

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 282 and vote No. 286, On Agreeing to the Amendment (Garamendi of California Part C Amendment No. 38 and Langevin of Rhode Island Part C Amendment No. 42). Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 282, and NAY on Roll Call No. 286.

RECOGNIZING NATASHA DABROWSKI'S SERVICE TO THE NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Natasha Dabrowski for her many contributions to the New Democrat Coalition as our recent communications director and senior advisor. Last month, Natasha left the New Democrat Coalition after over five years of service to join President Biden's administration.

The New Democrat Coalition, which I have the honor to chair, is made up of 95 forward-thinking Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives who are committed to getting things done. We represent the expansion of the Democratic Party beyond our urban base into purple districts, which is key to Democrats holding the majority. By the nature of our members and area of focus, our communications director is a critical member of the New Dem team and Natasha was an invaluable resource in the role.

Natasha joined the New Dem communications staff as press secretary & communications aide in April 2016. Over her career with the New Democrat Coalition, she served under four chairs—Reps. RON KIND, JIM HIMES, DEREK KILMER, and me—and was given more responsibility as the Coalition's communications director and senior advisor. Natasha helped shape and share our message during four Congresses and three administrations.

Throughout her tenure, Natasha helped build out critical components of the Coalition's communications and outreach strategy. She developed deep relationships with reporters, increased the Coalition's coverage, built a community for New Dem Member office communications staff, and helped strengthen the Coalition's brand and message. Natasha matured the Coalition's communication's operation by overseeing the creation of a press assistant position and launching new products and internal processes that expanded our reach and made our work better. Natasha also

served as a key communications advisor for many New Dem Members and their staffs.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the members of the New Democrat Coalition, I thank Natasha and wish her best of luck in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, had I been present on September 22, 2021 during the Roll Call No. 269 vote, the Dean of Pennsylvania Part C Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 4350, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, I was caught in traffic and the votes closed before I could cast mine. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on rollcall No. 289, and "Nay" on rollcall No. 285.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on June 3, 1969, 74 sailors were killed off the coast of Vietnam.

These sailors—the "Lost 74"—perished when the USS *Frank E. Evans* sank after colliding with an aircraft carrier participating in a training exercise.

Each of these service members were deployed to a combat zone. Each of these service members died in the service of our nation. And yet, their names have been left off the Vietnam Memorial wall.

These sailors deserve to be recognized alongside the individuals who lost their lives in service of our nation in the Vietnam War. This commemoration of their service is long overdue.

The Lost 74 are heroes who left their home and families to fight for their country—our country—and gave the last full measure of devotion in the service of peace and security.

Their names deserve to be honored and remembered alongside the 60,000 Americans who lost their lives in Vietnam.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD C. BOWMAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great regret that I rise today to mourn and observe the passing of an inspiring individual and dedicated public servant, Richard "Dick" C. Bowman, of Vernon, Connecticut. A passionate educator, devoted firefighter, and a loving family man, Dick passed away on September 10, 2021, in his home surrounded by his loved ones at the age of 74.

Born in Oxford, Massachusetts to Harriet and Reverend Paul Bowman, Dick moved with his family to Vernon at an early age and remained dedicated to his local community throughout his life. After graduating from Rockville High School, Dick attended Boston University where he received a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and education. From there, he propelled his passion for education forward and went on to receive a master's in special education from Central Connecticut State College as well as a 6th-year degree in educational administration from the University of Connecticut. Armed with an impressive degree of knowledge, Dick went on to pursue an enriching career in education to give back to the school system that had granted him invaluable wisdom and a pathway to success. For the next 15 years, Dick was a speech pathologist and special education supervisor for the Vernon Board of Education where he excelled and made compassion and encouragement the top priorities for his students and educators. Soon after, he became an assistant principal and interim principal at Rockville High, and even after his eventual retirement in 2004, Dick remained dedicated to the Vernon community through his committee positions with several scholarship and trust organizations.

Dick's devotion to his community and to service did not stop with his work in education. He was a devout member of the Vernon Union Congregational Church where he served as a choir member, mentor, leader, and committeeman. Dick's care for his community also led him to 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter for both the Vernon and Rockville Fire Departments. During his time, Dick was a member on several Department committees and successfully rose to the ranking of 2nd lieutenant for the Department. As the only active member on both the Vernon and Rockville Fire Departments, he became a conduit between the two departments and played a key role in unifying Vernon and Rockville under one authority. For his efforts in the merge, the Vernon Fire Department appointed him as a Charter Member. In January of 2020, Dick's unwavering dedication to his community rightfully earned him a Life Membership from the Town of Vernon's Fire Department. Even after his retirement from active firefighting, Dick

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continued to serve his town through numerous committees for the Vernon Fire Department and happily watched his grandson, Adam, become a fifth-generation Bowman firefighter.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to have the opportunity to represent constituents as devoted and caring toward their community as Richard Bowman. I have had the honor to represent the Town of Vernon for many years in Congress, and have seen firsthand Dick Bowman's diligent work. I also live in the town, and am grateful for his efforts to keep the town, my neighborhood, and my family safe. Dick leaves behind his wife, Carol, alongside two sons, his grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews. He loved attending his grandchildren's school and athletic events and will be remembered by his family as a loving husband, uncle, father, and grandfather. His memory will live on through them and reverberate throughout the community he proudly served. To that end, I ask that my colleagues and this Chamber join me in setting Richard's legacy further into stone, and expressing our deepest respect for Richard's work and life.

RECOGNIZING THE COUNTY OF ORLEANS SHERIFF'S WEEK

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the County of Orleans Sheriff's Week designated this year between September 19th through September 25th.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department, led by Sheriff Christopher Bourke, has an extensive history of honorably serving the people of Orleans County. The Department conducts itself with the utmost professionalism and demonstrates integrity, honor, and courage daily.

Just in the past year, we have seen countless examples of heroism. Last November Sheriff's investigator Kevin Colonna went above and beyond the call of duty and used an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to revive an elderly man who had become non-responsive.

Similarly, Undersheriff Mike Mele took incredible action last December when a driver lost control of their vehicle on slick roads and crossed into his lane. Undersheriff Mele quickly turned to avoid the car and careened off the road seriously injuring himself in the process. His selfless actions undoubtedly saved the life of the other driver.

These are just two of the countless examples where members of the Orleans County Sheriff's Department have gone above and beyond the call of duty and acted selflessly to protect the people of Orleans County. They patrol the streets, operate a safe and secure jail, patrol the waterways, and provide resources to local schools—among many other duties.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such a distinguished department and the fine men and women who oversee its operations. Our Orleans County Sheriff's Department and all our brave law enforcement officers deserve our utmost respect and gratitude for their service.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY OF GILBERT CAMPBELL

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions and legacy of Gilbert Campbell, a successful businessman and community leader who dedicated his life to the prosperity of the Greater Lowell community. He passed away peacefully on September 16, 2021.

Gilbert was born in the Centralville neighborhood in the City of Lowell in 1930. After graduating from Lowell High School in 1948, Gilbert would embark on a seven decade-long professional career, first as a distinguished home builder, real estate developer, and entrepreneur; and later as a hotelier, restaurateur, professional sports owner who was renowned for his passion for thoroughbred horses.

Over the span of his home building career, Gilbert built 1,500 houses, 3,000 apartments, and many commercial buildings. He was extremely involved in the home building community, so much so that he was a founding member and one-time president of the Lowell Home Builders Association, a past President of Massachusetts Home Builder Association, and a previous Vice President and Lifetime Director of the National Home Builders Association.

In addition to his impressive professional career, Gilbert never forgot where he came from. He worked tirelessly to make his hometown of Lowell a better place. His expertise and vision for the future of the City made him a trusted confidant to many business and political leaders over the years, myself included. He was a founding member of the Lowell Plan, the former St. John's Hospital/Saints Medical Center, the past President of Vesper Country Club, a previous Chairman of the Northern Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, and a co-owner of Lowell's first professional sports team, The Lowell Lock Monsters. Gilbert's contributions to the economic development of Lowell has had a lasting impact on the city and will continue to be felt when walking the streets downtown for generations to come.

Throughout his life, Gilbert was the recipient of numerous recognitions from distinguished organizations for his work in our community. He was selected in the 1960s as the New England Builder of the Year and in 2016 as the Florida Breeder of the Year Award, alongside his beloved wife, Marilyn. He was also inducted into the Lowell High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, the Northeast Builders Hall of Fame, and the New England Turf Writers Hall of Fame. In the face of so many well-deserved accolades, Gilbert remained humble, accessible and down to earth. Through his years of leadership, Gilbert has made the City of Lowell a better place to call home.

Gilbert will be remembered for his love for his family and friends, his kindness to those around him, his distinguished professional career, and his immense pride in the City of Lowell. My heart goes out to Marilyn, his children Susan and Gary, and the entire Campbell family during this difficult time. Gilbert's legacy will live on through his loving family

and all of us who had the honor of knowing him.

CONGRATULATING POIEMA VISUAL ARTS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Poiema Visual Arts as it celebrates its grand opening on this day, September 24, 2021.

With roots in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Poiema Visual Arts is an organization which seeks to foster values such as discipleship and friendship among Christian visual artists across Pennsylvania. Lancaster County is home to a burgeoning arts community, with many artists, craftsmen, and others finding it an ideal place from which to hone their craft and exhibit their work. Poiema Visual Arts will be a welcome addition to that community.

Art is often thought of as a universal language which can bring together people from all walks of life. We hope Poiema Visual Arts can do just that and unite people across Pennsylvania's Eleventh District and beyond.

We wish Poiema Visual Arts all the best and eagerly wait to see what the future has in store.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, my proxy holder was detained and unable to cast a vote for me. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Rollcall No. 227.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT PESHTIGO FIRE

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Great Peshtigo Fire. The deadliest fire in U.S. history, the Great Peshtigo Fire claimed nearly 2,000 lives and millions of acres of land across Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. Today, we not only remember the lives lost in this blaze, but celebrate the resilience Wisconsinites showed in rebuilding their communities.

The city of Peshtigo was founded in 1838. Adjacent to the western shore of Green Bay, surrounded by dense Wisconsin forest, and bisected by the Peshtigo River, Peshtigo became an immediate economic hub for logging and shipping. By 1871 it sustained the livelihood of thousands of families in Wisconsin and was the tenth most populous city in the state.

October 8, 1871 may be often overlooked in American history, but to the citizens of

Peshtigo and Northeast Wisconsin, it was a defining moment for generations. On that fateful night, the village of Peshtigo lost nearly half its residents, with many more traveling lumberjacks killed in the fire. Estimates believe that roughly 700 Peshtigo residents lost their lives as the city was consumed by flames. Hundreds more perished in the surrounding communities. Flames descended upon the city of Peshtigo so rapidly that it was described by eyewitnesses as a roaring tornado of unbearable intensity and heat. The Peshtigo River, which runs directly through the city, did little to stop the flames from darting over the waters, and survivors, realizing they were trapped, had no other choice but to leap into the river. Within hours, nearly the entire city was reduced to rubble.

Though often overshadowed by the Great Chicago Fire which began the same night, the Great Peshtigo Fire claimed at least five times the lives and over 500 times the acreage. But in the face of this unprecedented destruction, the people of Peshtigo and the surrounding communities came together to rebuild and restore. Today, Peshtigo is a vibrant community with schools, parks, wineries, and museums, all held together by the grit and character of the Peshtigo people that has defined the city for generations. It is my hope that through this proclamation, the Great Peshtigo Fire will receive the proper recognition it deserves not only as a somber tragedy and the deadliest fire in U.S. history, but as a trial that displayed the tremendous resolve of the Wisconsinites who rebuilt the city of Peshtigo to even greater heights. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of this body to join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Great Peshtigo Fire of 1871.

RECOGNIZING KATHRYN “KATIE” HOLLOWAY ON HER PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDAL

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathryn “Katie” Holloway of Lake Stevens, Washington on her fourth Paralympic medal and her second gold medal for Team USA in Sitting Volleyball. Ms. Holloway has helped shape the Sitting Volleyball program since she first competed in 2008. Her strength and determination are clear not only in her performances as a four-time Paralympian, but as a four-year Division I athlete on her college’s basketball team.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Holloway, an incredible athlete, role model, and teammate on her gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. I could not be happier that the next generation of athletes has role models like Ms. Holloway to look up to and pave the way.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, a free press is the cornerstone of a free society. Without it, democracy cannot thrive.

But freedom of the press is under assault around the world.

Journalists face persecution, detainment, torture, and even death for simply doing their jobs.

My amendment will empower the U.S. to hold accountable those who perpetrate crimes against journalists by prohibiting assistance to culpable governments.

Named for Jamal Khashoggi—whose brutal murder still goes unpunished—this will ensure America stands with journalists against those who would seek to harm them.

We must pass it.

In doing so, we will honor Mr. Khashoggi’s legacy and protect the cornerstone of our own democracy by sending a clear message: the U.S. will not turn a blind eye to the abuse of journalists.

HONORING COLONEL BRADLEY D. MOSES FOR 26 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Bradley D. Moses for 26 years of military service and leadership in defense of our Nation.

Col. Moses was commissioned in 1995 as a member of the 82nd Airborne. He went on to serve in the 75th Ranger Regiment before joining the 3rd Special Forces Group in 2002. From 2016 to 2018, he served as Commander of the 3rd Special Forces Group where he was responsible for the guidance and training of over 2,600 soldiers.

Colonel Moses’s devout service to our nation’s protection and security are worthy of high praise. His promotion to the position of 3rd Special Forces Group Commander is indicative of his exceptional performance and leadership skills. As Commander, Col. Moses directed successful military operations as the 3rd Special Forces Group underwent an important period of transition. He also served as an advisor to other regiments and command groups. Most notably, he worked in tandem with the leaders of the 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) and the Special Operations Command Africa on local affairs to assist them in carrying out objectives. Furthermore, Col. Moses’ actions as commander demonstrate his steadfast commitment to values of honor and respect that are paramount to all outstanding servicemen. Out of respect for soldiers who fell in the line of duty under his command, he saw that all 3rd Special Forces Group Gold Star Families were invited to and honored at any Group events. Finally, Col. Moses has twice been recognized and

awarded the prestigious Legion of Merit Award. This distinctive honor serves as a pinnacle achievement in his career and is further testament to his extraordinary leadership and moral character.

On behalf of North Carolina’s Eighth District and our entire country, I would like to extend my most heartfelt appreciation to Colonel Moses for his indispensable service and leadership as a soldier and officer in the U.S. Army. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing him and his family continued success and happiness as he moves into retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Colonel Bradley D. Moses for 26 years of service and leadership in the U.S. Army.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL LAWSON, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Member, who is my designated proxy, did not submit my vote as instructed on September 23, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Rollcall No. 289, En Bloc No. 3 to H.R. 4350, National Defense Authorization Act.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER MAYOR DORIS FLORES LUJAN

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and legacy of former Mayor Doris Flores Lujan. Mayor Lujan was an esteemed leader, devoted public servant, and true advocate for the People of Guam. Our people will fondly remember her as a formidable voice who led with compassion, served from the heart, and aspired to cultivate a greater quality of life for Inaláhan residents and our larger island community.

Mayor Lujan was a political pioneer elected to serve her home village of Inaláhan for eight years. First assuming her role in 2013, she was the first and only woman mayor of her village. With priorities to elevate village infrastructure and restore public facilities while expanding services for manámko', veterans, and persons with disabilities, Mayor Lujan demonstrated an admirable resolve to bring tangible solutions to those in need. Further, she embodied a kind of leadership that honored both our land and people with a mission to utilize government resources for protecting the beauty of our island and preserving a thriving CHamoru culture and heritage.

Mayor Lujan’s compassion and commitment to serving others extended far beyond just the People of Guam. Prior to her tenure as mayor of Inaláhan, she spent 42 years as a Secretary of the Base, Wing and Communications Squadron Commander, Base Records Manager, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Manager, Privacy Act (PA) Officer, and Deputy of

Base Information Management at Andersen Airforce Base. Over the course of her distinguished career, Mayor Lujan supported countless special projects including the historic evacuation and resettlement of refugees from Vietnam in "Operation New Life," Department of Defense civilians from the Philippines in "Operation Fiery Vigil," and the Iraqi Kurds in "Operation Pacific Haven." Moreover, her fidelity to service was a choice undetermined by official titles or acknowledgment. In addition to her day job and ministry work at Saint Joseph Church, she also dedicated much of her time to nonprofit and volunteer organizations such as the Guam-Micronesian Games, Guam Special Olympics, and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Mayor Lujan is an icon of selfless service who continues to inspire great leadership for many throughout our island. As a proud son of southern Guam, the value of inafa'molek she instilled in the work she pursued resonates deeply with me, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating her life and legacy of unwavering commitment to others. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for Mayor Doris Flores Lujan, her family, and friends. She will be dearly missed, and her love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I believed that I voted on final passage of H.R. 4350 before leaving for the evening. However, my vote was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 293.

HONORING DR. ROBERT L. GREEN

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a pioneer for civil rights in East Lansing, Dr. Robert L. Green.

In 1964, Dr. Green broke barriers as the first African American to own a home in East Lansing. As he tells it, after finishing his PhD, he was a young, tenured Black professor at Michigan State University.

His students in the School of Education would come to him with problems—like the fact that Black students were being turned away at the barbershop in the Union building. As soon as he heard about it, Dr. Green went to the President of MSU, John Hannah, and, together with the student, the three of them marched down to the Union and personally desegregated the barbershop.

Stories like these are a dime a dozen with Dr. Green. He's been a lifelong champion for equality and he's never met a problem he couldn't solve. He worked at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)—marching for voting rights in Mississippi and bringing his boss, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to speak on campus.

And yet, despite his achievements, when he and his wife, Lettie, were looking to buy a home, they would arrive at a house knowing it was available—only to be denied due to the color of their skin. Dr. Green's tenacity was clear from the start, and he wouldn't let the prejudice of the day win.

It was only after President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order banning housing discrimination that Dr. Green and Lettie sued the Lansing Board of Realtors to have their chance. When they won their case, the Greens became the first couple in the Nation to use the executive order's authority to purchase a home.

Visitors to that home included the highest levels of the SCLC, from Ambassador Andrew Young to Coretta Scott King. Recently, a group of civic leaders worked with the Michigan Historical Society to approve a historical marker that commemorates that groundbreaking first house.

And just last month, it was announced that the elementary school that taught Dr. Green's children will soon be renamed to commemorate his lifelong commitment to communities of color. As the elected representative for East Lansing, I'm proud to recognize him today, in the People's House, so that his legacy may live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 286, on Agreeing to the Amendment offered by Mr. LANGEVIN of Rhode Island No. 42, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 289, on Agreeing to the Amendment offered by Mr. SMITH of Washington En Bloc No. 3, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unable to make the vote on the amendment to H.R. 4350 offered by Mr. LANGEVIN. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 286.

REGARDING MY VOTE ON H.R. 4350

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, while I voted for H.R. 4350, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, I would like to note that this authorization is imperfect. I remain opposed to the provision that would

require young women to register with the Selective Service. The primary function for conscription under the Military Selective Service Act is to quickly replace front line fighters after sustaining casualties. I admire and support the women who have volunteered to serve in our Armed Forces, however, I remain opposed to the conscription of our daughters as it has the potential of hindering the country's combat readiness during a time of war. Selective Service shouldn't be a social experiment and our country isn't advancing women's equality by requiring them to be conscripted into combat during a time of war.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, September 23, 2021, I regret not being present for one vote session. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on the Bowman of New York Part C Amendment No. 105 to H.R. 4530, Roll Call No. 287.

RECOGNIZING AARON KEITH ON HIS PARALYMPIC SILVER MEDAL

HON. SUZAN K. DeBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Keith of Woodinville, Washington on his first Paralympic medal. Mr. Keith is a prolific cyclist, who started competing his senior year of high school. He went on to average 30 to 40 competitions a year as a collegiate athlete at the University of Virginia and later as a member of a cycling club in Charlottesville, VA. After suffering a biking accident and undergoing multiple surgeries, Mr. Keith was left with residual paralysis. As he recovered, Mr. Keith began researching para-cycling and went on to train diligently and join the U.S. Paralympic Cycling National Team in 2013.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Keith, an incredible athlete, teammate, and community member on his silver medal in the men's C1 time trial. He has left an indelible mark on para-cycling and the program at Team USA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding a vote I missed on September 23, 2021. Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 284 to H.R. 4350, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, I would have voted no. I do not believe that a 10 percent across the board reduction in funding, as this amendment proposed, is a responsible way to reduce spending.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 2119,
THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVEN-
TION AND SERVICES IMPROVE-
MENT ACT 2021

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 24, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I hereby include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 2119, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 24, 2021.

Hon. ROBERT C. (BOBBY) SCOTT,
Chairman, Committee on Education and Labor,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2119, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jennifer Gray.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 2119, FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021—AS ORDERED REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR ON JULY 15, 2021

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2021	2021–2026	2021–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	1,316	1,637

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

Mandate Effects

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 2119 would reauthorize and amend programs authorized by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), including the FVPSA program, the Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA) program, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Although the authorizations for those programs expired at the end of 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have continued to allocate funds for them,

including \$201 million in 2021. The bill also would amend FVPSA to authorize new programs and activities, including grants for tribal domestic violence coalitions, a national Indian domestic violence hotline, grants to assist underserved populations, and grants for culturally specific services for domestic violence victims. Over the 2022–2026 period, the bill would specifically authorize \$327.5 million in annual appropriations, distributed as follows:

\$270 million for the FVPSA program (including grants for tribal domestic violence coalitions and grants for culturally specific services).

\$26 million for the DELTA program.

\$14 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline,

\$10 million for grants for underserved populations,

\$4 million for a national Indian domestic violence hotline, and

\$3.5 million for research and evaluation.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2119 will be enacted before the end of calendar year 2021 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1.3 billion over the 2022–2026 period.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget functions 500 (education, training, employment, and social services) and 550 (health).

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION UNDER H.R. 2119

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2021–2026
FVPSA program							
Authorization	0	270	270	270	270	270	1,350
Estimated Outlays	0	80	216	257	265	270	1,088
DELTA							
Authorization	0	26	26	26	26	26	130
Estimated Outlays	0	11	23	25	25	26	110
National Domestic Violence Hotline							
Authorization	0	14	14	14	14	14	70
Estimated Outlays	0	4	11	13	14	14	56
Grants for underserved populations							
Authorization	0	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	0	2	6	8	10	10	36
National Indian Domestic Violence Hotline							
Authorization	0	4	4	4	4	4	20
Estimated Outlays	0	1	3	4	4	4	16
Research and evaluation							
Authorization	0	4	4	4	4	4	18
Estimated Outlays	0	*	1	2	3	4	10
Total Changes							
Authorization	0	328	328	328	328	328	1,638
Estimated Outlays	0	98	260	309	321	328	1,316

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; DELTA = Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances; FVPSA = Family Violence Prevention and Services Act; * = between zero and \$500,000.

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