

the Florida Senate as Assistant Sergeant at Arms. He held this position until 2014, where he was appointed to Sergeant at Arms. In this role, Tim has been responsible for managing twenty-five full time employees and overseeing the security and maintenance of the Florida Senate buildings, including the Senate Chamber. For close to six years, Tim has done a commendable job ensuring the safety of all who work in or visit the Florida Senate and I am thankful for his dedicated service.

Having had the privilege of knowing Tim for many years, I can firsthand attest to his professionalism and dedication to serving the State of Florida. His respectful demeanor is apparent to all who have worked with him and I know that he has represented the Florida Senate well. While I recognize that Tim's colleagues will greatly miss his leadership and expertise, I have no doubt that he will excel in his future position at the Florida Department of Education.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Tim Hay, and I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

SAFEGUARDING THERAPEUTICS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 21, 2020

Ms ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5663, the Safeguarding Therapeutics Act. I'm proud to have advanced this bipartisan bill through my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support it on the Floor.

The Safeguarding Therapeutics Act was introduced by Representatives BRETT GUTHRIE and ELIOT ENGEL.

Today, the FDA has the authority to destroy confiscated counterfeit or adulterated drugs. This bill extends that authority to medical devices.

Illicit trade and counterfeit products present growing risks to patients and consumers. We have the opportunity to ensure that FDA has the authority needed to destroy counterfeit drugs, devices and combination products.

This bill closes a gap and protects patients from the growing threat of counterfeit products, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN CELEBRATION OF EDYTHE McTAGGART'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Edythe McTaggart as she celebrates her 100th birthday. This significant milestone is worthy of commendation.

Edythe McTaggart was born August 21, 1920 to Edmond Parent and Edith Tice, and grew up in Trenton, Michigan. Throughout her childhood, Edythe enjoyed performing with her

sister Dottie, and even sang on a children's radio show in Detroit at the age of nine. During the Great Depression, Edythe stayed home to care for her father who lost his job. To get through the troubling era, she would collect discarded skim milk from a local creamery and help her father knock coal off freight trains to heat their house. At the age of 17, Edythe became a nanny where she earned one dollar a day plus room and board. Despite the meager wages, the impact of the Great Depression taught Edythe how to be frugal in her spending and allowed her to save enough earnings to buy a wedding dress when she got married.

In 1940, Edythe married her husband, Robert McTaggart. The two built a home together in Wyandotte and completed much of the work themselves. Although it was difficult finding materials during the war, they were able to move into the new home in 1948. Throughout the war, the two also started a family and welcomed sons Robert Jr., Thomas, and David by 1952. After raising her children, Edythe returned to school and earned her bachelor's degree in education at the age of 50. She became a teacher in the Taylor School District, and later earned a master's degree in special education. Until her retirement 35 years ago, she dedicated her teaching career to helping children with special needs and disabilities.

Beyond the classroom, Edythe is fond of traveling and has explored the world with Robert. Together, they visited Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Upon her retirement, Edythe and Robert began spending winters in Florida, until Robert's passing in 1998. Today, Edythe remains active in the community and enjoys reading, crocheting, and spending time with her sons, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Her attitude and spirit continue to shine bright for all to see. Throughout her 100 years, Edythe has demonstrated a true commitment to her family and her community. Her strength and perseverance through turbulent times has provided a lasting example of what can be accomplished when we all work together and treat one another with compassion, respect, and dignity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Edythe McTaggart on her 100th birthday. I join with Edythe's friends and family in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. May her 100th year bring her many blessings and a continued life full of laughter, peace, and every happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, during the week of September 14, 2020, I was unable to vote due to the devastating and deadly wildfires burning throughout my District. I am working with the White House, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps, U.S. Department of Transportation, and Governor Brown to help my constituents get the assistance they need.

Had I been present for votes, I would have voted:

On Roll Call Vote Number 183, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 4894, as amended, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 184, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2193, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 185, On Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 1107, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 186, On Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 1107, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 187, On Agreeing to the Allen Amendment to H.R. 2639, I would have voted Nay.

On Roll Call Vote Number 188, On Agreeing to the Moulton Amendment to H.R. 2639, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 189, On Passage of H.R. 2639, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 190, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 7909, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 191, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2574, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 192, On Passage of H.R. 2574, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 193, On Agreeing to Resolution H. Res. 908, I would have voted Aye.

On Roll Call Vote Number 194, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 2694, I would have voted Nay.

On Roll Call Vote Number 195, On Passage of H.R. 2694, I would have voted Aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; and YEA on Roll Call No. 198.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on September 22, 2020 due to a personal matter.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; and YEA on Roll Call No. 198.

HONORING JOHN REINHART FOR HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PORT OF VIRGINIA

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize John Reinhart upon his retirement from the Port of Virginia.