

THE BASEL III CAPITAL IMPACT  
STUDY ACT

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Basel III Capital Impact Study Act. This legislation requires the federal banking agencies to perform a thorough quantitative impact study (QIS) of the Basel III proposed rulemakings, taking into account the impact Dodd-Frank provisions will have on financial institutions in the United States, and report their findings to the Senate Banking Committee and House Financial Services Committee. The bill would also amend the International Lending Supervision Act of 1983 (ILSA) by requiring the federal banking agencies to ensure that differences in rules that implement capital requirements do not give competitive advantages to any one group of financial institutions.

The federal banking agencies have sufficient authority to perform a QIS for Basel III without Congressional action, but they have not conducted and publicly shared the results of any QIS specific to U.S. financial institutions. I am introducing the Basel III Capital Impact Study Act because we need more information about the effects of Basel III implementation. In my district, banks of all sizes have come to me with serious concerns about Basel III. While I appreciate that we want all banks to be as financially sound as possible, we must also be cognizant of homebuyers, small businesses, and families who need loans. We need to let banks do what banks do best, loan money. I don't want to see implementation of Basel III curtail business lending and slow our already weak economy.

Capital rules must be set in a manner that strikes the proper balance between safety and soundness and economic growth. The best way to determine whether such a balance is struck is to test new rules by examining the impact they will have on bank balance sheets and credit decisions prior to new capital rules taking effect. The QIS provides banking regulators with data that they can use to gauge the impact of proposed capital rules. This kind of pre-testing has been the model that was followed throughout the Basel process.

In the case of Basel III, the new rules require more than 7,000 U.S. depository institutions to make changes to their capital for the first time since the original Basel I rules took effect in 1992. The only review of the new Basel III rules was conducted through a "macro" level analysis conducted by the Bank for International Settlements. There has been no individualized analysis conducted in the U.S. This is problematic because there are thousands of U.S. banks that vary in size and business models covered under Basel III. Additionally, the lack of domestic scrutiny of the proposal means unique characteristics of the U.S. lending market, such as housing finance, have not been closely examined. Finally, the Dodd-Frank Act made a number of significant changes that will affect the capital and risk taking activities of U.S. institutions. These changes were not considered as part of the "macro" level review and should be factored in as part of some U.S. focused review of the new Basel III proposal.

We must make sure that financial institutions in the United States can continue to lend and do business with American families before moving forward with the implementation of Basel III.

HONORING DR. JAMES E. JOHNSON

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a long-time leader in the health care field, Dr. James E. Johnson, who is being honored by the McLaren Macomb Healthcare Foundation at their 28th Annual Crystal Ball on Saturday, March 16, 2013.

Dr. Johnson is a 1975 graduate of the Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship at the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and a general surgery residency program at McLaren Macomb Hospital located in my Congressional District.

Throughout his career, excellence in surgical care and surgical education has been Dr. Johnson's top priority. He currently serves as program director for McLaren Macomb Hospital's vascular surgery fellowship program and was also program director of the hospital's general surgery residency program for 17 years. Dr. Johnson also served as the hospital's chief of staff in 2011 and is currently a member of the McLaren Macomb Board of Trustees.

As a leader in the osteopathic profession, Dr. Johnson was instrumental in creating the first osteopathic consortium of general surgery residency programs in the nation through the Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he is a clinical professor of surgery. For 10 years, he served as the director of the consortium, which became the model for the Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution for general surgery currently in operation throughout the United States.

Dr. Johnson has been a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) since 1982. He was awarded the designation of Fellow by the ACOS in 1990 and became a life member in 2008. He also served on the College's board of governors for nine years, as secretary-treasurer, and president in 1999-2000.

In 2012 the ACOS honored Dr. Johnson with the Orel F. Martin Medal, the organization's highest award. This recognition was designated to pay tribute to his outstanding career as an osteopathic surgeon, educator, mentor and leader.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. James Johnson. I thank him for his commitment to caring for those in need, and I am pleased to join with the entire community in paying tribute to him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on February 28, 2013, due to illness. If I

was present that day, I would have voted "yes" for Rollcall vote 54 and "no" for Rollcall vote 55.

I was unable to vote on March 6, 2013, due to illness. If I was present that day, I would have voted "yes" for Rollcall vote 62.

HONORING JOSEPH PARISI

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Parisi. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 601, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joseph has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Parisi for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN LOZIER

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 15, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize John Lozier for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Dr. John Lozier literally changes the lives of young Iowans every day as the Pediatric Interventional Cardiologist at Pediatric Cardiology P.C. After receiving his Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale University, John pursued and obtained his medical degree from the University of Iowa. Today in Des Moines, Dr. Lozier utilizes his highly skilled medical specialty to assist children by assessing and repairing a wide variety of cardiac conditions. Outside of Pediatric Cardiology, John is involved with multiple professional organizations that research cutting-edge techniques to treat congenital heart disease. Dr. Lozier also volunteers his time and expertise each year in Mexico to provide life-saving medical care for children. At home,