EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NO MORE SOLYNDRAS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6213) to limit further taxpayer exposure from the loan guarantee program established under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, contrary to all the rhetoric around this legislation, H.R. 6213 does not terminate the Title 17 loan guarantee program. In fact, when Republicans were offered a chance to end this Bush-era initiative in the Energy and Commerce Committee, the motion failed by a vote of 3–39.

Instead, H.R. 6213 retains the $34 billion of existing loan guarantee authority—and then arbitrarily limits the competition for that authority to the roughly 50 projects that had submitted their applications before the end of 2011. In other words, under this bill, a loan guarantee commitment can be issued in 2020 to a company that applied in 2010—but any better, cheaper or more promising proposal that arises between now and then need not apply.

This is the worst kind of governing by bumper sticker, and it has unfortunately become emblematic of the Republican majority in the 112th Congress.

Mr. Chair, we can and should be investing in clean energy. We simply cannot afford to cede this rapidly growing market to the Chinese and other international competitors. In that regard, the Title 17 loan guarantee program has caused tens of billions of dollars in private capital to be invested in clean energy projects. It has helped double renewable energy generation. It has created 60,000 jobs and saved over 300 million gallons of gasoline. And it has done all of this with a default rate of 3 percent, which is less than the half the default rate in the federal student loan program whose current interest rates a bipartisan majority in this House recently voted to extend.

It is time to stop demagoguing and time to start governing. I urge a no vote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, during the course of the week, I was absent for legislative business; had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 557—H.R. 6122—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—''yes.''

Rollcall 558—H.R. 2139—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—''yes.''

Rollcall 559—H.R. 6186—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—''yes.''

Rollcall 560—H. Res. 773—On Ordering the Previous Question—''yes.''

Rollcall 561—H. Res. 773—On Agreeing to the Resolution—''yes.''

Rollcall 562—H.R. 4264—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—''yes.''

Rollcall 563—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—''no.''

Rollcall 564—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—''no.''

Rollcall 565—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—''no.''

Rollcall 566—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—''no.''

Rollcall 567—H.R. 5544—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—''no.''

Rollcall 568—H.R. 5544—On Passage—''yes.''

Rollcall 569—H.R. 5949—On Passage—''yes.''

Rollcall 570—H.R. 3857—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—''yes.''

Rollcall 571—H.R. 5865—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—''no.''

Rollcall 572—H. Res. 778—On Ordering the Previous Question—''yes.''

Rollcall 573—H. Res. 778—On Agreeing to the Resolution—''yes.''

Rollcall 574—H. Res. 779—On Agreeing to the Resolution—''yes.''

Rollcall 575—H.R. 1775—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—''yes.''

Rollcall 580—S. 3245—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—''yes.''

Rollcall 581—H.R. 6213—On Agreeing to the Amendment—''no.''

Rollcall 582—H.R. 6213—On Agreeing to the Amendment—''no.''

Rollcall 583—H.R. 6213—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—''no.''

Rollcall 584—H.R. 6213—On Passage—''yes.''

RECOGNIZING SARKIS TATIGIAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sarkis Tatigian, who will celebrate 70 years of combined military and federal civil service on September 26, 2012. At the age of 90, Mr. Tatigian shows no signs of slowing down. Retirement eligible since 1973, he still finds work far more exciting than the prospect of retirement. As Associate Director of the Small Business Programs Office at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) he is not only a champion for the Navy's mission critical work but also for providing opportunities for small business growth and development.

Mr. Tatigian has always been fascinated by the possibilities of the world around him. In fact, his hobby of radio communication led to his career in the Navy. In July 1942, he took the oath of office for a war service appointment as a Jr. Inspector of Radio at the Naval Aircraft Factory in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. In 1944, Mr. Tatigian arrived in Washington, D.C. to work as part of the Navy's BAT program which was developing an aircraft-launched air-to-surface radar-guided glide bomb being developed for use in the war. The BAT became operational in January 1945 as the first naval aircraft-launched guided weapon.

After leaving military service in 1946, Mr. Tatigian returned to the Navy as a civil service employee with the Bureau of Ordinance in Washington, D.C. He began his distinguished career as a small business analyst for the bureau. While in this position, Mr. Tatigian developed a Small Business Mobile Exhibit that traveled coast-to-coast visiting state capitals and cities with populations exceeding 400,000, and received congressional recognition for his organizational efforts on the exhibit.

In June 1979, he was appointed Associate Director of the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office, the position he continues to hold today in the current NAVSEA Small Business Programs Office. The experience and technical background Mr. Tatigian gained from serving his country allow him to interface with the engineering and technical communities at NAVSEA with great ease and understanding, another benefit of his long and distinguished career. Mr. Tatigian has received numerous awards including the U.S. Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Although an expert in business processes, he is still committed to finding innovative yet strategic ways to prepare his office for the future. When asked why he continues to work, Tatigian responds, ''If you love what you do, it's not really work.'' I ask the House to join me in commending Sarkis Tatigian for his outstanding accomplishments as a federal employee and his continued commitment to the work of the Navy.

COMMENDATION FOR THE CREW OF THE USS WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, since this nation's earliest beginnings, America's navel defense has played an integral, essential role in the survival, sustenance and ultimate prosperity of this country.

From our French ally's blockade during the Battle at Yorktown to our unparalleled command of the seven seas today to maintain peace abroad and here at home, the men and women of the United States Navy continue to serve and defend in a long and proud tradition.