

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF
CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
JAMES K. "KENNY" FOGLE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Chief Master Sergeant James K. "Kenny" Fogle.

Joining the U.S. Air Force in 1977, Chief Fogle began his active duty career serving as an Airborne Cryptologic Linguist. He was assigned to the Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. Chief Fogle logged more than 450 hours of flying time with the RC135 and earned the Air Medal during this tour.

Following his service with the U.S. Air Force, Chief Fogle enlisted in the Kentucky Air National Guard in several capacities. From 2000–2003, Chief Fogle served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Brigadier General Rick Ash. Chief Fogle also served as Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation in Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet from 1988–2003.

Today, Chief Fogle serves as the Executive Director of the United Way of Nelson County. Chief Fogle's life of service has earned him many medals and ribbons, but perhaps most importantly, the gratitude of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

As Memorial Day approaches, I'd like to acknowledge Chief Fogle for his military service and for continuing that service in his personal life. I join with Kentucky's Second District in thanking you for your service.

IN HONOR OF COACH JOHN
HERRINGTON'S RETIREMENT
FROM TEACHING

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Herrington and his lifelong commitment to Greater Detroit youth. Known to many in the community simply as "Coach" Mr. Herrington has spent half a century helping those who have crossed his path.

John Herrington distinguished himself as a standout student-athlete while attending Waterford Township High School, where he was President of his senior class and earned nine varsity letters in basketball, baseball, and football. Upon graduation he attended Central Michigan University where he played basketball and excelled in academics—graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and his teaching certificate in 1962. While there, he met the love of his life and future wife, Fran—they were a team for 38 years until her passing in 2001.

In 1963, John became the head junior varsity football coach at North Farmington High School. He taught and coached there for six years until transferring to the newly opened Harrison High School in 1970 to teach history and be the head varsity football coach.

Mr. Speaker, Coach's overall football record is an astonishing 392 wins, 88 losses and one tie. He was also the Varsity baseball coach from 1971 to 2005, earning a record of 468 wins and 341 losses, along with 12 district championships, 4 regional titles and 2 state semi-final berths. Coach Harrison has won a record 13 Michigan High School Football Championships and 29 conference titles. In addition, he has helped hundreds of football players secure college football scholarships and seven of his former players have played in the National Football League.

Mr. Herrington is well known for crediting his players and assistant coaches for his success; however, a list of awards honoring him includes: induction into both the Michigan and National Coaches Association Halls of Fame, National Football Coach of the Year, and runner up for the NFL's Shula Award for Outstanding High School Football Coach.

Mr. Speaker, at the end of this school year John Herrington will retire from teaching. While coach Herrington's time as a teacher has ended; he will continue to be the head varsity football coach at Harrison High School. I would like to thank him for his many decades of selfless service as a teacher and wish him continued success as the head football coach at Harrison High School.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE INCORPORATED

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the staff, volunteers and Board of Directors of Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated as the organization celebrates 40 years of providing outstanding services and guidance to seniors and individuals of all ages in need of an array of social services.

Since its opening in 1973, Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated has been true to its mission of providing resources and services to meet unfulfilled human and community needs in the greater Boyertown area.

The organization has been successful for four decades thanks to a strong partnership between caring neighbors and dedicated staff. In 2012, more than 400 volunteers gave nearly 42,000 hours of their time preparing and serving meals to seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels and the Center at Spring Street programs, providing tax preparation services, driving individuals to medical appointments, coordinating the food pantry and Christmas assistance programs and helping individuals qualify for home heating assistance programs.

Constantly striving to improve and expand the services offered to community members in need, Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated embarked on an ambitious building project in 2004 and moved into their new home in January 2006. The new building houses the extremely popular Center at Spring Street, providing people 55 and older with opportunities for socialization, recreation, education, and nutrition.

Staff, volunteers, the Board of Directors and the community celebrated the organization's 40th anniversary during an open house on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and supporters of Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated as they commemorate this memorable milestone and in extending best wishes for continued success in providing exemplary service to seniors, families and anyone in need in the greater Boyertown Area.

HONORING GINGER BARNES, CEO,
UNITED SPACE ALLIANCE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true leader in NASA's human spaceflight program. This individual is neither an astronaut nor a high-ranking NASA official, yet she has been deeply involved in our nation's achievements in space, and deserves public recognition.

Virginia Barnes, or Ginger to those of us who know her, has been CEO and President of the United Space Alliance for the past three years. United Space Alliance is the company that was tasked by NASA to operate the Space Shuttle. During her tenure, both NASA and United Space Alliance were under tremendous pressure to complete the remaining flights necessary to finish construction of the International Space Station, as well as manage the transition and closeout of the Space Shuttle Program. This was an immense challenge given the size of the workforce, assets, and facilities affected. Adding to this pressure was the vast public attention given to the Space Shuttle on its final flights after 30 years of service. This process forced America to accept the reality that we would not fly in space in our own spacecraft, for quite some time.

During this stressful and challenging period, Ginger guided the United Space Alliance with steady resolve, and calm leadership balancing decisions on what was in the best interest of the Space Shuttle Program. Painful choices were made that affected workers and their families, many of whom had dedicated their entire careers to the Space Shuttle. Ginger handled this process with grace, care and consideration. Now that the last files have been boxed up, the Space Shuttle orbiters

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have been transferred to their final display locations, and the facilities have been mothballed or transitioned to other programs, Ginger's work on behalf of the Space Shuttle program is complete.

Thankfully, Ginger is not leaving the space program. She will be returning to the Boeing Corporation, where she worked for her entire career prior to assuming leadership at the United Space Alliance. Hopefully, she will have some more time to pursue her hobbies as a licensed commercial pilot and hot air balloonist, as well as spend time with her family. The space industry is lucky to be able to retain her exceptional knowledge and expertise as America embarks on our next space journey. I thank her for her service to our civil space program, and look forward to more accomplishments to come in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLIE HORHN FOR 20 YEARS OF INVALUABLE SERVICE RENDERED TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today recognizing one of America's most dedicated public servants and one of Mississippi's strongest advocates; my friend and Director of Field Operations, Mr. Charlie Horhn. After 20 years of public service, Charlie is retiring from the United States House of Representatives.

A native son of Holmes County, Mississippi, born July 9, 1934, Charlie is the sixth of 10 children born from the union of Mr. Tommie & Mrs. Emma Lee Horhn. Charlie, like others who grew up during one of the most trying times in American history—the Great Depression, understands the value of hard work and dedication. His professional experiences can be cataloged from days chopping cotton to rendering years of invaluable service to the United States House of Representatives.

After marrying his childhood sweetheart, the late Mrs. Willistene Levy, Charlie began work as a metal polisher at Presto Manufacturing Company. There his natural knack for leadership quickly catapulted him to the office of local union president. Thereafter, he soon became an expert in union arbitration and negotiations and assumed an active role in voter registration activities being sponsored by the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

Upon establishment, the well-versed, political savvy, Charlie Horhn became President of the Central Mississippi chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and later journeyed to become President on the State Chapter. These opportunities ultimately gained him acclaim as a staunch politico throughout the State.

In 1990, Charlie was selected to serve as Assistant to the President of the Mississippi AFL-CIO, giving him leverage in improving employee and labor relations. His work impacted legislation and helped drive membership in the organization.

After an extensive stint in labor advocacy, Charlie became manager of my first congressional campaign for Mississippi's Second District seat during the special election in 1993.

After successfully helping me attain office, Charlie was immediately appointed as Director of Field Offices. His leadership has helped countless Mississippi residents in attaining needed assistance.

Charlie was a loving husband and is the devoted father of five. His pathway to success can be largely attributed to his steadfast devotion to and compassion for the people of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Charlie Horhn on 20 years of invaluable service to the United States Congress.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE MAY 21, 2013 JASPER COUNTY FREEDOM FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over 160 Iowa veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Vietnam era will travel to our nation's capital to visit the monuments that were built in their honor by a grateful nation. For many of these veterans, today will be the first time they will visit the capital and the first time that they will see their monuments.

On Sunday, they were given a warm send-off by their neighbors and friends from Newton and throughout Jasper County. They were escorted from the Newton Speedway to the send-off at Newton High School by one hundred motorcycle escorts. When the Freedom Flight arrives in Washington today, I can think of no greater honor than to be able to greet them and to personally thank Iowa's—and our nation's—heroes for their service to our country.

The Freedom Flight brings together three generations of veterans who will travel together and support one another throughout their trip. It also brings together veterans who were never given the homecoming they deserved. This trip, made possible by generous donations from Iowans, many of whom the veterans will never meet in person, demonstrates that we as a state and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our nation's uniform. The veterans will be able to visit their monuments today because their fellow Iowans refused to let their service go unrecognized. That generosity is truly humbling and should inspire us all to continue to work each and every day on behalf of those who serve our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Jasper County Freedom Flight and Iowa's veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Vietnam era to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there is an old American prayer asking the Almighty to bring "safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations." I rise today to honor the lives of those the Almighty used to bring peace, safety, and welfare.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty every 57 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

There are those souls, Mr. Speaker, whose lights guide the way even after they are dimmed. During National Police Week, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring those law enforcement officers lost in the line of duty. We join their families, friends, and communities in offering our condolences and prayers that the memory of those lost be cherished.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DANA EICHERT

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated Executive Director Dana Eichert, who has faithfully and compassionately served senior citizens and people of all ages in need of social services in her community for nearly three decades.

Mrs. Eichert's distinguished career serving residents of the Boyertown area started in August 1985 when she became the Under 60's Case Manager at Boyertown Multi-Service, Incorporated. She took on additional responsibilities, worked tirelessly to improve the broad range of services delivered to individuals and constantly strived to strengthen relationships between the agency and the Boyertown community.

Mrs. Eichert became Executive Director of the agency in 1997. One of her major achievements in that role involved leading the effort to raise funds, construct and open a new building, providing modern office space for the agency's staff, and more importantly, a new home for the Center at Spring Street, which is a pleasant location where people 55 and older gather to socialize, make new friends, enjoy meals, and participate in a variety of activities. Mrs. Eichert's outstanding leadership and dedication have earned the respect of the agency's staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, who have lauded her for creating an atmosphere where everyone feels as if they are part of one big family.

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated Board of Directors, staff, volunteers

and others from the community celebrated Mrs. Eichert's extraordinary service and wished her well in retirement during an open house on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the exemplary service and unwavering commitment to helping seniors and others in need that Dana Eichert has demonstrated during her nearly 28-year tenure with Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
VERNA BAILEY

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Verna Bailey, an exemplary public school principal who worked with distinction for decades in the district I am honored to represent. Since 1974, Verna has dedicated herself to the students, parents, and faculty of the Beaverton School District. Originally from Mississippi, Verna moved to the Pacific Northwest 40 years ago and promptly fell in love with Oregon and its residents. She earned a Master's Degree in Education at Lewis and Clark College, and she worked in several Beaverton schools during her exceptional career.

Verna Bailey is the daughter of a civil rights advocate, and the first African-American woman to attend and graduate from Ole' Miss. Her story is one of courage and bravery. Although many of us supported the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s, Verna personally confronted hatred and prejudice on a daily basis, and she fought to earn what all of our students rightly deserve—a quality education. Verna Bailey stepped up to be one of the first so others behind her could follow her path. She showed the integrity and determination that solidified her place in our complicated American history.

Verna's past should and will be honored, but it is her 39-year history with the Beaverton School District that is her legacy. As an educator and administrator, Verna Bailey earned considerable praise and recognition. She contributed to the development of thousands of students, including my own children, who saw and respected her as a leader. It is my honor to congratulate Verna Bailey on her retirement and to thank her for a remarkable career and for her decades of dedication to our youth and our community. Her leadership, enthusiasm, and compassion will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of H.R. 258, the Stolen Valor Act of 2013 and H.R. 1073, the Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2013. I was not present during votes in the House of Representatives on May 20, 2013 at the time these two bills came to the floor for a vote but would have voted in favor of their passage.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 45, REPEAL OF PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, the GOP needs to reorder its priorities. The American people want us to focus on jobs and strengthening our economy, instead of relitigating the past. Today is the 37th time the majority has taken up repealing patient protections for the American people. This is a very bad idea.

Since January 2011, the House has been in session and held votes on only 281 days. Forty-three of those days have been spent on repealing the Affordable Care Act alone. That's 15 percent of the American people's time spent solely on failed attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

For the party that's seeking to cut their way to prosperity, consider this: based on the cost per day to run Congress, the Congressional Research Service calculated that the time spent attempting to repeal the health law has come with a \$52.4 million price tag for taxpayers. This money could restore the estimated \$41 million cut under sequestration to Meals on Wheels nutrition programs across the country. Or it could pay for nearly 7,000 children to participate in the Head Start program for a year.

Now, consider the benefits the American people have enjoyed since the Affordable Care Act became law: children no longer face discrimination due to pre-existing conditions; students and young adults are gaining coverage through their parents' plans; Medicare is stronger, and seniors are paying less for prescription drugs and getting better treatment at lower cost; Americans no longer face lifetime limits; families are receiving rebates from insurance companies; and women have access to a wide range of free preventive services.

Since the law was enacted in March 2010, over 800,000 jobs have been created in the health care industry. So when the GOP says the Affordable Care Act is "killing jobs," it's flat out wrong.

Repealing the Affordable Care Act would leave millions of Americans without vital patient protections and has cost the American people precious time and money. We should instead vote for legislation to create jobs, expand our economy, and strengthen the middle class.

PENNSYLVANIA CLASSICAL GUITARIST, JAY STEVESKEY, PERFORMS THE WORKS OF A SPANISH COMPOSER AND MEXICAN COMPOSERS AT TWO RECENT VENUES

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, with a resemblance to Sir Paul McCartney, the persona

of a John Denver, and the soul of guitarist John Williams, local classical guitarist Jay Steveskey is a study in contradictions—engaging yet nonchalant, ready-to-do-battle yet laid back, fanciful yet down-to-earth, personable yet aloof, worldly yet parochial, busy yet relaxed. At a recent concert at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton in which he shared the stage with the well-heeled flutist Ed Wargo, Jay Steveskey performed a special guitar solo of Francisco Tarrega's "Recuerdos de la Alhambra." Translated as "Memories of Alhambra," a famous palace in Granada, Spain, the romantic-era piece is by far Tarrega's most famous work and is considered a study in the art of the tremolo.

Steveskey's rendering of this work was both touching and gripping with tremolos as heartfelt and bittersweet as a lovesick teenager. The rise and fall of the melodic line was produced fine and evenly to the point of exquisite perfection. His technique was masterful in the tradition of Segovia, who considered this piece to be one of his personal favorites of the solo guitar repertoire. Both Tarrega and Segovia must have been smiling down upon Steveskey with this elegant and finely impressionistic performance. Two weeks later, Steveskey was superbly at it once again, engagingly performing the music this time of Mexican composers at a special Cinco de Mayo concert at the Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock. A study of sorts in Mexican folk music, the program began with a Mexican piece by Agustin Lara about the Spanish city of Granada and ended with Five Sketches of Mexico by Julio Cesar Oliva. In between was the music of Manuel Ponce and Ernesto Garcia de Leon. Steveskey's musicality had the ring of authenticity and was quite dolce at various times throughout the program. The "Seis Preludios Cortos" written by Manuel Ponce at the end of his life for the children of a fellow composer was brooding and urgent as if the composer had a longing for Death. The "Sonatina Meridional" also by Manuel Ponce was the last piece written for his old friend, Andres Segovia, to whom he dedicated much of his career. The contemporary sketches of Mexico by Oliva were part of a set of twenty such impressionistic sketches with Steveskey performing two sets of five, for Cinco de Mayo. In keeping with the Cinco de Mayo theme of the program, Steveskey also performed the modernistic "Cinco Bosquejos" by Ernesto Garcia de Leon. Other brief pieces by Ponce such as "Estrellita," "Scherzino Mexicano," and "La Pajarera" rounded out the charmed performance.

Steveskey's nuanced sound was so honest and pure and full of lyricism that it could bring a grown hombre to tears. His overall performance was quite strong and very straightforward yet strewn with subtle touches here and there. His encore after the all-Mexican program was a well-known Mexican tune called "Maria Elena." As the words to the poetic song "Granada" go: "Granada, land of my dreams, mine becomes a gypsy song when I sing to you," Jay Steveskey has managed to capture the wayward and sensual soul of the Spanish-speaking people.

HONORING CHELSEA BROWN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I thank Chelsea Brown for her years of service to me, my constituents, the House Republican Conference, the House Committee on Financial Services, and the United States Congress.

Chelsea is one of the most dedicated and loyal people I've had the honor of having on my staff since I was elected to Congress. Few, if any, individuals devoted more hours of their life to my legislative career and to the service of my constituents.

Chelsea joined my staff as a scheduler and office manager in January of 2007. As my colleagues appreciate, the job of a congressional scheduler is one of the most challenging assignments on the Hill. Throughout the years, Chelsea's proactive nature and attention to detail allowed me to maximize both my effectiveness as a legislator and my ability to spend more time with my family.

My children, Claire and Travis, can attest to the asset that Chelsea was to my team. She went out of her way to make my family feel welcome when they visited my office in Washington each summer, and I have no doubt that Claire and Travis will fondly remember how "Miss Chelsea" made visiting their dad's office such an enjoyable experience.

Because of her excellent work in my personal office, I asked Chelsea to join my staff at the House Republican Conference when I served as Chairman, and asked her to come along again when I became Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. Regardless of the task at hand, Chelsea could always be trusted to get the job done, no matter what. Her strong character, discretion, and work ethic have made her an asset to me over the last six years. I can assure you that she will be sorely missed.

Chelsea, thank you for your service and dedication to the cause of individual liberty, and thank you for being such an invaluable member of my team. I wish you the best of luck in your future personal and professional endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUTS
ALEXANDER AND ANDREW HAHN**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alexander and Andrew Hahn of Troop 729 in Treynor, Iowa for each achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Alex and Andrew completed

their projects for the betterment of a local preschool in Treynor. Alex built a planter and walking path at the preschool, while Andy constructed kneeling pads and two covers and poured concrete around two sandpits in the play area. Together they also added mulch near the walking path, playground, and additional seating area. The work ethic Alex and Andrew have shown in their Eagle Projects, and every other project leading up to their Eagle Scout ranks, speaks volumes of their commitment to serving a cause greater than themselves and assisting their community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these young men and their supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the Hahn brothers on obtaining their Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish them continued success in their future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained by weather related flight delays on Monday, May 20, 2013 and missed rollcall votes 161, 162 and 163.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yea" on rollcall No. 161; "yea" on rollcall No. 162; "yea" on rollcall No. 163.

CHRISTOPHER SABBAGH

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Christopher Sabbagh is a senior at Kempner High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. His essay topic is: In your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

THE POWER OF ONE

This country was founded as a beacon of hope, a land of opportunity and freedom. Our nation is prosperous because of the unique form of government that attracts so many individuals from across the world. Every resident of the United States enters into a social contract between the people and the government. According to John Locke, the government's power derives from the, "consent of the governed." As citizens of America, it is important to be involved in the political process because we are all responsible for the actions of our government, just as

our government is responsible for the protection of its citizens.

My parents emigrated from Lebanon to America believing opportunities for their children in a progressive nation would outweigh the sacrifice of leaving behind family, friends, and social stability. They were able to escape restrictive conditions in pursuit of better prospects and became actively involved in different aspects of their new community. Sadly, my parents' participation stopped at an integral duty in American democracy—voting.

As the 2012 Presidential Election neared, the importance of democratic participating became evident to me. Citizens across the nation would decide on a president to lead the nation for the next four years. This one person's decisions would affect the world's future, and we, the citizens of the United States, were entrusted with the final decision. Despite the enormity of this responsibility, many citizens, including my parents, would refrain from participating.

My teacher, Mrs. Naomi Brown, and I decided to confront this community issue and organized a voter registration festival in Sugar Land, Texas, titled "The Power of ONE: Because ONE Vote Matters." With the support of the Bezos Scholars Program and many other organizations, we registered a total of 618 citizens, including my mom and dad. My parents realized that they had escaped a place where credible elections were nonexistent, but here, they had the power to make a difference.

Ultimately, it is important to participate in the political process because it is our duty as American citizens to do so. A democracy is not effective unless there is a direct contribution from the populace. From presidential elections to state, local, and school board elections, we have the responsibility and duty to place in power whoever we feel most competent. When we abstain from participating, we are essentially noncitizens. We have no voice in the government. We have no influence in decisions made for us. But through participating in the political process, all of these are made available to us. We become the gears that keep our country progressing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, my flight yesterday to Washington, DC was unexpectedly diverted to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I unexpectedly missed rollcall votes 161, 162, and 163.

On rollcall vote 161, passage of H.R. 258, Stolen Valor Act, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote 162, passage of H.R. 1073, Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote 163, approving the journal, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I missed a vote on H.R. 258, "To amend title

18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals” due to a funeral. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.” In addition, I also missed a vote on H.R. 1073, “To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes.” Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL
FOSTER CARE MONTH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of May as National Foster Care Month. National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness for the hundreds of thousands of children and youth who are in our nation’s foster care system. Each one of these individuals is part of a network of dedicated professionals, foster parents, and advocates who work 365 days a year, and for that they must be commended.

Furthermore, I believe that it is imperative we focus on the day-to-day successes of these children and their allies. In March 2012, I was proud to host a listening tour through Broward and Miami-Dade counties to bring greater attention to the efforts of local communities striving to improve our foster care system.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I am distinctly aware of the issues facing our child welfare system. Currently, there are over 400,000 children in our nation’s foster care system, many of whom have serious emotional or medical problems. On average, these children wait three years for permanent families, with many aging out of foster care without the love and support from family. These children deserve permanent loving families, and it is our responsibility as legislators to create policy that will help to that improve their outcomes.

At times, the frailties and stark statistics of the foster care system can seem overwhelming. However, as I have seen from my own experience, when given a voice and a chance, foster youth are resilient, capable, and yearning for success. It is up to all of us to nurture the greatness in these youth.

Investing in our children’s future is an investment in the future of our nation, and that is why I remain committed to working with my colleagues in Congress to move this country forward on issues critical to their success.

A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN GAVIN
KEITH SANDVIG

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Army National Guard Captain Gavin Sandvig for being named a recipient of the 2013 General Doug-

las MacArthur Leadership Award by the United States Army. Captain Sandvig is one of only six National Guard Officers nationwide to receive this prestigious award.

The United States Army’s General MacArthur Leadership Award is reserved for the most exemplary company grade officers in the nation who consistently demonstrate the ideals of “duty, honor, and country.” The winners of this great distinction are invited to an award ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. There they are presented with a bronze bust of General MacArthur, an engraved timepiece, and a Commendation Memorandum by the Army Chief of Staff.

Before joining the Iowa Army National Guard in 1993, Captain Sandvig was raised in Eagle Grove, Iowa by his parents Wayne and Penny. He would go on to obtain his Bachelor of the Arts from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake and a Master’s of Education from Graceland University in Lamoni amid his 20-year military career. In 2004, after 11 years as an enlisted soldier and attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, Captain Sandvig accepted his officer commission and was sworn in as a 2nd Lieutenant before completing Ordnance Officer Basic Course in 2005 and his Captain’s Career Course in 2008. Through his time with the Guard, he has supported his state and country in multiple roles overseas, including a 2010 deployment to the rough terrain of north-eastern Afghanistan. Captain Sandvig has earned numerous decorations for his service over the last two decades, including the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Award, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Award.

Beyond his normal service duties, Captain Sandvig has been involved in numerous organizations and activities to benefit several charitable organizations across Iowa. A resident of Ankeny with his wife Shannon and their sons Ben, Sam, and J.J., the Sandvig family has donated much of their time and money to organizations such as Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, United Way, Families of Iowa’s Fallen, the American Legion, the American Cancer Society, Cub Scouts, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and various sport leagues in Ankeny. The Sandvig family has also donated financially to two separate families planning to adopt.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Captain Sandvig’s professional and private conduct truly reflects the General MacArthur Leadership Award’s emphasis on duty, honor, and country. In the words of General MacArthur: “Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage . . . to regain faith . . . and to create hope . . .” I can think of no better recipient for this great award than Captain Sandvig. His efforts embody the Iowa spirit, and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him for this achievement, thanking him and his family for their service and sacrifice, and wishing him continued success in the future. May God continue to watch over all of our soldiers and their families, across the world and here at home alike.

THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE
FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week, I chaired a hearing of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations that examined the United States’ contribution to the global fight against malaria.

Leadership matters. In 2005, President George W. Bush established the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI) and targeted several African malaria endemic countries to receive over a billion dollars to mitigate and someday eradicate this killer disease. The positive consequences of that bold and compassionate initiative include over a million lives saved over the last decade.

The global impact of this disease is severe—yet we are making progress. The World Health Organization estimates that in 2010 there were 219 million malaria cases and 660,000 deaths. While still unconscionably high—every life is absolutely precious and of extraordinary importance—loss of life has declined from approximately 985,000 deaths in 2000.

Not surprisingly, malaria has a particularly devastating impact on the most vulnerable. Nearly 86% of those who die are children under five years of age living in Sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS and President George W. Bush’s extraordinarily effective Global AIDS Coordinator, said that in “Africa alone, Malaria take the life of a child every minute” and pregnant women are also disproportionately afflicted with the disease. WHO emphasizes in its World Malaria Report 2012 that malaria is strongly associated with poverty. Countries in which a larger percentage of the population lives in poverty also have higher mortality rates from malaria. Children living in poorer populations and in rural areas have the highest parasite prevalence rates.

It is also important to note the extent to which the prevalence of malaria is concentrated. Eighty percent of malaria deaths occur in just 14 countries and almost 80% of cases occur in 17 countries. Over 40% of malaria deaths occur in two countries—the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Nigeria, and 40% of malaria cases are in the DRC, Nigeria, and India.

These high morbidity and mortality rates are not necessary—malaria is both preventable and treatable. We heard about the cost effective measures that are currently available and already having an impact or that are in the development process. And the United States, despite the current financial constraints, is making a significant contribution to the global fight against malaria. In addition to our contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the United States provided \$871 million in anti-malaria assistance in FY2012, and the request for FY2014 is \$893 million.

But these levels, even when combined with contributions from other donors, fall short of the global need. So our question last week was: what are the major challenges going forward, and how we can best use our resources

to meet those challenges, to save the most lives and to have the greatest impact in controlling, if not eradicating, this dreaded disease?

We also took a close look at several immediate threats to global efforts to combat malaria. On April 19th, the subcommittee that I chair held a hearing called "Meeting the Challenge of Drug-Resistant Diseases in Developing Countries." In his testimony at that hearing, Dr. Thomas Frieden, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, warned that in recent years, malaria infections in parts of Southeast Asia have been showing resistance to artemisinin drugs. These drugs are the last remaining class of anti-malarial drugs and form the basis of malaria treatment globally. If these resistant parasites manage to spread to sub-Saharan Africa, he stated that "the results could be devastating."

Insecticide-treated bed nets, which have an average useful life of two to three years, are an important, proven malaria prevention tool. According to the World Health Organization, 150 million nets are needed each year to provide protection to the vulnerable populations in sub-Saharan Africa. For the past two years however, the supply has been considerably lower than this level, resulting in an estimated current shortfall of 77 million nets. The consequences, if not urgently addressed, could place entire populations, especially children, at risk of a dramatic malaria resurgence and death.

We were fortunate to have with us three distinguished experts who provided us with valuable insights into these challenges.

RECOGNITION OF THE MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONS OF THE "WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN'S AND THE CONSTITUTION" COMPETITION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, twenty-nine exceptionally bright students from Howell High School in Michigan won a competition on their knowledge of the Constitution. As the winners of this competition, they came to Washington D.C. the last weekend in April to participate in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program.

The "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, helps elementary and secondary students build a strong foundation of knowledge of the history and philosophical influences of the Constitution. The knowledge gained from this experience teaches the students about civic responsibility and how to enhance and uphold the democracy of this nation.

The final activity in this program, which took place April 27–29, gave students the opportunity to "testify" in a simulated congressional hearing. This experience allows them to utilize and demonstrate their understanding and teaches them how to evaluate, take, and defend positions on issues based on constitutional principles. I am happy to announce that the Howell High team won the Outstanding

Unit Six award. Overall the team finished 16th in the nation with Unit One also placing in the top ten and Unit Two finishing 14th overall.

I am honored and proud to recognize the achievements of these students, they are Unit One: Heather Buja, Brody Kutt, Aaron Osborne; Unit Two: David Grusendorf, Lauren Lomasney, Nicole Trudeau, Jason Wisby; Unit Three: Ashley Carignan, Megan Isom, Jeremy Johnson, Sarah Kenney, Francesca Mettetal, Benjamin Schultz; Unit Four: Katherine Beard, Dillon Higgins, Adam Hukkala, Samantha Rineman, Christina Szkrybalo, Jake Tholen; Unit Five: Michael Beard, Grant Bowman, Jarrid Rector-Brooks, Erika Seneca!, Karsyn Textor; and Unit Six: Breanne Casper, Nadja Grauer, Abigail Harrington, Andreja Petrusis, Jonathon Reck. I also recognize Linda Start, the Michigan state coordinator for the "We the People . . ." program.

I would also like to applaud Mark Oglesby, the teacher who has led the Howell High School class to this national competition after eleven years of competing in the state of Michigan.

It was a pleasure to meet these students while they were here and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

CARLEY GRABLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Carley Grable is a senior at Lutheran South Academy in Harris County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

Oftentimes, in a nation where people have become relatively desensitized to the acts of the world, it is easy for one to simply fade into the crowd and become a follower. However, without adequate leaders, any nation, regardless of its stature, is destined for degradation. Warren Bennis once stated that, "Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality". American citizens need to get involved in even the simplest of ways in the political process because without the opinions and ideas of the people, the foundation of America crumbles.

One cannot completely understand something until they have immersed themselves into every facet of it. This proves to be axiomatic in the sense that numerous American citizens do not voice their opinions or take definitive sides on critical issues simply because of a lack of understanding of the political process. The American government is one of the most fascinating aspects of our nation purely because it was the first successful system of its kind. Nowhere else in the world had a group of people become so passionate about something and create

something based on that passion that was functional and prosperous. In order for citizens to become the leaders that the nation so desperately needs, it is crucial that they educate themselves and become activists for the causes that they believe in.

Although, in the past century, the world as a whole has made great strides in ideas and technology, many people across the globe live in an isolated mindset concerning only themselves and their family or community. One may ponder the relationship between government and one's service to others in the world, however, I believe that if one is to truly make a difference in the world, one must become an active promoter of his/her beliefs. America's future calls for leaders who have a global perspective and are willing to work alongside others in a means of compromise and combination of ideals in order to attain a nation that is concerned with foreign affairs and is willing to use the functional facets of the US government and use them as a model to assist developing governments.

Since the age of Greeks and Trojans, leadership has been a quality that is cherished in society and is placed on a pedestal of honor if attained. The future of America relies on the upcoming generation to provide the knowledge and ideas that will evolve the already great nation into not only a force that remains highly influential in the economic world, but also one that shows compassion through its aid. The involvement with the political process is vital to the creation of new leaders of society because without experience, one is left with a nation led by people who formulate decisions based solely upon instinct, instead of intelligence. Edmund Burke noted that "no one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little". No amount of involvement in one's government is too small to make a difference.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE MAY 21, 2013 EASTERN IOWA HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, ninety Iowa World War II and Korean War veterans will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, they will visit the monuments that were built in their honor.

For many, today will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I am deeply honored to join them for their visit to the National World War II Memorial to personally thank these heroes for their service to our nation and to pay tribute to the incredible sacrifice that they made for our country.

We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude. As a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, I am proud to have a piece of marble in my office from the quarry that was used to build the World War II Memorial. Our World War II and Korean War veterans rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but

in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. Their generation and our country did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, the Greatest Generation defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people. Their legacy endures today.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War and the Korean War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 161—H.R. 258; 162—H.R. 1073; and 163—Approving the Journal, I was delayed by weather and my flight arrived late. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

INTRODUCTION OF THE TRANSPARENCY FOR LETHAL CONTROL ACT (TLC)

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Transparency for Lethal Control Act (TLC), legislation requiring the United States Department of Agriculture to publish clear and accessible information on animals killed through the Wildlife Services program of the Animal Health and Inspection Service.

The Wildlife Services program is responsible for intervening in situations when an animal is considered a threat or serious nuisance to humans. In some cases, animals are killed to fulfill this mission.

Efforts to gather adequate information regarding Wildlife Services operations have been difficult. The USDA has not made detailed data available to the public relating to where, why, how, and which animals have been killed. This lack of transparency and public reporting makes oversight impossible. The USDA could be acting inappropriately or recklessly and without this data, we can't know. That is why I am introducing legislation to require the USDA to publish kill data online by state, county (or other similar political subdivision), and municipality.

The killing of animals should not be a routine or reflexive government response. It should only be undertaken, if at all, after careful deliberation and under strict supervision. For that reason, the public and Congress need to have the opportunity for vigorous oversight to ensure that the USDA is acting appropriately and considering all cheaper and more humane alternatives.

Congress must improve oversight of the Wildlife Services program and ensure that the USDA is using tax dollars efficiently and appropriately. I urge passage of the Transparency for Lethal Control Act (TLC).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. HECK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding my absence from the House yesterday, Monday, May 20, 2013. Because of this absence, I missed three votes on the House floor and would like to submit how I would have voted had I been in attendance. The votes were:

Rollcall No. 161, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and pass H.R. 258, the Stolen Valor Act. I would have voted “yea.”

Rollcall No. 162, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and pass H.R. 1073, the Nuclear Terrorism Conventions Implementation and Safety of Maritime Navigation Act of 2013. I would have voted “yea.”

Rollcall No. 163, on Approval of the Journal. I would have voted “yea.”

BRANDON PULLIG

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Brandon Pullig is a senior at Deer Park High School in Harris County, Texas. His essay topic is:

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ROLE SHOULD GOVERNMENT PLAY IN OUR LIVES?

Ever since the times of the philosopher John Locke to Revolutionary heroes such as Patrick Henry and Thomas Paine to the current President Barack Obama, people have had many different beliefs on how government should play a role in our lives. While there have been differing views since the start, there has been one thing in common; the explicit disagreement on the role of which government should follow. Yes, everyone believes their opinion is correct because that is the definition of a belief. However, I write today not to share why my beliefs are correct nor to express how the U.S. Government should be leading the nation, but to tell my Congress, the most powerful body of our government, what not to do.

Now, I digress momentarily to inform you that I am not a writer. I am not a literary mastermind who can reach into thin air, pick out the perfect sentence, and transfer it

onto paper for all to read. No; I am but a worried 17 year-old, frightened for the future of our country. Thus being said, I apologize for my lack of professionalism and formality. When asked to write this, I saw it as an opportunity to directly communicate with Congress and not as an assignment to write about my feelings whilst hiding behind fancy words causing a lack of personality. Ergo, I plead with you to listen to what I have to say and to take it to heart.

As a young man on the verge of becoming part of the “real world,” leaving high school behind, I find it crucial that I involve myself into the world of government, trying to find what makes it tick. By doing so, I have found that our government is fantastic. The system our founding fathers established is the only reason we, as a nation, have survived the past 236 years. We have evolved the governmental process commendably as well. These facts do not, unfortunately, make up for the horrendous damage politics have caused. The concept of politics has torn apart our government. The lack of cooperation between the two major parties in the last decade and a half has been detrimental to the well being of our nation. Of course our government should tax, regulate trade, deal with foreign nations, create laws to protect the rights of the people, etc. Yet, we have fixated our beliefs so heavily on the ideals of one party or the other and I, as a concerned citizen, am tired of the gridlock that has been hopefully unintentionally created. I urge you to remember the prosperous years in which our nation's leaders, Congress, set aside their party and worked for the better good of all people. This may be hard to do because our minds have been corrupted into thinking black and white, but remember the generation—my generation—that must live with the mistakes made by the Republican and Democratic leaders who were too ignorant to look past their parties' beliefs and to accept what will benefit all. I write to defend my generation and for you to remember the true role of our government, which is to “establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 157 regarding the Hurt Amendment No. 2 to the “SEC Regulatory Accountability Act” (H.R. 1062). Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 161, 162, 163, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

RECOGNIZING COL. JASON BOHM

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, throughout the journey of life, we meet many people. Some of these people you will know for a lifetime, and some you will only know for a brief period. I have had the pleasure of knowing Colonel Jason Bohm, USMC, for a brief, but meaningful time.

Col. Bohm has served as the director of the Marine Corps liaison office for the U.S. House of Representatives for the past two years. Having the privilege to represent the Marines of Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point MCAS, I have worked with Col. Bohm on numerous occasions.

He has served as a knowledgeable advisor to me and my staff on various issues concerning active-duty Marines, veterans and military families. We have all found Col. Jason Bohm to be a man of integrity, sincerity, and a true friend to the Corps.

He has assisted me greatly with an issue that I have worked on for over 11 years, and I want to thank him for his interest and his tremendous efforts to help me in my mission of clearing the names of two pilots. For his assistance, I will always be grateful.

As a man of faith, I appreciate Col. Bohm's commitment to his faith and his family. His wife, Sonja, has offered unwavering support, along with their children Ashley, Ethan and Emily. I wish them all the best on their new journey to Camp Pendleton, California.

May God continue to bless the Bohm family, our men and women in uniform, and the United States of America.

FOOD ALLERGIES

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, approximately 15 million Americans have a food allergy, a life-altering and potentially life-threatening disease that affects one in every 13 children in the U.S. That's roughly two in every classroom. Food allergies among children increased by 50 percent from 1997–99 to 2009–11, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, and every three minutes, a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room. The numbers are growing and becoming more serious—but there is no clear answer as to why.

The increased impact of food allergies is being felt in schools, playgrounds, restaurants, workplaces and emergency care facilities, and constitutes a growing public health issue with substantial financial, educational and medical implications. That is why I am speaking today to alert you that this week is Food Allergy Awareness Week.

Unfortunately, resources dedicated to identifying the source and a cure for food allergies has not kept pace with the increasing inci-

dence and its impact. Total governmental support, including the National Institutes of Health, amounts to less than \$30 million in food allergy research. Private sources, like Food Allergy Research and Education—a patient-centered advocacy and support organization—provide limited additional research support. That is less than \$2.00 in annual research funding for every American living with a potentially life-threatening food allergy.

Mr. Speaker, beyond government research support, the risk to individuals, especially children, of severe, life-threatening reactions also needs to be addressed and prepared for. While many children with known food allergies are permitted to bring their epinephrine auto-injectors to school, studies have shown that 25 percent of epinephrine administrations in schools involve individuals without a previously known allergy. Consequently, the availability of stock epinephrine—undesignated devices that are not prescribed to a particular student and that may be used in anaphylactic emergencies—is critical. Many students who will need epinephrine may have no known history of allergy to food, bee stings, latex and other allergens, and therefore would not have a prescription of their own.

As this health crisis continues to grow, other responses are becoming increasingly necessary. In addition to school personnel, restaurants and their staff need to be made aware of the risks, know how to properly prepare food to avoid allergic reactions, and how to respond in an emergency. Emergency responders need to be properly authorized, trained and equipped to recognize and administer treatment. And ultimately, epinephrine needs to become a standard of emergency first aid in public spaces, nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, 19 states have now passed legislation that would allow schools to stock emergency epinephrine auto-injectors for those instances. Congress has had before it legislation that would provide an incentive for states to require the stocking of this emergency medication for the children and staff who may be faced with this life-threatening situation, and I hope that that legislation will be revisited during this session.

It is critical for the public to appreciate the extent of the problem and, importantly, the severity of the disease. It is a health crisis that affects every race, age, income group and geographic area, and is growing dramatically. And what the public increasingly needs to understand is that this is not simply an inconvenient condition. As the recent tragic deaths of children in Utah, New Jersey and Massachusetts show, it is frequently a life-threatening disease. We hope that public understanding and appreciation is enhanced during Food Allergy Awareness Week.

ARIEL ZAGALA

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Ariel Zagala is a senior at Needville High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?

WHAT ROLE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE?

George Washington once said, "Government is not a reason; it is not eloquence. It is force." This is relevant to me because I do believe government should show force, but not have power. The main role of the government should be the protection of the citizens rather than the complete dominance over the people. Our leaders need to set forth the rules that our founding fathers created for us to live by, but not hold our hands and walk us through life. One example would be protection. Ideally, the government's protection should consist of having someone available when needed or providing aid. In reality, the government's version of protection is tuning into our conversations and running surveillance on us. Government, appointed by the people, should make the rules and the people of a society should respect and abide by them. The nation's leaders should occasionally check to see how the nation is working and give motivation. However, the government should not dictate and attempt to control every aspect of life. One prime example would be gun control. Currently we have had numerous situations where people use guns to harm and in worse situations, kill as well. Some shootings include the Sandy Hook Shooting and the Theatre Massacre. The government does its job on stepping up and applying force by stopping the situation and persecuting the criminal. What they do not stop to realize is how sometimes they can be controlling in situations like these. By trying to take our weapons, they are stripping us of the Second Amendment and ultimately gaining power over society. There is a noticeable difference between force and power in that force means to influence, whereas power means having control over something. President Washington was right that government is a force, but overtime our government has blindly tried to consume power. Having a government is important for the country. They are a symbol of leadership and a sense of security. They are the voice and examples of who we are as a nation and show that to other nations. In conclusion, our government is a working progress. They provide the force but occasionally want power, but just like us, no one is perfect.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, due to a family issue that required my attention, I missed several votes on May 20, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 161, "yea" on rollcall vote 162, and "yea" on rollcall vote 163.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,737,294,304,715.52. We've added \$6,110,417,255,802.44 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

ADDRESSING H.R. 3—THE
NORTHERN ROUTE APPROVAL ACT

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

MAY 21, 2013.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
*Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I write today to address H.R. 3, the 'Northern Route Approval Act', and my resolution raising a question of privilege regarding the matter. Please note that this is a privileged motion and therefore outside the scope of the Rules Committee's jurisdiction regarding "the order of business of the House" (Rule X(1)(o)(1)). This is a question of privilege "affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings" pursuant to Rule IX (1). It is not invoked to "effect a change in the rules . . . or their interpretation" ('House Rules and Manuals' at 420).

Consideration of this bill exceeds 'the rights of the House collectively' and brings into question the 'dignity and the integrity of [the] proceedings' of the House of Representatives (House Rule IX) because: 1) it is unconstitutional, and 2) it is an earmark.

I presented this matter to the full House in H. Res. 225 as a question of privilege last night, and I noticed the question immediately following the only vote series of the day.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule IX of the House you must now 1) make your determination as to whether or not this is an appropriate 'question of privilege', and 2) hold a vote on the resolution offered before the House. Before that happens, I would like to address the two claims I have made against the bill offered by the gentleman from Nebraska, and then I will outline the reasons why I feel you should find in favor of my question of privilege.

H.R. 3 IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

"The . . . Constitution does not permit Congress to execute the laws."

The above is taken from the Supreme Court's ruling in *Bowsher v. Synar*. The bill before us violates this principle. Congress creates the law, and the Executive executes it.

Under Section 3 of this bill however, "the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) issued by the Secretary of State on August 26, 2011", and "the Presidential permit required for the pipeline described in the

application filed on May 4, 2012, by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. to the Department of State . . . as supplemented to include the Nebraska reroute evaluated in the Final Evaluation Report issued by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality in January 2013 and approved by the Nebraska governor" shall "be considered [deemed] to satisfy all requirements of 1) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and 2) the National Historic Preservation Act". This is a clear attempt by this body to execute the law of the land.

Again Mr. Speaker, the Executive must execute the laws. H.R. 3 runs afoul of this requirement. The Supreme Court also held in *Bowsher v. Synar* that "[i]nterpreting a law enacted by Congress to implement the legislative mandate is the very essence of 'execution' of the law", and that is exactly what is being proposed here. The exercise of judgment in the bill before us, concerning facts that affect application of statute, constitutes execution of the law. It is an unconstitutional act that this body should not entertain. It violates separation of powers, and violates the principle underlying the prohibition of bills of attainder.

Statements are deemed by this bill to be in compliance with laws the Executive has been tasked with executing—the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (see section 3 of H.R. 3). This is an impermissible execution of the law. Congress, through this bill, is attempting to apply the facts of the Keystone XL Pipeline environmental impact statement to the body of law, and deciding that they comply. This is unconstitutional and brings into question the 'dignity and the integrity of [the] proceedings' of the House.

Apparently, we are no longer satisfied with writing the laws. We have now taken it upon ourselves to execute them as well. This discredits the institution not only within the federal government (complicating our constitutional relationship with both the executive and judicial branches), but also in the eyes of the American people. We must not allow the House to be degraded in such a way.

Even when the facts of the bill are examined, this measure fails. This bill states that the FEIS satisfies NEPA. That FEIS however, was for a different project—the Keystone XL Pipeline as proposed in 2009, a pipeline which would have terminated in the Gulf Coast. The NEPA process for that proposal ended when the State Department denied the Presidential Permit application and issued a Record of Decision pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §1505.2. The current proposal is different. It has a different route, different purpose and need, different NEPA process, and more. This bill, however, deems the (outdated) FEIS for the previous proposal to comply with NEPA for the purposes of approving the current proposal. This leap of logic is untenable, and again, compromises the dignity and integrity of the proceedings of this body.

Finally Mr. Speaker, Section 4 of this bill states: "no Presidential permit shall be required for the pipeline described in the application filed on May 4, 2012 by TransCanada . . .". This section encroaches upon the President's independent constitutional authority over matters of foreign affairs. As a Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, I am intimately familiar with Article II of the Constitution. Today, this body intends to ignore it and trample our Founding Document. I refuse to stand idly by and participate any longer. The Department of State does not issue Presidential permits based on any statutory authority from Congress; rather, the President delegated his inherent constitutional authority over matters

of foreign affairs to the Department of State in Executive Order 13337. The President and Department of State have independent authority to act in this field, not Congress.

For these reasons Mr. Speaker, I feel that H.R. 3 is unconstitutional, and that any consideration of the bill affects the dignity and integrity of the institution.

H.R. 3 IS AN EARMARK

Rule XXI (9)(a)(1) states:

"(a) It shall not be in order to consider—

"(1) a bill or joint resolution reported by a committee unless the report includes a list of congressional earmarks. . . ."

'Congressional earmark' is defined in Rule XXI (9)(e) in the following way:

"(e) For the purpose of this clause, the term "congressional earmark" means a provision or report language included primarily at the request of a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or Senator providing, authorizing or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or Congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process."

Restated, using only the words of the Rule, in the order in which they appear, a 'congressional earmark' is:

"a provision . . . included primarily at the request of a Member . . . providing [or] authorizing . . . a . . . grant . . . to an entity . . . other than through a statutory or administrative . . . or competitive award process."

Mr. Speaker, Section 6 of H.R. 3 satisfies every one of these criteria. It grants not only a right-of-way, but also a temporary use permit, outside of established statutory, administrative, and competitive award processes, and it does so to only one entity—explicitly named in this bill 'TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P.'.

The requirement that this provision be included 'primarily at the request of a Member' is surely satisfied by the act of a Member drafting and offering this bill. It was a conscious choice of a Member from the state of Nebraska to offer this legislation, as well as explicitly mention Nebraska or Nebraskans six separate times, while no other state receives a single mention.

Clearly Mr. Speaker, this is an earmark.

As such, beyond the determination as to the question of privilege which I have raised, I would also assert that H.R. 3 violates the Rules of the House. Not one of the reports filed by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, or the Committee on Natural Resources includes a list containing the congressional earmark that appears in this bill. Rule XXI (9)(a)(1) is violated.

For these reasons (among others) Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request your determination that my question and resolution before the House is privileged. H.R. 3 is unconstitutional, it is an earmark, and it violates the Rules of the House. Therefore, any consideration of this bill is an action which affects the dignity and the integrity of the proceedings of the House pursuant to Rule IX.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or David Bagby of my staff.

Sincerely,

ALAN GRAYSON,
Member of Congress.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP OF
YULA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
ON THEIR STAND AGAINST THE
IRANIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to call attention to the leadership and drive of Yeshiva University High School of Los Angeles's (YULA) Panthers for Israel. These students have organized a statement of their campus leadership to protest the Iranian nuclear program and support for global terrorism, raising awareness of the Iranian threat to the United States and our allies around the world. I join them in their quest to stop Iran now, and I applaud them for their initiative. For that reason, I submit the following campus leadership statement.

"We, the student leaders of Yeshiva University High Schools of Los Angeles, condemn Iran's development of a nuclear weapons program, as well as its continued support for worldwide terror. A nuclear capable Iran poses a direct threat to the United States and stands against basic American values. Iran not only remains an existential threat to America's friend and ally, the State of Israel, it poses the greatest national security threat to these United States. We stand united against a nuclear capable Iran and urge the U.S. Congress to support future legislation on this critical issue of global security."

Signed,

Elliot Julis, YULA Israel Advocacy Club, President; Shana Salomon, Girls Student Council, President; Joshua Kohan, Boys Student Council, President; Naphtali Nektalov, YULA Israel Advocacy Club, Chairman of the Board; Alexa Hanelin, Model United Nations, Captain; Gillian Gittler, Editor-in-Chief, The PANTHER; Leron Rayn, Boys Student Council, Treasurer; Rachel Schechter, Girls Student Council, Treasurer; Levi Saada, YULA Clubs, Chair.

Elon Swartz, Drama Society, Lead Role; Laura Rubin, Girls Drama Society, Lead Role; Lizzi Peled, Mock Trial, Captain; Jordyn Schoenfeld, Boys Varsity Basketball, Captain; Shira Ben Shushan, Friendship Circle Liaison; Asher Naghi, Likutei Ohr, Senior Editor; Zach Porgress, YULA Community Services, Chairman; Ruth Maouda, Girls Varsity Soccer, Captain; Batya Botach, Girls Varsity Tennis, Captain.

Alexa Mund, SCATCH Tutoring Initiative, Director; Ariela Rohatiner, Girls Varsity Basketball, Captain; Rachel Gindi, Genocide Awareness Committee; Yoni Elkaim, Boys Varsity Soccer, Captain; Samuel Romano, YULA-Museum of Tolerance Liaison; Sophia Levine, Chai Lifeline Liaison; Sahar Basiratmand, Yearbook Editor; Boruch Gralnik, Boys Varsity Baseball, Captain; Noam Posner, Boys Cross Country, Captain.

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HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Amanda McIntire is a senior at Hightowner High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

WHERE WERE YOU ON THAT FATEFUL DAY?

Shock . . . dismay . . . disbelief . . . words that even this six-year-old could feel on that early September morning. Parents swarmed my elementary school. Classrooms became practically empty. Teachers tried to stay calm, but it was obvious that their attention was focused on the day's events. 9/11 changed our world. It was an act intended to create terror and fear. Until then, we had never fought a foreign country on our soil since the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"How do I respond when I see that in some Islamic countries there is vitriolic hatred for America? . . . I'm amazed that there is such misunderstanding of what our country is about, that people would hate us. I am, I am—like most Americans, I just can't believe it. Because I know how good we are, and we've got to do a better job of making our case."—George W. Bush, press conference

At six, I knew something happened that would change my life forever, but I did not realize its magnitude for years to come. At first, in my mind, we appeared united, but how could a nation that was founded on the belief that all men are created equal and should be free, treat others that looked a certain way differently? Many of my school mates' parents came to get my friends fearing for revenge against them that day because of their religion or heritage. A turban on your head or an unfamiliar religious belief should not mean that you are an enemy. My community is very diverse. In fact, my blond hair and blue eyes make me a minority at my school. I have come to understand that as a nation, we must restore faith in the world's eyes that we are not wealthy bigots, but people who want a free world filled with peace and prosperity for everyone.

As Secretary of State John Kerry once stated, "We believe that what matters most is not narrow appeals masquerading as values, but the shared values that show the true face of America; not narrow values that divide us, but the shared values that unite us: family, faith, hard work, opportunity and responsibility for all, so that every child, every adult, every parent, every worker in America has an equal shot at living up to their God-given potential. That is the American dream and the American value."

The attacks on 9/11 were intended to weaken our country and our souls. Instead, we are more cautious, more observant, and more determined than ever to prove to the world that we are a strong and powerful nation

whose intent is not domination, but coexistence in a free world that respects human life, the pursuit of happiness, and freedom.

CONGRATULATING THE NORTH CATAWBA FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT ON THEIR 55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the North Catawba Fire and Rescue Department as they mark their 55th anniversary.

Committed and hardworking firefighters play a vital role in keeping our homes, businesses, and public places safe from the threats of deadly fires.

The residents of North Catawba take comfort in knowing that these men and women are nearby in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th District of North Carolina, I congratulate the brave men and women of the North Catawba Fire and Rescue Department who are devoted to protecting lives. This sacrifice truly exemplifies the spirit of America.

HONORING REVEREND THEODORE
MARTIN HESBURGH

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, who will be honored on May 22, 2013 in a special reception at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. to celebrate his upcoming 96th birthday and 70th anniversary as a priest. Rev. Hesburgh was ordained as a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross on June 24, 1943 at Notre Dame.

Rev. Hesburgh taught theology and served as a chaplain to returning veteran students, next moving on to serve as president of the university for thirty-five years. Retiring in 1987, Rev. Hesburgh was considered one of the most distinguished and transformational leaders in American higher education. A familiar face on campus, Rev. Hesburgh was well-known for remembering the names and faces of the university students, always acknowledging others with heartfelt greetings.

Outside of Notre Dame, Rev. Hesburgh continued his distinguished commitment to public service, shaping history at home and abroad. He was first tapped by President Dwight Eisenhower to serve on the National Science Board in 1954. Over the years, Rev. Hesburgh was appointed to over one hundred other advisory boards, developing peaceful solutions to nurture the civil rights movement and immigration reform. Due to his consistent efforts to pursue justice and strengthen human dignity, Rev. Hesburgh served as a member of the Civil Rights Commission for over a decade, including three years as the chairman.

Advising multiple United States presidents, Rev. Hesburgh was awarded the Medal of

Freedom, the highest civilian honor, by President Lyndon Johnson. He was also honored with the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bill Clinton in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, recognized for his work in civil rights and world peace. Graciously welcoming many American presidents to the University of Notre Dame, Rev. Hesburgh has created a powerful connection between our world leaders and the university.

Rev. Hesburgh has touched the lives of countless individuals around the world on his never-ending mission to spread world peace, eradicate poverty, and alleviate hunger. Approaching his upcoming 96th birthday and 70th anniversary as a priest, there are certainly many accomplishments to celebrate

from the Notre Dame campus to the global community. Most of all, I applaud Rev. Hesburgh for following God's calling to the priesthood and being a good and faithful servant to the people.

It is an honor to recognize Rev. Hesburgh for his patriotism and devoted commitment to bring peace, justice, and humility. His dignity and passion will be admired for generations for the unparalleled achievements and endless kindness that has forever shaped our society.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, 2013 I missed a series of votes related to H.R. 1062, the so-called "SEC Regulatory Accountability Act", due to a prior commitment to escort my mother as she received an honorary doctorate from the West Virginia University. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Hurt amendment, "yes" on the Maloney amendment, "yes" on the motion to recommit and "no" on this bill.