having Chris serve on my staff. We all can sleep soundly at night knowing that members of our all-volunteer force like Chris stand ready to defend our country and take the fight to our enemies; far away from their families and the comforts of the United States of America.

I thank LCDR Christopher Ragsdale for doing a fantastic job. Best of luck to him and may God bless him, his family, and all the Sailors he is charged with leading.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY "BEV"
MASON, USDA—RURAL DEVELOPMENT

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Beverly "Bev" Mason's nearly four decades of service with the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program (USDA-RD). Bev will be retiring this month after 38 years of serving our Granite State communities.

Bev began her career as a technician with the Farmers Home Administration (FHMA), now known as USDA—Rural Development. Later, she held the positions of County Supervisor, Administrative Program Director, and retires as the New Hampshire Area Director.

As Area Director, Bev has been responsible for the Home Ownership Program and single-family housing through USDA—RD. She has worked with thousands of families, assisting with developing and understanding an individual's financial profile and developing budget plans to enable hard-working Granite Staters to realize the dream of home ownership.

In addition, Bev has worked directly with many of our state's communities and non-profits to address the needs of rural New Hampshire. She has assisted with Water and Environmental Program Loans as well as Community Facility Loans and Grants to advance infrastructure and economic development profiles.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I commend Beverly Mason for her dedication to our Granite State's rural communities. We owe her a debt of gratitude and express our heartfelt thanks for her years of service. She should

look back proudly on her achievements and I wish her all the best in the years to come.

SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of correspondence between myself and Chairman JOHN YARMUTH acknowledging the Committee on the Budget's jurisdiction over provisions in H.R. 2051, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,

Washington, DC, November 25, 2019.

Chairman JOHN YARMUTH,
Committee on the Budget,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN YARMUTH: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 2051, the "Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019," which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on April 3, 2019.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this bill. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. I acknowledge that your Committee will waive further consideration of H.R. 2051 and that this action is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on the Budget over this subject matter.

I will make sure to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record and legislative reports. Thank you for your cooperation on this legislation.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Chairwoman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,

Washington, DC, November 26, 2019.

Chairwoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON,
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 2051, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2019. H.R. 2051 contains provisions that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. However, the Committee agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill.

The Committee on the Budget takes this action with the mutual understanding that, in doing so, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation or similar legislation and requests your support if such a request is made.

Thank you for agreeing to include our exchange of letters in the Congressional Record. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to

continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

JOHN YARMUTH,
Chairman.

JUMP, LITTLE CHILDREN

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the greatest musical acts to ever come out of Charleston, South Carolina, Jump, Little Children.

Since their early days busking on the corner of Church and Market Streets twenty-five years ago, Jump has earned a substantial and loyal fan base that has followed them throughout the country, supporting their nine records and EPs, and literally thousands of energetic concerts that keep us showing up whenever they Come Around.

No matter where you hear a Jump song, you can Close Your Eyes and picture yourself back in the old Charleston Cathedrals of the raucous Music Farm after Midnight or the Quiet Dock Street Theater during the Holidays. Those were special days for so many of us in Charleston.

After The Dim and the Dark of a nearly ten year hiatus, Jump returned to the stage to remind us all how much we love their music, their personalities, and their shows. And how grateful we are they did.

And before we all Say Goodnight to this band, whenever that may be, the United States Congress wishes many more years of Jump, Little Children, along with the music and memories they create. From Charleston, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C., to the Rains in Asia, and the Green Fields of Canada, all the way to Mexico, Jump, Little Children has left an indelible mark on this world, one that will never be forgotten.

Because of them their music will forever be a part of the soundtrack for the city we all love.

Congratulations on 25 years. Here's to 25 more.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW WAY FORWARD ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. GARCIA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the New Way Forward Act.

For too long, unjust, anti-immigrant laws including racialized laws dating back to the 1920s criminalizing migration and the 1996 laws that entangle our civil immigration system with our broken criminal legal system have led to overly harsh punishments and the mass criminalization of immigrants.

These laws have resulted in mass incarceration and deportations, separation of families, stripping people of due process and exacerbating racial animus in both our immigration and criminal legal systems.

We must end the labels of the 'good' versus 'bad' immigrant used to dehumanize and divide communities.

At this moment in history, we are called to uphold our values of compassion, common humanity, and racial justice.

I am proud to introduce the New Way Forward Act to disrupt the prison to deportation pipeline, give all immigrants the dignity of due process, and ensure America remains a nation that welcomes all.

The bill corrects racial and anti-immigrant injustices embedded in our immigration laws, many of which have enabled the Trump Administration's inhumane assault on non-citizens in the United States and at our southern border.

Our communities deserve dignity, restoration and repair, not further criminalization.

It's time for a new vision for the future and for our immigration system. It's time for a New Way Forward.

I urge this body to support and pass this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, December 9, 2019, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on roll call no. 655: YEA, and on roll call no. 656: YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to a rescheduled flight I was unable to attend votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 655, and YEA on Roll Call No. 656.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, due to flight delays, I was unable to participate during Monday vote series, which included two critical pieces of legislation addressing opioid prevention, detection, and resilience. With my extensive background addressing the opioid epidemic and as a member of the House Congressional Caucus on Prescription Drug Abuse, I believe H.R. 4761 and H.R. 4739 contain crucial mechanisms to further support the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's effort in analyzing synthetic opioids in a safe, effective, and efficient manner.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 656, and YEA on Roll Call No. 655.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I was absent on December 9, 2019, due to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted YES on Roll Call H.R. 655, H.R. 4761—the DHS Opioid Detection Resilience Act, and YES on Roll Call No. 656, H.R. 4739—the Synthetic Opioid Exposure Prevention and Training Act.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN WYOMING

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the 150th anniversary of women securing the right to vote in Wyoming.

Today marks the 150th anniversary of Wyoming becoming the first in the nation to grant women the right to vote and hold elected office. Nicknamed the Equality State, Wyoming prides itself on being the first state to elect a female governor. Wyoming was the first state to appoint a woman to public office when Esther Hobart Morris—whose statue can be found here in the Capitol's Statuary Hall Collection—was appointed Justice of the Peace in Sweetwater County. Wyoming was invited to join the Union on the condition that women's suffrage was revoked, but in true Wyoming fashion our legislature refused, waiting until 1890 to become the 44th state. I am incredibly proud to call Wyoming home, and continue the tradition of women holding elected office in our state.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Wyoming, and honor those Wyoming women who paved the way for women across the nation.

INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR GUARDIANSHIP SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, state courts usually appoint a guardian for an individual that a judge has determined lacks the capacity to make important decisions regarding their life or property. When state courts appoint guardians, older adults often forfeit some or all of their decision-making powers, including the right to sign contracts, vote, marry or divorce, buy or sell real estate, decide where to live, or make basic decisions about their healthcare.

In recent years, state-based guardianship programs, such as the one in Florida, have been exposed as lacking the necessary controls to prevent seniors from being exploited

and defrauded by bad actors preying on these seniors. News reports have detailed shocking cases of people being fleeced in my district, and across the country.

I am committed to putting a stop to this abuse. One step we can take at the federal level today to help correct an aspect of this problem is addressed through this legislation. Under current law, when a guardian has a ward removed from their care by a court for cause, that information is not necessarily transmitted to the Social Security Administration. In some cases, guardians removed for cause may still be allowed to represent the ward's interests with the Social Security Administration, and therefore be receiving and administering their federal benefits in perpetuity.

Today, I, along with my distinguished colleagues, the gentlemen from Florida (Mr. SOTO and Mr. BILIRAKIS), are introducing the "Senior Guardianship Social Security Protection Act." Under this bipartisan bill, state courts would be required to notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) when a guardian has their adult ward removed for cause. SSA would then remove the former guardian as the ward's representative payee, closing a point of vulnerability for the ward. By directing open lines of communication between state courts and SSA, we can help better protect our seniors from predatory actors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen travel delays, I unfortunately missed the votes for December 9, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 655 and "yea" on Roll Call No. 656.

TAX COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS ON
H.R. 3

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following Tax Complexity Analysis statement on the report to H.R. 3 filed by the House Committee on Ways and Means:

Section 4022(b) of Pub. L. No. 105-266, the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (the "RRA"), requires the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (in consultation with the Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department) to provide a tax complexity analysis. The complexity analysis is required for all legislation reported by the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Ways and Means, or any committee of conference if the legislation includes a provision that directly or indirectly amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and has widespread applicability to individuals or small businesses.

Pursuant to clause 3(h)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation