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House of Representatives

The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 18, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of the people's House, as they meet with their respective constituents, the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 515, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Friday, March 14, 2014:

H.R. 2650, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land;

H.R. 3370, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4076, to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2650. An act to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

H.R. 3370. An act to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4076. An act to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 515, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 21, 2014, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5016. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Reports of Corrections and Removals; Technical Amendment [Docket No.: FDA-2014-N-0011] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5017. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Current Good Manufacturing Practices, Quality Control Procedures, Quality Factors, Notification Requirements, and Records and Reports, for Infant Formula; Correction [Docket No.: FDA-1995-N-0063 (formerly 95N-0309)] (RIN: 0910-AF27) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5018. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Device Reporting: Electronic Submission Requirements [Docket No.: FDA-2008-N-0393] (RIN: 0910-AF86) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5019. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Administrative Detention; Corrections [Docket No.: FDA-1977-N-0222] received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5020. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting expanding

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the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014; (H. Doc. No. 113—98); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

5021. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line or Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 121018563-3148-02] (RIN: 0648-XD114) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5022. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Increase [Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02] (RIN: 0648-XD100) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5023. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Pot Catcher/Processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 121018563-3148-02] (RIN: 0648-XD104) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5024. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 121009528-2729-02] (RIN: 0648-XD063) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5025. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction [Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02] (RIN: 0648-XD078) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5026. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Medicare Determinations and Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts to Medicare Part B Premiums; Conforming Changes to Regulations [Docket No.: SSA-2012-0011] (RIN: 0960-AH47) received February 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on the Budget. H.R. 1872. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-381, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1872 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BARBER:

H.R. 4274. A bill to amend the Honoring the Families of Fallen Soldiers Act to provide a permanent appropriation of funds for the payment of death gratuities for survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services in event of any future period of lapsed appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 4275. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. MCCARTHY of California):

H.R. 4276. A bill to extend and modify a pilot program on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injury; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Ms. MOORE, Mr. COLE, Mr. HECK of Washington, Ms. HANABUSA, and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 4277. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BARBER:

H.R. 4274.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, To raise and support armies

Article I, Section 8, To provide and maintain a navy

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:

H.R. 4275.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. CASSIDY:

H.R. 4276.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress as stated in Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 4277.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 6: Mr. DENT and Mr. BRIDENSTINE.

H.R. 129: Mr. MCALLISTER.

H.R. 184: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 401: Mr. JOYCE, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 485: Ms. CHU and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 792: Mr. NUNES.

H.R. 809: Mr. SCHRADER.

H.R. 1180: Mr. GERLACH.

H.R. 1829: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 2224: Mr. VAN HOLLEN.

H.R. 2499: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 2735: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. COOK.

H.R. 2959: Mr. HUELSKAMP.

H.R. 3318: Mr. VELA, Mr. NOLAN, and Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 3451: Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. SIRES, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. NOLAN.

H.R. 3461: Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 3493: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 3665: Mr. DEED SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 3686: Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 3707: Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. BARLETTA, and Mr. OLSON.

H.R. 3708: Mr. BROUN of Georgia and Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 3710: Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 3775: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.

H.R. 3810: Mr. PETERS of California.

H.R. 3855: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 3892: Mr. O'ROURKE.

H.R. 3930: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Ms. GRANGER.

H.R. 3969: Mrs. ELLMERS.

H.R. 4062: Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 4065: Mr. HIGGINS.

H.R. 4122: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 4143: Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 4157: Mr. YOHO.

H.R. 4227: Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 4241: Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H. Con. Res. 86: Mr. WALZ, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.

H. Res. 109: Mr. MCDERMOTT.

H. Res. 227: Mr. LAMALFA.

H. Res. 302: Mr. GOSAR and Mr. PERRY.



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Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 and 12 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 18, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
MARCH 21, 2014, AT 9 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:30 and 45 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, March 21, 2014, at 9 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF GOVERNOR REUBIN ASKEW

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life, accomplishments, and dedicated service of one of Florida's greatest citizens, Former Governor Reubin Askew. Governor Askew was an inspiration to Floridians of all political stripes and ideologies. The State of Florida, and our entire Nation, mourns the loss of a true patriot, political titan, and a great man.

Reubin O'Donovan Askew was born on September 11, 1928 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. At the age of eight, he moved with his mother to her native town of Pensacola, Florida, where he spent the rest of his childhood and adolescence. From a young age, Governor Askew displayed an assiduous work ethic, taking great pride in working to help contribute to the family's finances with jobs as a paperboy, magazine salesman, shoeshine boy, and grocery bagger. After graduating from Pensacola High School in 1946, Governor Askew followed in the footsteps of his two older brothers, who had served in World War II, into military service, joining the Army as a paratrooper.

After two years in the Army, Governor Askew enrolled at Florida State University, where his future in politics was presaged by a term as student government president. During his time at Florida State, Governor Askew also participated in Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and, upon graduation, he was commissioned as an officer and called to active duty, where he oversaw reconnaissance planes flying missions in Europe. Governor Askew served two years in the Air Force, before enrolling at the University of Florida's School of Law. Upon his graduation in 1956, he moved back to Pensacola, where he was elected assistant county solicitor. That same year, he married his wife of nearly 60 years, Donna Lou.

Governor Askew was a man of great faith, and, when he began his resulting 20-year career in public service, with election to the Florida House of Representatives in 1958, he used the Lord's teachings to govern with a strong moral compass. Following his first term in the Florida House, Governor Askew was elected to the Florida State Senate, where he served two terms before deciding to run for governor in 1970. Despite being relatively unknown on the state level, Governor Askew campaigned on a strong populist platform and emphasized his strong faith and devotion to family to win the governorship.

Governor Askew's list of accomplishments during his time in the Governor's mansion are legion and far too numerous to fully list in any one space. In fact, so vast were his accomplishments, that the John F. Kennedy School

of Government at Harvard University named Governor Askew one of the top 10 governors of the 20th century, ranking him with men who went on to serve as President, like Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, as well as a future Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren.

Today, Governor Askew is perhaps best remembered for championing and shepherding through one of our Nation's most robust transparency and freedom of information laws, through Florida's Sunshine Law and Amendment, which opened up government meetings and required financial disclosure by all public officials, candidates, and employees. As Governor Askew remarked, "You've got to remember in government whose business you're doing: the people's, and if you're doing the people's business, you've got to give them the tools to judge the product."

Thanks to his strong moral character and determined leadership, Governor Askew became the first governor in Florida's history to be re-elected to consecutive terms. In addition to his successful transparency reforms, Governor Askew will be remembered as a true leader on many of the toughest issues of his day, including racial integration. Governor Askew had long followed his faith and principles on the issue of racial justice, arguing during his time as Florida State University Student Government President for integrating the higher-education system, and during his time as governor he successfully and harmoniously integrated Florida's schools, state government and appointed the first African-American Florida Supreme Court Justice, Joseph W. Hatchett. During his tenure, Governor Askew additionally fought to reduce the tax burden on individual Floridians, while also increasing the homestead exemption and repealing consumer taxes on household utilities and long-term apartment rentals.

Following his second term in office, Governor Askew served two years as the United States Trade Representative. Governor Askew was also highly committed to educating Florida's and our Nation's youth and in the mid 1980s, he began a second career as an educator. For ten years, he taught classes at each of Florida's public universities, before joining the faculty at his alma mater, Florida State University, in 1995, where he taught for the remainder of his life. In 1994, in recognition of his service to the State of Florida, Florida State University, named the School of Public Administration and Policy, the Reubin O'D Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, and in 2006, it named a student life center on campus after him as well. In addition, the University of Florida established the Reubin O'D Askew Institute on Politics and Society to assist Florida's citizens and communities in examining critical issues by bringing policymakers, educators, students, and community members together to aid them in making decisions to enhance Florida's future.

Mr. Speaker, public service is both a calling and a truly noble pursuit. It is not an easy undertaking, and success is not guaranteed. Yet,

despite its challenges, there are some individuals who were seemingly created by the Lord to lead in this vital arena. Governor Reubin Askew was one of these individuals. Those who were fortunate enough to know him will be forever inspired by his example, and the entire Northwest Florida community is proud that such a great man and fine public servant hailed from the Florida Panhandle. On behalf of the entire United States Congress, my wife Vicki and I extend our deepest prayers and condolences to Governor Askew's wife, Donna Lou; his children, Kevin and Angela; his many grandchildren; and the entire Askew family.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN HOTEL OWNERS ASSOCIATION (AAHOA)

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. BERA of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) on celebrating their 25th anniversary. Founded in 1989, AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world and represents over 12,500 members nationwide. My family and I are proud to be counted among them.

AAHOA's achievements over the past quarter century are one of the greatest examples we have today of capturing the American Dream. Comprised of first and second generation Indian Americans, AAHOA members and their families immigrated to the United States seeking opportunity. These entrepreneurs found a niche as hoteliers and soon became a profound influence on the hospitality industry.

Today, AAHOA members own over 40 percent of all hotels in the United States employing over 600,000 people with an annual payroll of almost \$10 billion.

It is also my pleasure to recognize AAHOA's chairman, Mehul "Mike" Patel for his exceptional leadership this year. Mehul and his family came to the United States from Valsad in Gujarat India when he was a teenager and they lived and worked in a motel in Garland, Texas. The lessons of hard work and perseverance he learned while growing up in the motel have served him well and today he is the chairman and CEO of NewcrestImage, Hotel Development and Management Company, with multiple hotel properties across the United States.

Mehul's vision has been instrumental in elevating AAHOA to the next level. Under Mehul's stewardship, AAHOA has reached record levels of membership, and advanced its position as the voice of hotel owners with members in nearly every congressional district in the United States. Mehul is a dynamic leader in his community and industry and I am proud to commend his accomplishments.

I would also like to recognize AAHOA's officers, Vice Chairman Pratik Patel, Treasurer

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Jay “Jimmy” Patel, Secretary Bharat “Bruce” Patel and President Fred Schwartz, along with AAHOA’s 24 past chairmen whose dedication to the organization and the hospitality industry have helped to create jobs, promote investment in their local communities, and grow America’s economy.

I look forward to addressing AAHOA’s annual convention later this month and continuing to work with this extraordinary organization in the future.

WATER RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3189) to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, with Ms. FOXF in the chair.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3189, a contradictory piece of legislation that would confuse the issue of water rights across the country.

As initially written, this bill, which attempts to solve a dispute between Colorado ski resorts and the U.S. Forest Service, was so broad that it would have impacted the permitting process for the Conowingo dam in Maryland and our local efforts to restore threatened species in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. While I appreciate that the Manager’s amendment narrowly addresses the issue of dam permitting, I remain concerned that contradictory sections in this bill will create confusion and litigation that will prevent agencies from ensuring proper stewardship of federal lands.

When private entities request permits to operate on public lands, federal agencies have a responsibility to taxpayers to ensure that their operations would not harm the resources on those lands. If agencies cannot guarantee protections, they may simply deny permits and prohibit private use. This bill, by attempting to rewrite years of water rights law in a few short pages, introduces so much uncertainty into the process that those denials are likely to become a common occurrence.

Congressman POLIS has offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute that would restore the narrow focus on the disputed ski resort water rights. I urge my colleagues to support his effort and oppose the bill as currently written.

SGR REPEAL AND MEDICARE PROVIDER PAYMENT MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2014

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to oppose H.R. 4015, the SGR

Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act.

For years, I have worked with my colleagues, hospitals, and doctors to temporarily repair a permanent problem. We have continued placing a Band-Aid on a gunshot wound. The Band-Aid doesn’t work anymore. We need some serious treatment for this SGR wound. However, the suture we need is not H.R. 4015.

This bill is just another attempt by Republicans to undermine the law that is the Affordable Care Act. Their weak attempt at yet another delay of ACA’s individual mandate will not be accepted by the American people. Millions of Americans are benefiting from ACA. They now have access to free preventative care; they are now no longer denial coverage due to preexisting conditions; and parents can now keep their children on their healthcare plan until age 26.

It is important to recognize that the bill, in its original form, stood as a bipartisan agreement. It was a permanent fix to the SGR problem. To have physicians paid based on merit, using a metric system to access doctors on the quality of care given not the quantity of patients seen, served to benefit the medical community and the patients in their care.

However, the Republicans have poisoned this bipartisan agreement making it impossible for me to vote “yes” on H.R. 4015. Specifically, they are delaying ACA’s individual mandate for five years by changing the penalty for failing to purchase health insurance to zero (0) until 2019.

There is no argument that a SGR permanent fix is necessary. However, it should not, and will not, be at the expense of hard-working Americans who now have access to health care that they may not have had before the Affordable Care Act.

It is imperative that we continue to work in a bipartisan way to seek a solution to the SGR problem, because H.R. 4015—in its current form—is not the solution.

I ask my colleagues to join me in voting “no” on this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Tuesday, March 10, 2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 115, “yea” on rollcall vote 116, and “yea” on rollcall vote 117.

Due to a last minute meeting at the White House with President Obama on Thursday, March 13, 2014, to discuss the devastating impact of deportations on the immigrant community, I was absent for the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 130, “yea” on rollcall vote 131, “nay” on rollcall vote 132, and “nay” on rollcall vote 133.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL SANGER

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Sanger and thank him both for his service to our country in the United States Army and the Massachusetts National Guard, as well as for his dedication to the constituents of the Sixth District of Massachusetts.

Michael joined my office in 2012 as part of the Wounded Warrior Congressional Fellowship Program. This program provides opportunities for veterans who served on active duty since September 11, 2001. Veterans are accepted into the program to broaden their career opportunities through experience working in a congressional office.

Prior to joining my office, Michael served as an infantryman in the United States Army. He served in Iraq for 15 months with the 725th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, and his career in the Army has spanned over ten years.

While Michael fulfilled his Fellowship, he also served as an Explosives Ordnance Technician in the Massachusetts National Guard. It was in this capacity that Michael was called upon by the Boston Police Department and the F.B.I. to assist in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings last year.

Michael put the skills and experience he developed in the Army to use as a Veterans Caseworker for my district office. In this capacity, Michael helped ensure that local veterans were able to obtain the benefits which they earned, and that veterans’ inquiries were effectively addressed. Michael has been a true asset in these efforts, bringing key insight and perspective to his work.

As Michael embarks on his next endeavor, I congratulate him on his achievements and thank him for his outstanding service.

HONORING MRS. ROSALYN FABIANKE, PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION’S MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET EXHIBIT “THE WAY WE WORKED”

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay a special honor to Mrs. Rosalyn Fabianke, of Red Bay, Alabama, as the project director for the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum on Main Street exhibit entitled, “The Way We Worked.” It was held in Red Bay from September 14–October 25, 2013. Mrs. Fabianke deserves to be recognized for her unselfish dedication to this project. She is truly one who embodies the American spirit of community.

Each year the Smithsonian Institution partners with Museum on Main Street and chooses six cities to host a traveling exhibit. This year, Red Bay was chosen as the inaugural city to display the exhibit, “The Way We Worked,” documenting how industry has

shaped our country and how it has changed over the years. Each city is further tasked with taking the exhibits from the Smithsonian and incorporating them into the local culture. Through the creativity of Mrs. Fabianke and her dedicated volunteers, Red Bay integrated the exhibit with its library, museum, churches, local industries, and other aspects of the town's community life.

Red Bay, a town of just over 3,000 residents, had a total of 6,692 visitors to the exhibit, coming from 41 States and four foreign countries. This number broke all previously held records listed by the Alabama Humanities Foundation for the number of people attending a traveling Smithsonian exhibit. Mrs. Fabianke's skilled leadership and guidance drove the momentum of this project and were influential in the success of the event.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mrs. Rosalyn Fabianke for her role as the project director of this internationally viewed exhibit and for her enduring impact on her community and the great State of Alabama. I join her family, friends and colleagues in congratulating her on a job well done.

MARKING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFLICT IN SYRIA AND THE PLIGHT OF SYRIA'S REFUGEES

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues from the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission to mark a tragic milestone in the conflict in Syria. It has now been three years that the nation of Syria has been engulfed in a war that has only grown more violent over time and has fomented increasing stability throughout the region. The men, women, and children of Syria have endured unspeakable violence and devastating attacks that have ruined their homes and neighborhoods.

The scale of displacement in Syria has been called the worst refugee crisis in recent history. Indeed, approximately one-third of the entire population has been forced to flee their homes. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, over 2.5 Syrians have fled the country since March 2011, while another 6.5 million Syrians have been internally displaced. Syria has gone from being one of the largest refugee-hosting nations to surpassing Afghanistan as the largest source of refugees in the world today.

Syria's neighbors have been profoundly affected by the conflict, both by the spillover of violence and the massive influx of refugees that have sought, and continue to seek, safety abroad. Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and Iraq have already taken in about 2.1 million refugees. One million refugees are in Lebanon. As a result, Lebanon's total population has increased by one-fifth. That would be like adding an additional 60 million people to the U.S. population all at once. Turkey has 634,900 refugees and Jordan is sheltering 584,000 Syrians, with 100,000 in the Zaatari refugee camp alone. Even Iraq, which once saw a vast flow of refugees into Syria, is now seeing a significant reverse flow.

These nations, with assistance from the United States, the European Union, the United Nations, and the international community are doing all they can. However, resources are limited and the refugee camps are overcrowded. Additionally, while the refugees may have found protection from the war, many Syrian women and girls are instead encountering alarming levels of sexual and domestic violence. This is no way for the Syrian people to live.

The only solution is for the global community to come together to support a final lasting political resolution that will bring peace and stability and allow these refugees to come home and rebuild their country. I join with my fellow Members to call for renewed efforts to help support the refugees and their host nations, and to finally end this reprehensible conflict once and for all.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of outstanding public school teachers in Florida's 16th Congressional District.

I was once told that children are 25 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of the future.

And it's true. The education of a child is an investment, not only in that student, but in the future of our country.

Therefore, I established the Congressional Teacher Awards to honor educators for their ability to teach and inspire students.

This month, I will present awards to the following teachers chosen by their school district for special recognition:

Ian Ackroyd from Venice Middle School in Venice for his accomplishments as a Band Director;

Gina Barresi from Sarasota High School in Sarasota, for her accomplishments as an English and Reading teacher;

Dana Van Bussum from Southeast High School in Bradenton for her accomplishments as a Language Arts teacher;

Lisa Figueroa from Taylor Ranch Elementary School in Venice for her accomplishments as a Science teacher;

Dudley Leigh from Lee Middle School in Bradenton for his accomplishments as an Art teacher; and

Jennifer Willis from Oneco Elementary School in Oneco for her accomplishments as a First Grade teacher.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District I congratulate each of these outstanding teachers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

315TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF BILOXI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Biloxi, Mississippi on the occasion of its 315th birthday.

In 1699, the first permanent settlement in French Louisiana was founded at Fort Maurepas and referred to as Old Biloxi. Following the Seven Years War, Great Britain took control of the city, ruling until 1779, before the Spanish took over for the next nine years. The city came under the control of the United States in 1811 as part of the Mississippi Territory, and finally under the State of Mississippi in 1817.

Over the last 315 years, Biloxi has grown and prospered. It quickly became a tourist destination, famous for the Biloxi lighthouse that is a beacon of the Gulf Coast. The addition of Keesler Air Force Base during World War II was the beginning of Biloxi as a true military town, a tradition that continues to this day.

Most importantly, Biloxi is a community in every sense of the word. Despite being ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and again by the BP oil spill in 2010, Biloxi came together as a community and is stronger than ever.

Today, Biloxi is well-known for its beautiful beaches, world-class seafood, thriving gaming industry, and wonderful people. I am proud to call the City of Biloxi my home.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the City of Biloxi and its citizens for its 315 years of community and citizenship. May God continue to bless it for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 134 for H.R. 4015, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN N. DEOODES

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness and pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of the grandfather of one of my employees, John Nicholas Deoudes, who passed away on February 12, 2014 at the age of 90.

Born Ioannis Nickolas Deoudes in the village of Apeiranthos on the Greek island of Naxos, Mr. Deoudes took the name John after coming to the United States as a child. He graduated from Roosevelt High School of Washington, DC in 1942, becoming a U.S. citizen shortly thereafter and serving in the Army during World War II. Mr. Deoudes then operated a vending machine business in the Washington, DC area for nearly seven decades.

Mr. Deoudes served on the national board of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association and a member of the American Legion where he was a past president of his local chapter. He was a founding member

of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bethesda and in Ocean City, Md., and was a past president of the parish council at the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Washington, DC. He was given the title of archon for his work with the Greek Orthodox Church, which included membership in the "Leadership 100" endowment fund.

John N. Deoudes was blessed with a loving family who were all greatly impacted by his insatiable spirit and zest for life. To put it plainly, he and his entire family "never had it so good." He shared his life with his wife of 64 years, Mary Scounas Deoudes, his four children, Nick Deoudes, Bill Deoudes, Tom Deoudes, and Jo Ann D. Calomiris of Washington; and eight grandchildren, Valerie (Michael), John Nicholas, Andrea, John William, Angelica, Dimitri, Alexa and Julia.

Mr. Speaker, John N. Deoudes great man in the many communities in which he lived and worked. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating his life, and honoring the many people whose lives are better for having intersected their paths with his.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL FRANK
DEANGELIS

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Frank DeAngelis, Principal of Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado for his service as an educator, mentor, and community leader.

For 35 years at Columbine High School as a teacher, coach, and administrator, Principal DeAngelis has guided generations of students from the Columbine community. Mr. DeAngelis taught social studies for 12 years and has served as Columbine's assistant principal, dean of students, and principal for the last 18 years. In 2013, Principal DeAngelis was named the Colorado High School Principal of the Year and has twice been recognized as the National Principal of the Year. In addition, Principal DeAngelis has again been named a finalist for the 2014 National Principal of the Year.

Principal DeAngelis has been a cornerstone of the Columbine family in both its brightest and darkest days. When Principal DeAngelis heard gunshots ring out in the halls of Columbine on April 20, 1999, he ran towards danger and directed students to safety. In the aftermath of the horrific and tragic shootings, Principal DeAngelis provided much needed

comfort to students, parents, and fellow teachers so they could begin to heal from the unspeakable pain. In the wake of an unprecedented tragedy, Principal DeAngelis promised the freshman class in 1999 he would remain with them at Columbine until they walked at graduation. He delivered on his promise to those students and many more.

Principal DeAngelis put his experiences to use and traveled across the Nation to counsel other communities touched by tragedy. In the wake of the mass shooting at Virginia Tech, Principal DeAngelis came to Blacksburg, Virginia to offer comfort. Most recently, Principal DeAngelis offered his guidance as keynote speaker at the Sandy Hook Symposium and the National Leadership Conference for Youth.

Beyond his role as an administrator, Mr. DeAngelis contributed to the Columbine community's athletic programs for many years. Throughout his 13 year career as assistant coach on the football team and head coach for varsity baseball, Coach DeAngelis guided student athletes to success on the field and imparted valuable lessons beyond athletics.

Last August, Principal DeAngelis announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2013–2014 school year. As he wrote to parents, students, and fellow teachers, Principal DeAngelis' "heart will always be with Columbine," and his legacy at Columbine High School will live on for years to come. We are truly blessed to have such an extraordinary leader in our community and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:30:12 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:30:45 a.m. until 9 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4274–4277 were introduced. **Page H2488**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2488**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1872, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–381, Pt. 1). **Page H2488**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2487**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, March 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, March 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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