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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

A full week later, we are thankful that we live in a nation where a peaceful change or readjustment of government is not only expected, but achieved. May it ever be so.

Bless the Members of this assembly as they return to the work facing them, work that needs to be done. Give them the wisdom they need and the charity they must possess to work together. Help them to make wise decisions in a good manner.

We ask Your blessing as well on those newly elected, or reelected, to this assembly. May they fully understand the trust that has been given them to represent not only those whose votes they received, but those who did not vote for them as well. All are citizens to be represented by the new Members of this people's House.

May Your blessing, O God, be with them and with us all this day and every day to come, and may all we do be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

MAKING IN ORDER CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON NOVEMBER 13, 2014, OR NOVEMBER 14, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of November 13, 2014, or November 14, 2014, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore WOLF on Friday, September 19, 2014:

H.R. 594, to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2600, to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the act applies to condominiums;

H.R. 3043, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes;

H.R. 3716, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5062, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5404, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore HARRIS on Thursday, September 25, 2014:

H.R. 4980, to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery;

H.R. 4994, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes;

S.J. Res. 40, providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

VETERANS DAY

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was Veterans Day, and I just want to say thank you to my fellow Americans who took the time to celebrate it.

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You see, Veterans Day is where we have an opportunity to thank the few who have answered their Nation's call to defend us from enemies at home and abroad.

These are the men and women who will walk through the gates of hell to stand up against evil and danger so we do not have to.

Veterans don't ask for much, so it is not a hard holiday to celebrate. A simple ''thank you'' will do just fine.

But I want to ask the American people to never forget the sacrifices that these fine men and women and their families make for us. And as a Nation, we must keep our promises we made to these defenders of freedom.

Veterans love our American flag. It represents the greatest Nation in the history of mankind. Fly it proudly. Simply put, be proud to be an American. For a veteran, that is thanks enough.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROL J. LANCASTER

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Carol J. Lancaster, the visionary educator, public servant, and trailblazing dean of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, who passed away last month.

Born to working-class parents during the Second World War, Lancaster became the first in her family to attend college. At Georgetown University, she became one of the first women to earn a bachelor of science degree from the School of Foreign Service. Following graduation, Dean Lancaster was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to study at the Universidad de San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia, adding Spanish to the five additional languages she would learn in adulthood. Lancaster later earned a doctorate in international relations from the London School of Economics in 1972.

After teaching in England and following a series of prestigious fellowships, she was called to serve in the U.S. Department of State as a member of the policy planning staff, and in the early eighties she became Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs at the State Department. During the Clinton administration, she served as Deputy Administrator of USAID. In every position, she focused her time and talent on creating a better world for all our children.

At the end of her government service, Lancaster's commitment to building the next generation of global leaders compelled her to teach at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, where she inspired students, encouraged scholars, strengthened diplomacy, and authored numerous books and articles for more than 30 years. At Georgetown, Lancaster motivated a new generation of young leaders, thinkers, and problem solvers to soar to greater heights and tackle today's challenges with vigor, compassion, and courage.

Mr. Speaker, her legacy of excellence continues to echo through Georgetown's community. Georgetown University President Jack DeGioia noted that Lancaster ''provided extraordinary leadership as dean of SFS and was a leader and a professor contributing in countless ways to our community through her vision and scholarship. Moreover, the joy and dedication that Carol brought to her work inspired us all to be the very best versions of ourselves,'' he said.

Chairman of the Foreign Service School's Board of Visitors, my husband, Paul Pelosi, noted that as the first woman and first alumnus to become dean of the School of Foreign Service, she ''was renowned for her commitment to her students; she demonstrated both intellectual curiosity and courage and had a profound effect on the way we think about global development. Carol will be remembered as a pioneering woman in international affairs and a stalwart champion of human dignity.''

In conclusion, when speaking around the world, Lancaster also had to stand on what she called the ''Madeline Albright box'' to be seen over podiums. Today, thousands of young students and women from across the world stand on her shoulders, inspired by her example and empowered by her leadership to speak boldly, act bravely, and make their mark in the world.

May it be a comfort to her husband, Curt, their son, Douglas, who is with us today with his wife, and the entire Farrar family that so many people around the world mourn their loss, share their grief, and are praying for them at this sad time.

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia said it best: ''May she rest in peace for her long years of labor to make the world a better place.''

UMITA

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, you can't turn on the TV this week without hearing about MIT economist Jonathan Gruber's comments that ObamaCare was passed by exploiting the lack of information given to the American people. In his comments, Gruber, a key architect of the legislation, called the lack of transparency involved in passing ObamaCare ''a huge political advantage.''

President Obama has claimed that his administration is the most transparent administration in history, but statements like Gruber's indicate otherwise.

It is long past time for Congress to require transparency from the executive branch. Earlier this year, a bipartisan majority in the House passed my bill, H.R. 899, the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act, which we call UMITA. This bipartisan legislation would improve transparency and public disclosure of the true costs in dollars and in jobs that Federal dictates pose to the economy.

Asking the Federal Government to disclose the cost of a mandate in addition to its benefits should not be controversial. It is just plain common sense, Mr. Speaker. I call on the Senate to pass UMITA and put transparency back in government.

JONATHAN GRUBER'S STATEMENTS ARE SHOCKING BUT NOT SURPRISING

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, in 2009, President-elect Obama wrote a memo that his Presidency will usher in an unprecedented level of openness. But this week, it was revealed that the lead architect for the Affordable Care Act, Jonathan Gruber, capitalized on—his words now—the stupidity of the American people in passing the health care law. He further went on to say the lack of transparency is a huge political advantage and was critical to passing the law.

This insult to the American people is shocking, but it is hardly surprising. In 2011, the Energy and Commerce Committee uncovered evidence of secret meetings at the White House where they were setting the stage for the takeover of America's healthcare. At the time, their work was discounted. Old news, they said. But was it really?

The American people sent a message last week, and the message was they are not stupid. This administration, which finds value in opacity while talking transparency, needs to conduct its business in the light of day, exactly as they promised in 2009.

IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIANTS DEADLINE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, we are now less than 2 weeks away from the Iran nuclear negotiations deadline.

A deal that allows Iran to enrich any uranium and to keep in place its nuclear infrastructure is a bad deal. As long as Iran maintains the capability to enrich uranium, it can create a nuclear weapon.

The administration has always misinterpreted the goal of our sanctions. They are to compel Iran to completely abandon its nuclear pursuit.

As the deadline looms and as Republicans are set to control Congress, I urge my colleagues to not allow President Obama to trade away the only leverage we have over the mullahs in

Tehran in exchange for minor and easy reversible modifications by Iran on its nuclear weapons program. Simply pushing back Iran's breakout time is not in the interests of the U.S. national security. Ensuring that there will never be an Iranian bomb is in our Nation's interest.

RUSSIAN BEAR IS ROARING AGAIN

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, while the eyes of the world are on ISIS, the Russian bear has quietly come out of hibernation. Putin is back after a brief hiatus, seeking to devour his neighbors and reclaim his kingdom while once again sending covert henchmen into eastern Ukraine. The Napoleon of Siberia is systematically trying to reestablish imperial Russia with him as the czar.

According to U.S. General Phillip Breedlove, recently, ''new Russian tanks, Russian artillery, Russian air defense systems, and Russian combat troops have entered eastern Ukraine.'' News reports indicate five of the trucks were towing 120-millimeter howitzer artillery pieces, and another five were towing partly covered multilaunch rocket systems.

This sounds like an aggression to me.

Of course, the Kremlin lies and denies it all. And why is this aggression continuing? Because, on the world stage, America looks weak and leaderless. Reset buttons and red lines don't mean anything to Putin. Our hollow objections to Russia are meaningless. The Russian bear needs to stop its cold war II-type aggression and return back to the cave.

Mr. Speaker, what is America's plan?

And that is just the way it is.

ELECTORATE VOTES TO STOP OBAMA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on October 2, the President promised, ''I'm not on the ballot this fall, but my policies are on the ballot.''

Clearly, America, which is not stupid, voted last Tuesday to stop his policies, which destroy jobs at home and weaken national defense abroad.

On Sunday, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution lead editorial explained, ''The electorate took a peach tree switch to the donkey's hindquarters,'' resulting in Georgia and South Carolina achieving returning Republican victories for all statewide and Federal offices for the first time in 136 years.

Failed policies should stop and together we should work for positive change, such as opening Yucca Mountain to reduce the environmental risk of nuclear waste. The Boston Globe editorialized, ''Resume funding the Yucca Mountain project,'' and ''Democrats should recognize that.''

Additionally, the Keystone pipeline should be completed to promote energy independence with hundreds of permanent jobs in my home communities with Michelin of Lexington and MTU of Graniteville.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the President should take action to never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

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PROTECTING OUR RIVERWAYS

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, Missouri's Eighth District has more than 200 miles of the Mississippi River and is dependent on barge traffic to move our crops. This year, with one of the largest harvests on record, the Army Corps of Engineers closed a stretch of the Mississippi River that gets the harvest to market and did not adequately notify shippers.

This is absolutely unacceptable. My colleagues and I sent a letter this week urging the Corps to notify industries in advance of construction, and also to take market factors into consideration when planning construction in the future. The work the Corps does protecting our river system is vital, and we need to work to secure the Corps more resources to complete its mission, but construction must be scheduled appropriately and not at the expense of America's farmers and shippers.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 23, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 23, 2014, at 2:23 p.m.:

Appointments:

National Council on Disability

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 29, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 29, 2014, at 10:13 a.m.:

Appointments:

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development.

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 21, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 21, 2014, at 10:50 a.m.:

Appointments:

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 25, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in connection with a matter now pending before the grand jury.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

ED CASSIDY.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 29, 2014.

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by the Department of the Army, Office of Staff Judge Advocate, for documents in a criminal case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE LEE TERRY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable LEE TERRY, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Omaha, NE, October 29, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received a deposition subpoena for documents issued by the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, in connection with a civil matter now pending before that court.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is not consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

LEE TERRY.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE STEVE STOCKMAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable STEVE STOCKMAN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 6, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

I am consulting with counsel to determine whether, and to what extent, compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS AND POLICY ADVISER, THE HONORABLE STEVE STOCKMAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Donny Ferguson, Senior Communications and Policy Adviser, the Honorable STEVE STOCKMAN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 6, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for testimony and documents in a criminal investigation.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

DONNY FERGUSON,
Senior Communications & Policy Adviser.

COMMUNICATION FROM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND SCHEDULER, THE HONORABLE STEVE STOCKMAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Kristine O. Brakstad, Executive Assistant and Scheduler, the Honorable STEVE STOCKMAN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 6, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for testimony and documents in a criminal investigation.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

KRISTINE O. BRAKSTAD,
Executive Assistant & Scheduler.

COMMUNICATION FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, THE HONORABLE STEVE STOCKMAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Printus LeBlanc, Legislative Assistant, the Honorable STEVE STOCKMAN, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 8, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for testimony and documents in a criminal investigation.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

PRINTUS LEBLANC,
Legislative Assistant.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 113–172)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2014.

Because our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the agreements with Iran, dated January 19, 1981, is still under way, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12170 with respect to Iran.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 12, 2014.*

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of New York) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS ELIMINATION ACT OF 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4194) to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014''.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.
Sec. 2. Table of contents.
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TITLE VII—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Sec. 801. Report relating to waiver of certain sanctions against North Korea eliminated.
TITLE IX—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
Sec. 901. Reports eliminated.
Sec. 902. Reports modified.
TITLE X—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Sec. 1001. Reports eliminated.
TITLE XI—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Sec. 1101. Royalties in-kind report eliminated.
TITLE XII—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Sec. 1201. Report eliminated.
TITLE XIII—OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
Sec. 1301. Report eliminated.
TITLE XIV—DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sec. 1401. Report eliminated.
TITLE XV—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Sec. 1501. Reports eliminated.
Sec. 1502. Report modified.
TITLE XVI—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Sec. 1601. Reports eliminated.
TITLE XVII—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Sec. 1701. Report eliminated.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SEC. 101. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) PEANUT BASE ACRES DATA COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION.—Section 1302(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8752(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (3);

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking ''Paragraphs (1) through (3)'' and inserting ''Paragraphs (1) and (2)''; and

(3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).

(b) REPORT ON EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES TO EMERGING MARKETS.—Section 1542(e) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–624; 7 U.S.C. 5622 note) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(1) EFFECT OF CREDITS.—''; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2).

(c) EVALUATION OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM FINANCING OF LOCALLY OR REGIONALLY PRODUCED FOOD PRODUCTS.—Section 310B(g)(9)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(g)(9)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking clause (iv); and

(2) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (iv).

(d) QUARTERLY EXPORT ASSISTANCE REPORTS.—Section 603 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5713) is repealed.

(e) RURAL COLLABORATIVE INVESTMENT PROGRAM.—

(1) SECRETARIAL REPORT ON REGIONAL RURAL INVESTMENT BOARDS.—Section 385C(b)(7) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009dd–2(b)(7)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by adding ''and'' at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''; and'' and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (D).

(2) REPORT BY REGIONAL RURAL INVESTMENT BOARD TO NATIONAL RURAL INVESTMENT BOARD AND THE SECRETARY.—Section 385D(a)(7) of Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009dd–3(a)(7)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by adding ''and'' at the end;

(B) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (D).

(f) STATUS REPORT FOR FOREIGN MARKET DEVELOPMENT.—Section 702 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5722) is amended by striking subsection (c).

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SEC. 201. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) EFFORTS AND PROGRESS IN BECOMING DESIGNATED AS SEA GRANT COLLEGE OR INSTITUTE.—Section 207 of the National Sea Grant Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1126) is amended by striking subsection (e).

(b) ENTERPRISE INTEGRATION STANDARDIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.—Section 3 of the Enterprise Integration Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 278g–5) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

(c) ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 208(a) of the National Sea Grant Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(a)) is amended by striking the fourth sentence.

(d) TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Section 28 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278n) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (g);

(2) by redesignating subsections (h) through (l) as subsections (g) through (k), respectively; and

(3) in subsection (k)(5), as redesignated, by striking ''under subsection (k)'' and inserting ''under subsection (j)''.

(e) TIP ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 28 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278n) is further amended in subsection (j), as redesignated by subsection (d), by striking paragraph (5).

(f) NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ACTIVITIES.—Section 212 of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 (16 U.S.C. 5611) is repealed.

TITLE III—CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

SEC. 301. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) SERVICE-LEARNING IMPACT STUDY.—The National and Community Service Act of 1990 is amended by repealing part IV of subtitle B of title I (42 U.S.C. 12565).

(b) REPORTS BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES TO THE CORPORATION.—Section 182 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12642) is amended—

(1) by striking the following:

''(a) DESIGN OF PROGRAMS.—''; and

(2) by striking subsection (b).

TITLE IV—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SEC. 401. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) DISPLAY OF ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR SOVEREIGNTY ALERT MISSION.—Section 354 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. 221 note) is hereby repealed.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT ON RELIABILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.—Section 1008 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107–107; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and

(2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking ''(b) or''.

TITLE V—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SEC. 501. REPORT ON IMPACT AID CONSTRUCTION JUSTIFYING DISCRETIONARY GRANT AWARDS ELIMINATED.

Section 8007(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7707(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (7).

TITLE VI—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SEC. 601. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM.—Section 983 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16323) is amended by striking subsection (d).

(b) STRATEGIC UNCONVENTIONAL FUELS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—Section 369(i) of Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15927(i)) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(c) ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT.—Section 342(a)(6)(C) of Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6313(a)(6)(C)) is amended—

(1) by striking clause (v); and

(2) by redesignating clause (vi) (as added by section 310(a)(4) of Public Law 112–110; 126 Stat. 1524) as clause (v).

TITLE VII—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SEC. 701. GREAT LAKES MANAGEMENT COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 118(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (10); and

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (11) through (13) as paragraphs (10) through (12), respectively.

TITLE VIII—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SEC. 801. REPORT RELATING TO WAIVER OF CERTAIN SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA ELIMINATED.

Section 1405 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (22 U.S.C. 2799aa–1 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

TITLE IX—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SEC. 901. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) EXPENDITURES OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—Section 1904 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6574) is repealed.

(b) USE OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS BY STATES AND LOCALITIES REPORT.—Section 901 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 191) is repealed.

(c) HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT FUNDS AUDIT.—

(1) ELIMINATION OF AUDIT.—Section 902(b) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15542(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''paragraph (5)'' and inserting ''paragraph (4)'';

(B) by striking paragraph (3); and

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (5).

(2) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY TO RECOUP FUNDS RESULTING FROM PRIOR AUDITS.—Section 902(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 15542(c)) is amended by inserting after ''subsection (b)'' the following: ''prior to the date of the enactment of the Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014''.

(d) STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE AUDIT AND REPORT.—Section 3011 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5710) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

(e) SMALL BUSINESS LENDING FUND PROGRAM AUDIT AND REPORT.—Section 4107 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 4741 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

(f) HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT.—Section 6303(a) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 1490e note) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

SEC. 902. REPORTS MODIFIED.

(a) NATIONAL PREVENTION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL.—Subsection (i) of section 4001 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–10) is amended by striking ''The Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States shall jointly conduct periodic reviews'' and inserting ''The Secretary shall conduct periodic reviews''.

(b) POSTCARD MANDATE.—Section 719(g)(2) of title 31, United States Code is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''The Comptroller General shall make each list available through the public website of the Government Accountability Office.''; and

(2) in the second sentence, by inserting ''of Congress'' after ''committee or member''.

(c) ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD FOUNDATION.—

(1) USE OF PRIVATE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.—Section 107 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 807) is amended to read as follows:

''AUDITS

''SEC. 107. (a) CONTRACTS WITH INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.—The Board shall enter into a contract with an independent public accountant to conduct an annual audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, of the financial records of the Board and of any corporation established under section 106(i), and shall ensure that the independent public accountant has access for the purpose of the audit to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Board or such corporation (or any agent of the Board or such corporation) which the independent public accountant reasonably determines to be pertinent to the Congressional Award Program.

''(b) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON AUDIT RESULTS.—Not later than May 15 of each calendar year, the Board shall submit to appropriate officers, committees, and subcommittees of Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on the results of the most recent audit conducted pursuant to this section, and shall include in the report information on any such additional areas as the independent public accountant who conducted the audit determines deserve or require evaluation.

''(c) REVIEW BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF ANNUAL AUDIT.—

''(1) The Comptroller General of the United States shall review each annual audit conducted under subsection (a).

''(2) For purposes of a review under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General, or any duly authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Board or such corporation, or any agent of the Board or such corporation, including the independent external auditor designated under subsection (a), which, in the opinion of the Comptroller General, may be pertinent.

''(3) Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Comptroller General receives a report under subsection (b), the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the review conducted under paragraph (1) with respect to the preceding year.''.

(2) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH FISCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—Section 104(c) of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 804(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence, by—

(i) inserting ''policies and'' before ''procedures''; and

(ii) striking ''fund''; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking ''The Comptroller General of the United States'' and inserting ''The independent public accountant conducting the annual audit of the financial records of the Board pursuant to section 107(a)''; and

(ii) in the second sentence, by striking ''the Comptroller General'' and inserting ''the independent public accountant''.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

(d) ANNUAL GAO REVIEW OF PROPOSED HHS RECOVERY THRESHOLD.—The third sentence of section 1862(b)(9)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(9)(B)(i)) is amended by striking ''for a year'' and inserting ''for 2014''.

TITLE X—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SEC. 1001. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS MADE WITH DOG OR CAT FUR.—Section 308 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1308) is amended by striking subsection (e).

(b) PORT OF ENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT STUDY AND NATIONAL LAND BORDER SECURITY PLAN.—The Border Infrastructure and Technology Modernization Act of 2007 (title VI of division E of Public Law 110–161; 6 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by striking sections 603 and 604.

(c) FEES FOR CERTAIN CUSTOMS SERVICES.—

(1) REPEAL.—Section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–272; 19 U.S.C. 58c) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(9), by striking subparagraph (C) and redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (C); and

(B) in subsection (f)—

(i) in paragraph (3)—

(I) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(II) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (D);

(ii) by striking paragraph (4); and

(iii) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (f) of such section is further amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking ''paragraph (5)'' and inserting ''paragraph (4)''; and

(B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking ''paragraph (5)'' and inserting ''paragraph (4)''.

(d) MODERNIZATION OF NATIONAL DISTRESS AND RESPONSE SYSTEM.—

(1) REPEAL.—Section 346 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–295; 14 U.S.C. 88 note) is repealed.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by striking the item relating to section 346.

TITLE XI—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SEC. 1101. ROYALTIES IN-KIND REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 342 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15902) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (e); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j) as subsections (e) through (i), respectively.

TITLE XII—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SEC. 1201. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 207 of the Andean Trade Preference Act (19 U.S.C. 3205) is repealed.

TITLE XIII—OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

SEC. 1301. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 2(5)(E) of the Senate resolution advising and consenting to ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) of November 19, 1990, adopted at Vienna May 31, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105–5) (commonly referred to as the ''CFE Flank Document''), 105th Congress, agreed to May 14, 1997, is repealed.

TITLE XIV—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SEC. 1401. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 620F of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2376) is amended by striking subsection (c).

TITLE XV—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 1501. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) REPORTS OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES COMMITTEE.—Section 106(p)(7) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraph (H); and

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as subparagraph (H).

(b) ANNUAL SUMMARIES OF AIRPORT FINANCIAL REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 47107 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (k).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 47107 of title 49, United States Code, as amended by paragraph (1), is further amended—

(i) by redesignating subsections (l) through (t) as subsections (k) through (s), respectively;

(ii) in paragraph (5) of subsection (k), as redesignated by clause (i)—

(I) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''subsection (n)(7)'' and inserting ''subsection (m)(7)''; and

(II) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''subsection (n)'' and inserting ''subsection (m)'';

(iii) in subsection (m), as so redesignated—

(I) by striking ''subsections (b) and (l)'' each place it appears and inserting ''subsections (b) and (k)''; and

(II) by striking ''subsection (o)'' each place it appears and inserting ''subsection (n)'';

(iv) in subsection (n), as so redesignated, by striking ''subsection (n)'' each place it appears and inserting ''subsection (m)'';

(v) in subsection (o), as so redesignated, by striking ''subsection (o)'' and inserting ''subsection (n)'';

(vi) in subsection (p), as so redesignated, by striking ''subsections (a) through (p)'' and inserting ''subsections (a) through (o)''; and

(vii) in subsection (q), as so redesignated, by striking ''subsections (q)(1) through (3)'' and inserting ''paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (p)''.

(B) Section 46301(d)(2) of such title is amended by striking ''section 47107(l)'' and inserting ''section 47107(k)''.

(C) Section 47111(e) of such title is amended by striking ''section 47107(l)'' and inserting ''section 47107(k)''.

(D) Section 9502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking ''section 47107(n)'' each place it appears and inserting ''section 47107(m)''.

(c) ANNUAL REPORT ON PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES.—Section 60130 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

(d) ANNUAL REPORT ON PILOT PROGRAM FOR INNOVATIVE FINANCING OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT.—Section 182 of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (117 Stat. 2515; 49 U.S.C. 44502 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (e); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (e).

(e) REPORTS ON JUSTIFICATIONS FOR AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONES.—Section 602 of the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (117 Stat. 2563), and the item relating to that section in the table of contents contained in section 1(b) of that Act, are repealed.

(f) ANNUAL REPORT ON STANDARDS FOR AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT ENGINES TO REDUCE NOISE LEVELS.—Section 726 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (114 Stat. 167; 49 U.S.C. 47508 note) is amended by striking subsection (c).

SEC. 1502. REPORT MODIFIED.

Section 1138(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking ''at least annually, but may be conducted''.

TITLE XVI—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

SEC. 1601. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.—Section 2 of Public Law 108–215 (22 U.S.C. 290m–6) is repealed.

(b) REPORT ON VOTING ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS LOAN PROPOSALS.—Section 701 of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262d) is amended by striking subsection (c) and redesignating subsection (d) through subsection (g) (as added by section 501(g) of Public Law 96–259) as subsections (c) through (f), respectively.

(c) REPORT ON NEW IMF ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING RATES AND MATURITIES.—Section 605 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999 (112 Stat. 2681–222), as enacted into law by section 101(d) of division A of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105–277), is amended by striking subsection (d).

(d) REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATIONS.—The Government Securities Act Amendments of 1993 (Public Law 103–202; 31 U.S.C. 3121 note) is amended—

(1) by striking section 203; and

(2) in the table of contents for such Act, by striking the item relating to section 203.

TITLE XVII—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SEC. 1701. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 8125 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (d); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (d).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to support the Senate amendment to H.R. 4194, the Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014. H.R. 4194 passed the House by voice vote on April 28, 2014, and an amended version passed the Senate under unanimous consent on September 16. I would like to personally take a moment to thank Senators CARPER and COBURN, as well as the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee staff, for diligently working on getting this bill passed through the Senate. I would also like to personally thank Senators WARNER and AYOTTE, who introduced a companion bill in the Senate, for working with the OGR and the House Armed Services Committee, and others, to get a bill that is so broadly accepted and does so much to eliminate unnecessary and duplicative agency reports.

The Government Reports Elimination Act is part of the committee's effort to reduce waste and duplication in the Federal Government. We have spent more than a year working with each House committee vetting each section to ensure that useful agency reports are maintained. The Senate amendment reduces to 48 the number of unnecessary agency reports to Congress and eliminates or streamlines an additional five.

Mr. Speaker, it is a good start. We started with a much larger report list. We believe that the progress under this bill sets the tone for an annual elimination of reports that have become outdated or unnecessary. It is very clear that each time the Congress passes a new piece of legislation—or even a new appropriation—there are questions that need to be answered and which the executive branch is staffed and funded to answer. However, most reports requested have no termination date. A single report is harmless and generally is accurate to the time of the passing, while one that goes on in perpetuity inevitably becomes outdated and, in fact, unnecessary.

In the future, we not only want to continue doing this for those reports that have an in-perpetuity annual or periodic report, we also want to make sure, as a committee, that new report requirements written into any piece of legislation have a reauthorization or elimination date. We believe that is the only way we can cease the continuation of excess reports.

Lastly, I would like to thank the GAO, the Congress' government accountability organization. In 2013, they identified mandates that appeared to be both burdensome and unnecessary, and they came to the Oversight Committee and to our counterpart in the Senate with them. If not for them, we would not have this bill here today.

Again, very often, the American people see Senators on one side and House Members on another taking credit for a vote they are about to make or have just made. Not often enough do we realize that it is not only our personal and committee staffs but also the staffs that work for Congress on a nonpartisan basis who are the ones, in fact, who generate most of the good things that ultimately come to this floor.

Lastly, I would like to thank this administration. This is one area in which they concurred with us and helped all along the way to try to include as many reports as they could in this piece of legislation.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this important legislation. I am pleased to join my colleagues in support of H.R. 4194, the Government Reports Elimination Act, as amended. I also want to thank my good friend, Chairman DARRELL ISSA, for his bipartisan approach to this bill. This bill will bring greater efficiency to the overall government of the United States.

Congress often requires reports from executive branch agencies, and these reports can be a valuable tool to scrutinize performance and assess agency goals. However, with the passage of time, reporting requirements can become outdated, unnecessary, or duplicative.

Congress and the executive branch have recognized that improved coordination across the Federal Government benefits both the taxpayer and the government. In 2010, Congress passed the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act. That act requires the Office of Management and Budget to publish a list of plans or reports that are produced by the executive branch pursuant to congressional mandate. The act also requires the administration to identify potentially outdated or duplicative plans and reports, and to provide views on whether they should be eliminated.

In January 2013 the Office of Management and Budget produced a list of more than 300 plans and reports that are potentially outdated or duplicative. Majority and minority staffs of our committee worked together to review this list. During this process, the

views of all other committees of jurisdiction were also considered. A similar process occurred in the Senate.

H.R. 4194, as amended, would eliminate the statutory requirements to prepare reports that are produced by 17 different Federal agencies. Implementing H.R. 4194 would reduce the administrative costs of these agencies by reducing the number of reports that must be prepared and printed. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that implementing the bill would save about $1 million over the next 5 years. H.R. 4194 provides for greater efficiency and a more effective Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill. It is worth the time we have put into discussing it. I thank Majority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY for his support on this bill, and I think this is a special opportunity to thank Congressmen WOODALL and CONNOLLY for their support as original cosponsors on this bill.

It is amazing to me that you can have dozens and dozens of reports senselessly coming back from the administration that are not being read, not needed, are obsolete, and when you point it out, there is no objection whatsoever to eliminating them. I think that is exactly the situation we have here.

I look forward to working with the majority and minority leaders' offices to make sure that this is an annual event until we reach a point where there are zero pieces of reports coming to the Congress that are unread, unused, or unnecessary.

With that, I urge passage of this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I just wanted to join the chairman in his remarks about this bill. This bill is the quintessential efficiency bill. We have been doing the same thing over and over again until the chairman got the bright idea that maybe we should start doing this. I think we are in for more efficiency as more Federal agencies go through the same process.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, once again, I urge support for the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 4194.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PRESIDENTIAL AND FEDERAL RECORDS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1233) to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

(1)On page 5, line 7, strike [of] and insert *on*.

(2)On page 10 from line 8 through page 11 line 1, strike all and insert:

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President, the Vice President, or a covered employee may not create or send a Presidential or Vice Presidential record using a non-official electronic message account unless the President, Vice President, or covered employee—

(1) copies an official electronic messaging account of the President, Vice President, or covered employee in the original creation or transmission of the Presidential record or Vice Presidential record; or

(2) forwards a complete copy of the Presidential or Vice Presidential record to an official electronic messaging account of the President, Vice President, or covered employee not later than 20 days after the original creation or transmission of the Presidential or Vice Presidential record.

(b) ADVERSE ACTIONS.—The intentional violation of subsection (a) by a covered employee (including any rules, regulations, or other implementing guidelines), as determined by the appropriate supervisor, shall be a basis for disciplinary action in accordance with subchapter I, II, or V of chapter 75 of title 5, as the case may be.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term ''covered employee'' means—

(A) the immediate staff of the President;

(B) the immediate staff of the Vice President;

(C) a unit or individual of the Executive Office of the President whose function is to advise and assist the President; and

(D) a unit or individual of the Office of the Vice President whose function is to advise and assist the Vice President.

(3)On page 11, line 2, strike [1] and insert *2*.

(4)On page 11, line 6, strike [2] and insert *3*.

(5)On page 11, line 9 through line 11, strike everything up to the first period.

(6)On page 31, line 8, strike [within five days] and insert *not later than 20 days*.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to consider the Senate amendment to H.R. 1233, the Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014. This bill was introduced by the ranking member, who I see is here today, and was first passed by the House on January 14 of this year. It was passed by a vote of 420–0. Let not a unanimous vote belie the fact that the ranking member worked hard to find consensus within the House and to make sure that this was a well-reasoned and, in fact, tailored piece of legislation.

The Senate, as it often does, did make some changes, but ultimately this bill, H.R. 1233, which would codify existing executive order and allows former Presidents to appeal to incumbent Presidents to keep certain Presidential documents privileged under the Presidential Records Act, is the good work of Mr. CUMMINGS.

This bill would lock into statute a process established by President Reagan in 1989. In 2009, President Obama restored this by executive order. However, like anything that the Congress has observed for a long time that is being done by executive order, the question is: Should it be on the whim of the next President, or should it, in fact, be something which statutorily is part of the Presidential Records Act, which was a statute created by Congress?

I think particularly important is the fact that Mr. CUMMINGS recognizes that past Presidents, including President Clinton and, of course, President George W. Bush, do, in fact, have a number of things that occurred on their watch which remain sensitive today.

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Allowing the standing of these individuals and the oversight of the current President is a good middle ground, and it is one that balances the needs of the public, something that Mr. CUMMINGS and I feel strongly about, that transparency and freedom of information and access is important.

At the same time, we recognize that there are times when a secret must remain a secret, an action must remain an action. It doesn't change the fact that Congress may have an interest or the American people might prevail.

This bill does, rightfully so and on a unanimous basis now in the House and the Senate, codify historic Federal recordkeeping. We believe it is good.

I want to take a moment to thank Mr. CUMMINGS personally for his hard work. He not only championed the bill, but he worked well in the Senate to make sure it came back to us today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I introduced the bill we are considering today, the Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments, to give the American people access to records Presidents create while they are in office.

I appreciate, first of all, the kind words of the chairman, and I appreciate the support this bill has received from him, Chairman ISSA, as well as the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman TOM CARPER.

The House passed this legislation in January by a vote of 420–0. This bill also passed the Senate with no opposition. There are not many bills that make it through both House and Senate without even a hint of opposition, but this is one of them.

When the Senate passed the House bill, it made technical changes that require us to pass the bill again. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill again, so that we can send it to the President for his signature.

The bill will amend the Presidential Records Act by adding procedures to ensure that the records of Presidents and their senior advisers are released to the public in a timely manner.

Under current law, Presidents can restrict access to their records for up to 12 years after they leave office. After that time, Presidents may continue to restrict access to their records by asserting that they are protected by executive privilege.

Under this bill, the records of current and former Presidents will continue to be protected for 12 years after they leave office. After that period, however, the bill would create a presumption of disclosure, and Presidents would have up to 90 days to object or those records would be automatically released.

In other words, when records are requested more than 12 years after a President leaves office, this bill would place the burden on the President to review those records and either assert executive privilege or allow them to be publicly disclosed.

This legislation would not impact the ability of Presidents to review their records before they are released. The legislation also would not impact the ability of Presidents to protect records because of national security concerns.

The bill has also been amended to address an issue raised by the White House. In the original version of this bill, Presidents would have had 40 days to review records. Based on bipartisan, bicameral negotiations, the current version of the bill now extends that review period to 90 days.

The Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments would also require that any assertion of a privilege by a former President be affirmed by the incumbent President or through a court order for the record to be withheld from the public. This will provide an important check to ensure that Presidents cannot keep their records secret without accountability.

The bill also includes language based on an amendment that Chairman DARRELL ISSA proposed during the committee markup of the bill to address the use of personal email by Federal employees, and that amendment makes the bill even better.

This bill would continue to allow employees to use their personal email account for official business when necessary, but it would require employees to copy their official email account or forward their email to their official account.

The Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments updates the Federal Records Act to modernize the definition of what constitutes a record and to allow agencies to use digital reproductions when they are required to indefinitely maintain copies of documents.

Finally, this bill is an important step forward in protecting our historical record. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1233 and send it on to the President's desk.

Again, I want to thank the chairman of the committee for your cooperation working with me over a good bit of time to bring this to the floor. I really appreciate it.

I urge all of our Members to vote in favor of this bill. I think it is a good bill. It has been made better because we had the input of both sides of the aisle and not only both sides of the aisle, but also the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

In closing, I just want to hit two points that I think are noteworthy.

Historically, agencies kept their records for 30 years, the presumption they would keep them for 30 years before turning them over to the National Archives.

With the ranking member's assistance, this piece of legislation also eliminates that presumption. We, as a committee, felt very strongly that the sooner an agency turns over its records to the Archivist, the sooner they are broadly available and the better off it is.

In an electronic era, where it is a push of one button to transfer data, this piece of legislation not only eliminates that presumption, but highly encourages data be transferred, rather than mountains of paper or what is called a PDF, a print to file, if you will.

This is a significant improvement and something that minority and majority were able to work on together, along with the Archivist who was personally involved in this.

Lastly, I owe a debt of gratitude to the ranking member. In this bill, the amendment he mentioned is included, but the ranking member also signed on to a letter asking that H.R. 5170 be taken up by the Senate, a more explicit attempt to change the recordkeeping outside of official use within the government.

This has been an area in which multiple different Cabinet positions under multiple Presidents have found themselves with some very embarrassing failure to store and maintain the data.

At the end of the day, I am confident that our committee, under the ranking member and under the chairman that will likely replace me, will continue this effort, make sure that the American people know that if a covered individual is required to keep a record of his or her transactions and emails, that it will, in fact, be in the record and available, not just for Congress, but eventually for the American people to see. We believe that this is an important part of government transparency.

Again, I want to thank the ranking member who personally signed on and will continue, on behalf of the committee, to make sure that the American people get the full benefit of all records that are, in fact, created under any administration.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I urge support for this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 1233.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5266) to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5266

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. COMPETITIVE AWARDS.

Section 320(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(4) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount made available under subsection (i)(2)(B), the Administrator shall make competitive awards under this paragraph.

''(B) APPLICATION FOR AWARDS.—The Administrator shall solicit applications for awards under this paragraph from State, interstate, and regional water pollution control agencies and entities, State coastal zone management agencies, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, organizations, and individuals.

''(C) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—In selecting award recipients under this paragraph, the Administrator shall select recipients that are best able to address urgent and challenging issues that threaten the ecological and economic well-being of coastal areas. Such issues shall include—

''(i) extensive seagrass habitat losses resulting in significant impacts on fisheries and water quality;

''(ii) recurring harmful algae blooms, unusual marine mammal mortalities;

''(iii) invasive exotic species which can threaten wastewater systems and cause other damage;

''(iv) jellyfish proliferation limiting community access to water during peak tourism seasons;

''(v) flooding which may be related to sea level rise or wetland degradation or loss; or

''(vi) low dissolved oxygen conditions in estuarine waters and related nutrient management.''.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 320 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330) is amended by striking subsection (i) and inserting the following:

''(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator $27,000,000, for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018 for—

''(A) expenses relating to the administration of grants or awards by the Administrator under this section, including the award and oversight of grants and awards, except that such expenses shall not exceed 5 percent of the amount appropriated under this subsection; and

''(B) making grants and awards under subsection (g).

''(2) ALLOCATIONS.—

''(A) CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Administrator shall provide not less than 80 percent of the amounts made available for this section for each fiscal year referred to in paragraph (1) for the development, implementation, and monitoring of each conservation and management plan eligible for grant assistance under subsection (g)(2).

''(B) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—The Administrator shall provide not less than 15 percent of the amounts made available for this section in each fiscal year to make competitive awards described in subsection (g)(4).''.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 5266.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

First, I want to thank Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. LARSEN for helping me bring H.R. 5266, the National Estuary Programs Reauthorization, to the floor.

I also want to thank my colleagues, Mr. POSEY and Mr. MURPHY of Florida, in helping me get this legislation drafted and ushered through the committee in a bipartisan way.

This version of the National Estuary Programs Reauthorization is fiscally responsible by reducing the authorization levels by $8 million, while ultimately increasing the amount of money each estuary program will receive. This reauthorization will detail just how the EPA is to spend the authorized and appropriated money.

Unlike many programs under the Clean Water Act, the National Estuary Program is a nonregulatory program; instead, it is designed to support the collaborative voluntary efforts of Federal, State, and local stakeholders to restore degraded estuaries.

Unfortunately, National Estuary Programs have been losing money due to the EPA administrative costs. By setting limits of 5 percent for administrative costs for the EPA, we can guarantee 80 percent of the funding goes to the end user and the NEP and not bureaucratic salaries and red tape.

In this year's reauthorization, we have also set aside 15 percent of the funding for a competitive award program. This program will seek applications meant to deal with urgent and challenging issues that threaten the ecological and economic well-being of coastal areas.

By structuring how the money is spent and lowering authorization levels, this legislation strikes the right balance of fiscal and environmental responsibilities. I urge all Members to support H.R. 5266.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 5266 to reauthorize appropriations for the National Estuary Program.

First, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize my committee colleagues, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN), for introducing this legislation.

Our Nation's coasts and oceans provide a wealth of resources for the entire country, and among these areas, nowhere is more valuable than estuaries. Estuaries are bodies of water that receive both water from rivers and saltwater from the sea. This mix makes a unique environment that is extremely productive in terms of its ecosystem values.

Government studies have found that estuaries provide habitat for 75 percent of the U.S. commercial and 80 to 90 percent of the recreational fishing catches.

Perhaps the central problem in the protection and restoration of estuaries is that they ultimately lie downstream. Everything that enters the smallest stream, tributary, or headwater in a watershed eventually runs into a single outlet, impacting in some way all the biological elements of that ecosystem and all of the commerce that revolves around the estuary.

The First Congressional District of New York, which I have had the honor to represent, abuts two priority estuaries with the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program, the Peconic Bay and the Long Island Sound.

These unique waters are precious to the residents of Long Island, and their continued health and vitality provide multiple benefits to the residents of Long Island and to the economic and environmental health of the region.

I am pleased that this legislation demonstrates the willingness of this Congress to move legislation that protects our water-related environment. The Federal seed money that comes from the EPA's National Estuary Program, when combined with other State and local resources, helps to implement locally-driven solutions to local water quality challenges.

In my view, if there are limits in the success of these programs, they are closely related to the availability of adequate restoration funds.

In the 111th Congress, I was the lead sponsor of another bill, H.R. 4715, the Clean Estuaries Act of 2010, that would have also authorized the National Estuary Program, however, at higher levels than contained in the current bill.

That legislation passed the House on a bipartisan basis and by an overwhelming margin; however, the Senate failed to ever act on that bill.

While H.R. 5266 does represent a significant reduction in the authorization of appropriations for this important program, I commend the bipartisan sponsors of this legislation for ensuring that the new authorization shows some room to increase the funding of these locally-driven restoration efforts, rather than simply cutting those efforts.

Too often these days, we seem driven to cut Federal spending for programs that provide real benefit to our Nation without an awareness of the consequences of these actions.

□ 1630

I can only hope that in the years to come this Chamber will recognize that there are places where the Federal Government can help and should be making increased investments, such as to repair our crumbling infrastructure or to protect our fragile natural environment.

These are only some of the ongoing challenges that face this Nation, and we need a Congress that is serious about taking on the hard questions and about making the right investments, not only for our lives and livelihoods, but for those generations of Americans to come.

Mr. Speaker, again, I support the passage of H.R. 5266, and I urge my colleagues to also support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I am now pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. POSEY).

Mr. POSEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I, again, want to thank Congressman LOBIONDO for his work on this National Estuary Program and this legislation to reauthorize this important program for another 5 years.

Thank you also for working with me on provisions for my bill, which I introduced with Representative MURPHY of Florida—H.R. 5117, the Estuary Urgent

Needs Priority Program. Our provision establishes a competitive awards program for estuaries to help prioritize funding to estuaries facing urgent needs. It does so without spending any additional money. We simply reprioritize and require all money appropriated from Congress for estuaries to actually be spent on estuaries.

Mr. Speaker, the National Estuary Program encourages communities to work toward having healthy estuaries by providing annual base grants for projects to improve and to monitor the quality of their water and the species that live in them. Healthy estuaries provide a diverse home for flora and fauna. Estuaries also provide for countless hours of recreational enjoyment and billions of dollars in economic impact.

My congressional district is home to one of the most diverse estuaries in the country, if not in the world—the Indian River Lagoon. Our lagoon's natural beauty has always been central to our community as a key to improving our quality of life, as a recreational area for fishing and boating with friends and family, and as a significant contributor to our local economy. I raised my family along this 156-mile lagoon, and I know firsthand how important this legislation is to making our local estuary program a success.

We have all seen the adverse consequences of sea grass loss and harmful algae blooms. The opportunity to compete for additional funding, which this bill provides, would be a valuable tool in combating the types of issues we have seen in our estuary. The bill before us redirects money away from the EPA's Washington bureaucracy and toward actual projects and initiatives across the Nation's estuaries.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation so that we can continue the great work that the NEP provides as it facilitates estuary protection and restoration initiatives.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN), my friend.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5266, the reauthorizing of the National Estuary Program.

I want to thank Mr. GIBBS and Mr. BISHOP on the subcommittee and, of course, my colleague whom I share the Aviation Subcommittee with, Mr. LOBIONDO, for their leadership on getting this bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, estuaries are a critical habitat for salmon, birds, and many other species in the Pacific Northwest, where we know that protecting our natural resources is good for our environment and good for our economy.

My district borders on Puget Sound, which is our country's second largest estuary and is a key driver of our economy in Washington State. Trade, fishing, tourism, and outdoor recreation in our region create and sustain thousands of jobs, and all of these activities are dependent on a healthy Puget Sound. I have long supported estuary restoration in the Puget Sound region, including projects like the Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration Project, which will be the largest tidal marsh restoration project ever completed in Washington State.

Estuary restoration can also be a key component for absorbing carbon emissions and increasing resiliency to the effects of climate change. A recent study of the Snohomish Estuary, in my district, found that currently planned and in-construction restoration projects will result in at least 2.55 million tons of CO_2 sequestered from the atmosphere over the next 100 years. That is the equivalent of a year's worth of emissions from a half a million automobiles. This bill is important. It is important for all of us.

I want to thank my colleague again, Mr. LOBIONDO, for his hard work on this legislation. I look forward to continuing our productive bipartisan relationship on this and on many other issues. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5266.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time, but I do not have any more speakers.

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thought I had one more speaker, but he is not here, so I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank my colleagues Mr. BISHOP, Mr. LARSEN, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. GIBBS. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5266, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CLIFFORD P. HANSEN FEDERAL COURTHOUSE CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1934) to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1934

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse Conveyance Act''.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ''Administrator'' means the Administrator of General Services.

(2) COUNTY.—The term ''County'' means Teton County, Wyoming.

(3) COURTHOUSE.—The term ''Courthouse'' means—

(A) the parcel of land located at 145 East Simpson Street, Jackson, Wyoming; and

(B) the building located on the land described in subparagraph (A), which is known as the ''Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse''.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL COURTHOUSE TO TETON COUNTY, WYOMING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator shall offer to convey to the County all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Courthouse.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—In exchange for the conveyance of the Courthouse to the County under this Act, the Administrator shall require the County to pay to the Administrator—

(1) nominal consideration for the parcel of land described in section 2(3)(A); and

(2) subject to subsection (c), consideration in an amount equal to the fair market value of the building described in section 2(3)(B), as determined based on an appraisal of the building that is acceptable to the Administrator.

(c) CREDITS.—In lieu of all or a portion of the amount of consideration for the building described in section 2(3)(B), the Administrator may accept as consideration for the conveyance of the building under subsection (b)(2) any credits or waivers against lease payments, amounts expended by the County under facility maintenance agreements, or other charges for the continued occupancy or use by the Federal Government of the building.

(d) RESTRICTIONS ON USE.—The deed for the conveyance of the Courthouse to the County under this Act shall include a covenant that provides that the Courthouse will be used for public use purposes.

(e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The County shall be responsible for paying—

(1) the costs of an appraisal conducted under subsection (b)(2); and

(2) any other costs relating to the conveyance of the Courthouse under this Act.

(f) PROCEEDS.—

(1) DEPOSIT.—Any net proceeds received by the Administrator as a result of the conveyance under this Act, as applicable, shall be paid into the Federal Buildings Fund established under section 592 of title 40, United States Code.

(2) EXPENDITURE.—Amounts paid into the Federal Buildings Fund under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Administrator, in amounts specified in appropriations Acts, for expenditure for any lawful purpose consistent with existing authorities granted to the Administrator.

(g) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Administrator may establish such additional terms and conditions with respect to the conveyance under this Act as the Administrator considers to be appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. CARSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on S. 1934.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

S. 1934 would direct the GSA to convey property in Wyoming to Teton County, Wyoming, for fair market value.

The land was originally donated to the Federal Government by the county for the purposes of a courthouse. However, since built, the courthouse has rarely been used by the Federal judiciary, and no other Federal use has been identified for this building.

The bill would sell the building to the county for fair market value for the purposes of a county courthouse and county courthouse functions. Selling this property for fair market value will ensure that the taxpayers receive the best return on the property, and it will provide for the continued public use of the facility.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of S. 1934, introduced by Senator JOHN BARRASSO.

It directs the Administrator of the General Services Administration to transfer the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse and the land underneath to Teton County, Wyoming.

The GSA has indicated to the committee that the agency has no need for the facility. This directed sale supports the GSA's efforts to downsize and dispose of underutilized properties. However, this bill breaks with precedent. Although the local municipality is required to pay for the fair market value of the building, the bill directs the land underneath the building to be sold for a nominal value. Typically, the building and the land underneath would all be valued at a fair market value when being sold.

The committee has consistently upheld the bipartisan principle that taxpayers are entitled to the full value of their assets in any sale. Nevertheless, the committee is supporting this unusual transaction because the underlying land was originally donated to the GSA by the local municipality, which is why I am supporting selling the land back to them for a nominal value.

The bill provides taxpayers with further protections, Mr. Speaker. The legislation requires that the future use of this property be restricted to public purposes. I urge the GSA to interpret this language consistent with restrictions typically used by the GSA when considering land transfers for public purposes under title 40.

I continue to support efforts to shrink the Federal footprint where appropriate while protecting taxpayer interests, and I urge Members to approve this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his support of this legislation.

I concur with him that, in terms of setting a precedent, that is not something that we want to do. This has a unique set of circumstances in which the county actually had conveyed the property to the Federal Government at no cost. Certainly, I would agree with my colleague opposite that we need to make sure that taxpayers get the best return and that this does not set a precedent.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation on behalf of the American taxpayers.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1934.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FEDERAL LAND CONVEYANCE ACT OF 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 898) to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 898

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Albuquerque, New Mexico, Federal Land Conveyance Act of 2013''.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ''Administrator'' means the Administrator of General Services.

(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term ''Federal land'' means the real property located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, that, as determined by the Administrator, subject to survey, generally consists of lots 12 through 19, and for the westerly boundary, the portion of either lot 19 or 20 which is the outside west wall of the basement level of the Old Post Office building, and which has a municipal address of 123 Fourth Street, SW, in Block 18, New Mexico Town Company's Original Townsite, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(3) FOUNDATION.—The term ''Foundation'' means the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, TO THE AMY BIEHL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION.

(a) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall offer to convey to the Foundation, by quitclaim deed, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for conveyance of the Federal land under subsection (a), the Administrator shall require the Foundation to pay to the Administrator consideration in an amount equal to the fair market value of the Federal land, as determined based on an appraisal that is acceptable to the Administrator.

(c) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The Foundation shall be responsible for paying—

(1) the costs of an appraisal conducted under subsection (b); and

(2) any other costs relating to the conveyance of the Federal land under this Act.

(d) PROCEEDS.—

(1) DEPOSIT.—Net proceeds received under subsection (b) shall be paid into the Federal Buildings Fund established under section 592 of title 40, United States Code.

(2) EXPENDITURE.—Amounts paid into the Federal Buildings Fund under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Administrator, in amounts specified in appropriations Acts, for expenditure for any lawful purpose consistent with existing authorities granted to the Administrator, except that the Administrator shall provide to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate 30 days advance written notice of any expenditure of the proceeds.

(e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Administrator may require that any conveyance under subsection (a) be subject to such additional terms and conditions as the Administrator considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(f) DEADLINE.—The conveyance of the Federal land under this Act shall occur not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. CARSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on S. 898.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

S. 898 would direct the GSA to convey property in New Mexico to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation for fair market value.

The Amy Biehl High School is a public charter school that has been using the building since 2006. While the school currently leases the facility from the General Services Administration, the GSA only receives a nominal rent, making it more costly to the taxpayers to maintain the property. In fact, the Amy Biehl Foundation has invested funds to renovate and restore the building for use as a school. The GSA has determined that there is no Federal need for the property, and it has concluded that the cost of managing the building exceeds any revenue. Selling this property for fair market value will ensure that taxpayers receive the best return on the property.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of S. 898.

S. 898 directs the Administrator of the GSA to transfer the old Federal post office in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation in exchange for its fair market value.

The Amy Biehl High School is a public charter school that is sponsored by the foundation that was founded in 1999 and has been residing in the Old Post Office building since 2006. Currently, the public charter school has a long-term lease agreement with the GSA for a nominal rent. The GSA has indicated to the committee that the agency has no need for the facility and that this directed sale supports the GSA's efforts to downsize and dispose of underutilized properties.

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My own subcommittee has approved a nearly identical bill.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge the memory of Amy Biehl. Ms. Biehl was a 26-year-old Fulbright Scholar working in South Africa when she was tragically attacked and killed in 1993. In the aftermath, Amy's parents, Linda and Peter Biehl, started a foundation to build on their daughter's work toward peace, reconciliation, and multiculturalism in South Africa. The new school, which is located in New Mexico, builds on this great work.

Now, approving this bill to transfer the building at its fair market value will promote Amy's legacy and benefit the taxpayers. I will continue to support efforts by both the committee and the administration to reduce our Federal footprint.

I support this bill, Mr. Speaker, and I urge my colleagues to approve it.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman for his support in a bipartisan manner and for reminding us all of the importance of this legacy, not only the vision of why this school was created but the importance of that mission. It is certainly a pleasure to work in a bipartisan way with the gentleman.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlelady from New Mexico, Madam LUJAN GRISHAM.

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues, both Representative CARSON from Indiana and my colleague from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS), for their support on S. 898. As you have just heard, this is a companion bill to a nearly identical bill, my bill H.R. 3998, which passed this body on June 17.

Now, we have also heard that this bill is to sell a Federal building at fair market value which costs more in its current lease arrangement than it does in this transaction and arrangement. You have also heard that this is an incredible school, memorializing an incredible legacy.

But what you haven't heard today is that the foundation has raised more than $3 million to continue to invest not only in the purchase of the building but to expand their educational footprint in New Mexico.

In my district in Albuquerque, we have difficulties reaching out to a high-poverty, high at-risk high school group. This school has incredible outcomes. They are seeing a 100 percent graduation rate, 80 percent graduation rates out of college; and of that 80 percent, nearly all of those students continue a very aggressive community relationship. Part of this school's requirement is that not only do you meet your basic high school curriculum but you have to invest considerably in community work in a variety of nonprofit and charitable work.

I want to also give a special thanks and extend my gratitude to Senator TOM UDALL for working with me on this bill and to Chairman SHUSTER and Ranking Member RAHALL for their help in bringing the legislation to the floor.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill that helps the Amy Biehl High School to continue to provide Albuquerque students with a first-rate education while also preserving a historic piece of downtown Albuquerque.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I will continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to my good friend from Florida, Representative MURPHY.

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I support the bill before us and appreciate the hard work of my colleagues to bring it to the floor.

Today I join my colleagues in speaking in support of reauthorizing the National Estuary Program because our local economy on the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches rely on healthy water.

This important program helps protect and improve some of our Nation's most at-risk waterways, including the Indian River Lagoon located in the district I am proud to represent, which has been devastated by toxic algae in recent years, negatively impacting not only the health of this unique ecosystem but also our local economy.

The National Estuary Program funds local projects that help improve water quality, protect threatened species, and coordinate local agencies to respond to other urgent needs.

In our own backyard, these projects include wetland restoration, shellfish rehabilitation, freshwater discharge management, and other approaches that benefit the health of our local waterways on the Treasure Coast and across the Nation.

I am very pleased to see a competitive award program included in this bill that I proposed, along with the gentleman from Florida (Mr. POSEY), to help estuaries most at risk where reoccurring harmful algal blooms, sea grass loss, and invasive species are threatening the fragile ecology of these important water systems.

I hope my colleagues will continue to support this effective program not only because of its benefits to sustaining important estuaries across the country but also due to the urgent need to address the serious problems facing many of these waterways, including the Indian River Lagoon, the most diverse estuary in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the House for coming together and acting so swiftly to reauthorize this bipartisan and cost-effective bill that is necessary for our country's coastal ecosystems and the economies that rely on their well-being. I hope the Senate will act expeditiously to do the same.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time at this point, and I am prepared to close.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MEADOWS. I thank the gentleman for his bipartisan effort to make sure that this important piece of legislation gets passed, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 898.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS ELIMINATION ACT OF 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4194) to provide for the elimination or

modification of Federal reporting requirements, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 382, nays 0, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 516]

YEAS—382

Aderholt
Amash
Amodei
Bachmann
Barber
Barr
Barrow (GA)
Barton
Bass
Beatty
Becerra
Bentivolio
Bera (CA)
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Black
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Bonamici
Boustany
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Bridenstine
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)
Broun (GA)
Brown (FL)
Brownley (CA)
Buchanan
Bucshon
Burgess
Bustos
Butterfield
Byrne
Calvert
Camp
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cárdenas
Carney
Carson (IN)
Carter
Cartwright
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chabot
Chaffetz
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Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clawson (FL)
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
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Collins (GA)
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Conaway
Connolly
Conyers
Cook
Cooper
Cotton
Courtney
Cramer
Crawford
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Daines
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny
Davis, Rodney
DeFazio
DeGette
Delaney
DeLauro
DelBene
Denham
Dent
DeSantis
DesJarlais
Deutch
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle
Duffy
Duncan (SC)
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Ellison
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Engel
Eshoo
Esty
Farenthold
Farr
Fattah
Fincher
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
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Flores
Forbes
Fortenberry
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Foxx
Frankel (FL)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Fudge
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Gallego
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Gardner
Garrett
Gibbs
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Gingrey (GA)
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Goodlatte
Gosar
Granger
Graves (GA)
Grayson
Green, Gene
Griffin (AR)
Griffith (VA)
Grimm
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Hahn
Hanabusa
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Harris
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Hastings (FL)
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Hensarling
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Higgins
Himes
Holding
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Hoyer
Hudson
Huelskamp
Huizenga (MI)
Hultgren
Hunter
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Israel
Issa
Jeffries
Jenkins
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson, E. B.
Jolly
Jones
Jordan
Joyce
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Kildee
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King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kinzinger (IL)
Kirkpatrick
Kline
Kuster
LaMalfa
Lamborn
Lance
Langevin
Lankford
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
Latta
Levin
Lewis
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loebsack
Lofgren
Long
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lujan Grisham (NM)
Luján, Ben Ray (NM)
Lynch
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Maloney, Sean
Marino
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McCarthy (CA)
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McClintock
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McGovern
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McKeon
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Nolan
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Peters (CA)
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Price (GA)
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Roskam
Ross
Rothfus
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruiz
Runyan
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Ryan (OH)
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Sánchez, Linda T.
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Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sewell (AL)
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Simpson
Sinema
Slaughter
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (TX)
Southerland
Stewart
Stivers
Stockman
Stutzman
Takano
Terry
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tierney
Titus
Tonko
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Turner
Upton
Valadao
Van Hollen
Vargas
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walorski
Walz
Wasserman Schultz
Waters
Waxman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Welch
Wenstrup
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Williams
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoder
Yoho
Young (AK)
Young (IN)

NOT VOTING—49

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Barletta
Benishek
Braley (IA)
Campbell
Cassidy
Costa
Duckworth
Enyart
Garcia
Gerlach
Gowdy
Graves (MO)
Green, Al
Grijalva
Hall
Hinojosa
Honda
Huffman
Jackson Lee
Johnson, Sam
Kind
Labrador
Lee (CA)
Lummis
Maloney, Carolyn
Marchant
McAllister
McNerney
Miller, Gary
Moran
Neugebauer
Pastor (AZ)
Pingree (ME)
Ribble
Richmond
Rohrabacher
Rush
Sanchez, Loretta
Shuster
Sires
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Speier
Swalwell (CA)
Thompson (CA)
Tiberi
Tipton
Wolf

□ 1854

Mr. TERRY changed his vote from ''no'' to ''aye.''

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I missed the following vote: Senate Amendment to H.R. 4194—Government Reports Elimination Act. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes'' on this bill.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 6, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from the Honorable Kimberly M. Guadagno, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 4, 2014, the Honorable Donald W. Norcross was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of New Jersey.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Trenton, NJ, November 6, 2014.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of New Jersey, show that Donald W. Norcross received 85,923 of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Donald W. Norcross was elected as Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of New Jersey.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified, to this office by the Burlington, Camden and Gloucester County Clerks involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO,
Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 5, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Kim Strach, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 4, 2014, the Honorable Alma Adams was elected Representative to Congress for the Twelfth Congressional District, State of North Carolina.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
Raleigh, NC, November 5, 2014.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise that the unofficial results of the Special Election

held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for Representative in Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District of North Carolina show, that Alma Adams received 126,766 votes or 75.41% of the total number of votes cast for that office. Provisional ballots have not been counted.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Alma Adams was elected as Representative in Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District of North Carolina.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KIM STRACH,
Executive Director.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 5, 2014.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Edgardo Cortés, Commissioner, Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 4, 2014, the Honorable Dave A. Brat was elected Representative to Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS,
Richmond, VA, November 5, 2014.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for Representative in Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia, show that Dave A. Brat received 148,710 or 61.8% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Dave A. Brat was elected as Representative in Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all ten of the Virginia jurisdictions involved in the Seventh Congressional District Special Election, an official Certification of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Best Regards,

EDGARDO CORTÉS,
Commissioner.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DONALD W. NORCROSS, OF NEW JERSEY, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New Jersey, the Honorable DONALD W. NORCROSS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ALMA S. ADAMS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from North Carolina, the Honorable ALMA S. ADAMS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

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SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DAVE BRAT, OF VIRGINIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Virginia, the Honorable DAVE BRAT, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect please present themselves in the well.

Mr. NORCROSS of New Jersey, Ms. ADAMS of North Carolina, and Mr. BRAT of Virginia appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now Members of the 113th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DONALD W. NORCROSS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and welcome our new colleague to the New Jersey delegation, Congressman DONALD NORCROSS. Now, let me tell you that you will all learn to love DONALD NORCROSS the way I have.

He comes from a union background, and he is a fighter. He always fights for the little guy. He also is bipartisan. He wants to work with the Republican side to get legislation passed, as he did in the State senate, and he has the reputation in the State senate, where we chaired one of the committees, of actually passing legislation.

I just want you to get to know him well. As I said, you will learn to love him. He will be a great Congressman, and you will learn over the next few years how effective he can be.

Congratulations again, DONALD.

I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO).

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I join in with congratulations to DONALD NORCROSS. I have known DONALD for a number of years as a State legislator, and before that, we worked together at a local level.

DONALD will always put his constituents first. He will always put his district first. He will be a great asset to this Congress, and I look forward to working with you, DONALD. Congratulations.

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, Leader PELOSI, Congressman PALLONE, and certainly Congressman LOBIONDO and my colleagues from New Jersey. The young man who is standing next to me is my grandson, Donald III, who did an excellent job; and a special person in my life who allows me and keeps my life in order, my lovely wife, Andrea.

She is up there with my daughter, Corey; my son, Gregory; my son, Donald, Jr.; his wife, Jeanette; and my granddaughter, Natalie. It is great to have you here. And the one person who is truly the leader of my house is my mother, Carol. Hey, Ma.

And many friends, family, and supporters from New Jersey, including my three brothers, George, John, and Phil; and my extended brother, Robert—it is good to have you here.

To my extended family in labor who I have worked closely with over the past 25 years and certainly the supporters and volunteers who have worked with us over the past 10 months, many thanks.

Life always brings us so many twists and turns. You never know where you are going to be. I grew up in the profession as an electrician, and look where we are now, a Member of the House.

This is truly the American Dream, and I am proud to be a part of it, and I look forward to working with all of my colleagues on behalf of this great Nation and the people who live in it. Thank you very much.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ALMA S. ADAMS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, Representative ADAMS has served our area in the North Carolina General Assembly in excess of two decades. In Raleigh, she is known as the ''legislative lady with the hat.''

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present to you and to my colleagues the legislative lady with the hat, ALMA ADAMS from North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE).

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean of our delegation, HOWARD COBLE, for yielding, and I want to add to his words of introduction for our new colleague, ALMA ADAMS.

She was elected this past election to fill the unexpired term of our colleague Mel Watt, who has taken the leadership of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. She represents the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina.

ALMA ADAMS was born in High Point, North Carolina. She attended college at North Carolina A&T University. She got her Ph.D. from Ohio State University, and she became a teacher. She had a 40-year career as a professor at Bennett College in North Carolina.

ALMA ADAMS' career in politics began on the Greensboro school board. She served on the city council. She was appointed to the general assembly in 1994 by Governor Jim Hunt and then was elected in her own right for successive terms. She has had a distinguished term of service in our general assembly.

She is known for her unceasing desire to improve the lives of women and children and families. Her issues include domestic violence, teenage pregnancy, affordable health care, and public education. She chaired the Legislative Black Caucus. She also chaired the bipartisan Women's Legislative Caucus.

So ALMA ADAMS, my colleagues, comes to us very, very well-equipped to be a productive and constructive and cooperative Member of this body, and it is my honor and pleasure to introduce you to her tonight, ALMA ADAMS.

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman COBLE, Congressman PRICE. As we all know, the journey to Congress is not made alone, and I could not have made it here without my faith, my family, and my friends.

So I want to take a moment to give special thanks to my mother who could not be here today; to my children, Billy, Jeanele; and my son-in-law, Ty; to my four grandchildren, one who is on the floor with me tonight; to my siblings; and to everyone who made the trip to share in this momentous occasion with me.

I stand here on the shoulders of the fearless women who shattered the glass ceiling by coming to Congress and representing our country with pride, tenacity, and integrity. It is with great honor that I stand before you tonight as the 100th woman in the 113th Congress. The women who have served before me have proven that when women succeed, we all succeed.

As I traveled across the 12th Congressional District, I heard the calls for us to work together, to create jobs, invest in education, and to be a voice for the working men and women struggling to make ends meet.

I am answering their calls by pledging to work with the Members of the North Carolina delegation and each and every Member of this Chamber. To the people of the 12th Congressional District, 10 months of no representation stops now. I am here, and I am rolling up my sleeves, and I am getting to work.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DAVE BRAT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome the newest Member of the House of Representatives from Virginia, Dr. DAVE BRAT of Glen Allen, Virginia, to this Chamber.

DAVE is joining this body as a new Member representing the Seventh District of Virginia. Over the past year, he has talked with his friends and neighbors about the challenges facing our Nation and what Congress can do to help grow our economy and help the private sector create jobs.

DAVE is uniquely positioned to work on issues related to American jobs and the economy. With an undergraduate degree in business administration and a Ph.D. in economics, his background in economic policy will help this body deal with the most pressing issues of the day.

For the past 18 years, DAVE has been a faculty member at Randolph-Macon College where he served as the chair of the department of economics. DAVE is also a strong family man and, with his wife, Laura, has two children.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome DAVE to the United States House of Representatives. Joining us today are our fellow Members of the Virginia delegation who welcome you and look forward to working with you.

I now yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) for his welcoming remarks.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Congressman DAVE BRAT to the people's House and to the Virginia delegation. Our congressional delegation has a long history of working together. Our former longtime dean, Senator John Warner, set the standard for working together in a constructive manner.

While we may not always agree on every issue, we will always try to work together for what is best for Virginia and our Nation. It is the Virginia way.

DAVE will be replacing Majority Leader ERIC CANTOR, and at the end of this Congress, our delegation will also lose two of its more senior Members, FRANK WOLF and JIM MORAN.

With their departure, our delegation's clout may wane a bit, but I know it will be reinvigorated by new Members like Congressman BRAT, committed to working together for our Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, Dave comes to Congress after a career as an economics professor at Randolph-Macon College. He has been appointed to State boards and commissions by several Virginia Governors, including the Joint Advisory Board of Economists. I know he will put these experiences to good use.

I welcome DAVE and his family to Congress, and I look forward to working with him on issues critical to the Richmond region and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Mr. BRAT. Mr. Speaker, thank you to my new colleagues and thank you to the people of Virginia's Seventh District who have entrusted me with the honor of serving as their Representative, and many of them are with us tonight in the gallery. Thank you for coming.

We are proud that the Seventh District is the home of the father of the Constitution, James Madison, and the voice of the Revolution, Patrick Henry.

It has been a long road, and very few gave me a chance when the journey began. I want to thank my wife, Laura, and my children, Jonathan and Sophia, for believing in me. And I want to thank God, as this would not have been possible without His assistance along the way.

Throughout my campaign, as President Reagan said, I tried to appeal to people's best hopes and not their worst fears. I strived to elevate the dialogue and focus us on solutions, especially on the economic issues facing our country.

That is how I will approach the weighty responsibility with which I have been entrusted.

Thank you all, God bless you all, and may God continue to bless this great Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from North Carolina, the gentleman from New Jersey, and the gentleman from Virginia, the whole number of the House is now 435.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5682, APPROVAL OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 113–617) on the resolution (H. Res. 748) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5682) to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

NDAA/MEPS ACT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today Congress returns to session with little time to complete business on a range of important matters, which is why I am calling on the Senate to take swift action on the National Defense Authorization Act.

The NDAA, which passed the House in May, authorizes policy for the Pentagon, and this year included reforms to ensure our troops are more adequately trained and equipped, both mentally and physically.

A recent Army study found that nearly half the soldiers who reported suicide attempts indicated their first attempt was prior to enlistment. And I am proud to say the House version of the NDAA includes provisions identical to the Medical Evaluation Parity for Servicemembers Act, or MEPS Act, that I introduced earlier in the year. That will help address this challenge.

The MEPS Act enables the Pentagon to establish a baseline to properly track changes in the servicemembers' behavioral health by instituting a requirement that all incoming troops undergo a mental health assessment upon enlistment.

It is time for the Senate to act on this bipartisan legislation that has the support of over 40 veterans' and military advocacy groups.

SIGMA GAMMA RHO FOUNDERS DAY

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho, which today proudly celebrates 92 years of service.

Established in 1922 at Butler University, Sigma Gamma Rho engrained in me and countless women the value of public service. Sisters include former Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, the first woman to represent Louisiana; my colleague, the Honorable Congresswoman CORRINE BROWN of Florida; Hattie McDaniel, the first African American woman to receive an Academy Award; and our Grand Basileus, Bonitta Herring.

Sigma Gamma Rho played an integral role in the civil rights movement, as members fought to overturn Jim Crow laws and advance women's equality.

Today Sigma Gamma Rho continues their service in promoting education and awareness in communities on issues like health equality and financial literacy.

For 92 years, Sigma Gamma Rho has been on the front lines of making our Nation better through scholarship, sisterhood, and service. I am honored to be a part of this legacy and wish many more years of success to my sisters in Sigma Gamma Rho.

STUNNING CONTEMPT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, everyone remembers the promise the President made while promoting his health care law: ''If you like your health care plan, you can keep it.'' He broke his promise.

We just learned that one of the law's chief architects, Professor Jon Gruber, has come clean and admitted the deceit used to get the law passed. But Professor Gruber also revealed a stunning contempt for the American people. He called us stupid.

This reminds me of when Lucy was trying to get Charlie Brown to kick the football. Charlie says to Lucy, ''I don't mind your dishonesty half as much as I mind your opinion of me.''

In this case, Mr. Speaker, the American people mind both the administration's dishonesty and its opinion of them.

The professor now regrets his comments. But does he regret that my constituents, Don and Karen of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and millions of other Americans have lost their health care plan because of ObamaCare? Does he regret that steelworkers in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and countless others are seeing their health insurance premiums skyrocket?

More importantly, Mr. Speaker, does the President regret it?

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary service and selfless sacrifice of our Nation's veterans.

Each year, on the 11th day of the 11th month, we pause to pay tribute to our veterans, the men and women who served this country with honor and distinction.

To the almost 22 million veterans in the United States and the 43,000 veterans who live in my congressional district, I am here to say thank you for your service and sacrifice. You answered the call of service and never wavered.

Whether at home or abroad, whether at war or at times of peace, you kept our Nation safe and protected our freedoms. In gratitude and humility, it is now our turn to serve you, providing the benefits and the resources you deserve and earned.

RUSSIA INVADES UKRAINE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today, NATO's Commander Breedlove said in Bulgaria, ''We have seen columns of Russian equipment, primarily Russian tanks, Russian artillery, Russian air defense systems, and Russian combat troops entering into Ukraine.'' In response, Ukraine has redeployed troops to the east to counter the insurgency. But these soldiers are severely undersupplied.

Ukraine had an election just a couple of weeks ago, the most transparent, the most free, and the most pro-Western election in history. But pro-Russian parliamentarians received less than 10 percent of the vote.

Today, once again, Ukraine faces war, as the ceasefire there collapsed as Russia attempts to reassert its influence by sinister and illegal means.

Ukraine's young soldiers don't have proper boots or weapons or defensive equipment. How many times must Ukraine be invaded before we call it an invasion?

I call upon the House to pass H.R. 5190, the bill I introduced with my fellow Ukrainian Caucus cochair, JIM GERLACH of Pennsylvania, to provide meaningful humanitarian aid and security assistance to Ukraine. The Senate has passed S. 2828 that does much the same.

Let us stop the advance of this tyranny in the new century. Liberty is calling. Let us measure up in this lameduck session.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE HOWARD COBLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, we are here tonight to pay tribute to the dean of the North Carolina delegation and our beloved colleague of many years, HOWARD COBLE.

HOWARD COBLE has been a dedicated public servant to the people of North Carolina and a champion for honest, effective government. For three decades, he has taken great care to represent the values and concerns of Sixth District residents.

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It is a profound honor to call HOWARD a dear friend, and it saddens me to

think about coming here in the next Congress without his wisdom or signature wit.

Wearing his trademark plaid jackets, HOWARD has been a champion for his constituents, whether in Washington or back in North Carolina. He never backed down from a challenge to do what was right for North Carolina and always pushed Washington to work better for those he represented.

Always ready with a cheerful greeting and a welcoming smile for whoever crossed his path, it is clear HOWARD cares about the little details that mean so much to average North Carolinians. Those who met him know of his characteristic penchant for inquiring about their alma mater and then rattling off the corresponding mascot.

Perhaps the most fitting summary of HOWARD's personality is that he is the essence of what it means to be a southern gentleman: someone who simply exudes kindness, charm, and compassion. And let's not forget that he was named the sexiest bachelor in Congress by BuzzFeed earlier this year.

HOWARD is also known for his deadpan humor, and loves a good joke, even if it is at his own expense. However, that wit can sometimes be a two-edged sword. In 2008, his sense of humor almost killed someone. At the North Carolina GOP Convention he cracked a joke to ROBERT PITTENGER, who now represents North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District. ROBERT nearly expired after choking on his meal in mid-chuckle. Reliable sources have hinted that the joke might have been a variation of HOWARD's ''feisty mountain woman'' one-liner that he routinely uses to describe me. Fortunately, former Presidential candidate Governor Mike Huckabee was there to rescue ROBERT from HOWARD's humor with a well-placed Heimlich maneuver.

All kidding aside, HOWARD is a man of integrity and principle, a Representative who has stood for what is right and who has fought on behalf of what makes America a great Nation.

Today, I salute HOWARD COBLE, my friend, for his many years of service. We will miss him greatly.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I now yield to our colleague, Mr. PRICE.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding and for scheduling this Special Order here on our first night back in town for the very important purpose of paying tribute to our dear friend and colleague, HOWARD COBLE. I am very happy to join in this, as many other colleagues will be tonight as well.

I have served with HOWARD since I first arrived here in 1987. He had beaten me by 2 years. He was first elected in 1984 to represent North Carolina's Sixth District.

I think when you hear the tributes tonight from both sides of the aisle you are going to, quite accurately, conclude that HOWARD COBLE is one of the best-liked Members of this body, and that affection extends across the entire political spectrum.

HOWARD is always ready with a kind word for everyone, from fellow Representatives to Capitol Police and constituents. It is difficult to walk anywhere with HOWARD in Washington, D.C., or in North Carolina without being stopped several times because he has so many friends who just want to catch up with him.

I have always especially enjoyed introducing my staff to HOWARD. His first question usually is: ''What high school did you go to?'' And then the second question is something like: ''What's it like working for this scallywag?''

We've sometimes disagreed, of course, on politics and policy, but we have had many, many occasions for fruitful collaboration and cooperation on issues important to North Carolina. We have worked for years, for example, on promoting textile research. We have certainly worked on disaster relief after several major hurricanes. Over the years, I have come to appreciate HOWARD as a smart and able legislator, and, more than that, I have come to value him as a person and to value his friendship.

My district staff would want me to add how much we all admire HOWARD's constituent service. When it comes to working with our constituents in dealing with Federal agencies, party lines don't matter. Often, the district lines are a little indistinct and we have to figure out whose district someone is in or get a case referred back and forth. HOWARD's staff is invariably cooperative and competent. It is not an accident that he has a superb reputation in North Carolina for the best constituent service around.

HOWARD has been a dedicated Member in this body in Washington as well. He has been an effective legislator, especially distinguishing himself in his leadership positions on the Judiciary Committee. He has done all this with a certain grace and style. He reminds us of a time when our politics were less hard-edged.

So as he retires at the close of the current Congress, we wish him all the best. He leaves this body with immense affection and respect. Our State and the House of Representatives have greatly benefited from the service of HOWARD COBLE.

Godspeed, my friend.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to our colleague, Mr. JONES.

Mr. JONES. I thank Ms. FOXX for putting this together. Tonight is a sad night, but a very special night, I think, for those of us who have had the privilege to know HOWARD COBLE as long as I have. We go back to 1983, when I was a freshman Democrat in the North Carolina House of Representatives and he was a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives as a Republican. Why we met, I don't know, but eventually we became pretty good friends at that point. He then left the North Carolina House and came to Washington, D.C., and my father, Congressman Walter Jones, Sr., was chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee. Mr. COBLE, who came from North Carolina, was on that committee because he is a former member of the Coast Guard. He was a natural because of the work they did on that committee. My father became a friend of HOWARD COBLE's. Then I came to Washington, Mr. Speaker, as a Republican, and we have been friends for many years.

This man, to me, is very special as a human being. I heard Mr. PRICE say the ''dean,'' but I call him the ''leadah'', l-e-a-d-a-h. Mr. COBLE likes to tell people that is because those of us from eastern North Carolina don't know the word ''leader'' ends in e-r instead of a-h. I did that because at the time we became the majority in 1995, it was a change in the House, for sure, and there was a Democrat for a number of years, and Mr. COBLE, being the kind of man he was, said, ''No, I don't want to be called the dean. As long as he's here in Congress, I want him to remain the dean.'' I think that says a heck of a lot about who this person is. So, Mr. Speaker, I decided that he should be known as the ''leadah,'' and therefore many people in the House of Representatives from both parties call him the ''leadah''—some with a northern accent, some with a west coast accent, but it still sounds the same.

For me, personally, this night is sad because I have spent many nights in the last few years where Mr. COBLE and I have had dinner together at the Capitol Hill Club reminiscing about yesterday but also thinking about today. For me, this is a personal relationship that is like family, quite frankly. For me to know that I have been reelected for another term and to know that Mr. COBLE will go back home and enjoy the love and affection of the people of Greensboro, it still is sad for me personally. I do think that he has given so much not only to the State of North Carolina, but to our Nation. He has been a very effective leader of the House. He has been a great legislator. He has been able to get things done in the Judiciary Committee and other committees. He will always be remembered in my heart as a member of my family.

To you, HOWARD COBLE, I love you as a brother in Christ. You are a special man who has given so much to not only North Carolina, but to America. You will always remain a member of my family. God bless you, sir.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to our esteemed colleague from eastern North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE).

Mr. MCINTYRE. Thank you, HOWARD, for your spirit, service, and standard of statesmanship.

HOWARD and I have had a spirit of friendship that has been something we have always enjoyed together here on the floor. He has often asked me about what the latest score was or when the next game is that our beloved Tar Heels were playing in any sport—not just football and basketball but baseball and many other sports the team engages in.

But our spirit has gone even beyond that great school spirit and congressional spirit that we share to the spirit we have shared in our Lord and how God has touched our lives, and the fellowship together that we have had right across the hall in the Congressional Prayer Caucus and even on the steps of the Capitol here one evening several years ago. I am sure you remember that we shared that together, HOWARD.

Second is his service. In addition to his spirit of friendship and friendliness to so many people and the spirit that we have shared in our Lord is his longevity of service that he has given. But it hasn't just been mundane or in-and-out service. It has been a service done with life, laughter, and with latitude. He has life in what he does. He always shares a smile and makes you laugh and not take things so seriously that you can't enjoy what you are doing. We all should be able to enjoy this great opportunity of service.

He also takes the latitude to spend time with you and the latitude to literally work across the aisle, as symbolized by the comments you have already heard tonight and the friendships that he has across the aisle.

Third, with that spirit and service is also his standard of statesmanship.

HOWARD, I think about when we flew together with the Commandant of the Coast Guard. You being a Coastie yourself, we often talked about the importance of the Coast Guard and how we know it serves us well in North Carolina and nationwide. We flew down with the Commandant on his plane, and HOWARD came down to my district to honor Wilmington as the Nation's first Coast Guard city on the east coast. We shared that time together.

He was that kind of person that would travel and spend time with you. And whether it was on the coast in Wilmington or whether it was on the pitching mound together, as he and I and Representatives FOXX and PRICE shared at our alma mater, UNC Chapel Hill, just this past spring, he knew always how to show that friendship and to show that standard of statesmanship in every situation.

Thank you, HOWARD, for always bringing people together. With your disarming smile and your friendship you have shown what exemplary statesmanship is all about. You have shown that spirit of fellowship and friendship. You have given that longevity of service. Most of all, you have shown that standard of statesmanship to which we all should ascribe.

God bless you, my friend, my Christian brother, and my fellow Tar Heel. Thank you so much.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the Congresswoman from North Carolina, Congresswoman ELLMERS.

Mrs. ELLMERS. I am honored to stand before you to speak on behalf of my dear friend, the dean of our delegation, HOWARD COBLE. He has been a source of wisdom, an esteemed colleague, and a loyal friend to all since taking office in 1985.

One of the fondest memories that I have of HOWARD was when I had the privilege of watching him accept the Bertholf Award. This prestigious honor was awarded to HOWARD for his unwavering support of the brave men and women serving in the United States Coast Guard. When I arrived at the ceremony, I wasn't surprised to find the committee room packed from wall to wall. Seating was scarce, and there was hardly any standing room left for supporters. Everyone was there to show support and appreciation for our good friend HOWARD, just as he has been there to show support and appreciation over the years to all of us.

While speaking at the ceremony, Admiral Papp shared some words of advice that HOWARD once gave him:

> Always take care of your shipmates.

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HOWARD, you have truly embodied this piece of advice through your service in Congress, especially when taking care of your constituents.

You have always taken care of each of us, your shipmates, through both your dedicated service and loyal friendship.

On a personal note, I have had the incredible honor of following HOWARD in representing Moore and Randolph Counties in District Two, and I must say, you are truly loved and respected, and I have very big shoes to continue to fill.

Your retirement marks the end of an era here in Congress, but launches the beginning of another incredible journey for you. I wish you a long and relaxing retirement, and I will be forever grateful for your friendship and guidance through the years.

Thank you.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague from North Carolina, RICHARD HUDSON.

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, you may notice my sharp jacket tonight. It is a madras jacket worn in honor of my dear friend and colleague, HOWARD COBLE.

HOWARD was not always known for just his colorful jackets. Back when he first came to town, HOWARD COBLE was known for his many colorful suspenders. In fact, I don't know how many he had, but it was well-known that he would always have those bright, colorful suspenders on.

Next he became known for wearing distinctive hats. In fact, in the nineties, Tim Russert used to refer to HOWARD COBLE as ''the man with the hat.''

Then it was Tim Russert's son, Luke, who first noticed the madras jackets a few years ago, and he actually put on his Twitter account that the jacket HOWARD COBLE is wearing tonight looked like ''an exploding turtle.''

So the Russert family has long acknowledged HOWARD's unique sense of style, as have many of his constituents and his friends here in Congress.

HOWARD COBLE has been known for his sense of humor. He once remarked that if he put on a brandnew suit, it would immediately look rumpled like an unmade bed.

HOWARD has always had a self-deprecating humor and a personality that draws people to him. Everyone loves him. I learned that as a candidate for Congress, Mr. Speaker, because I inherited three counties from HOWARD COBLE's former district, so when I would go ask people for votes, I had to immediately tell them I wasn't running against HOWARD COBLE because, otherwise, they didn't want to talk to me.

HOWARD COBLE is legendary in his constituent services. He has always taken care of his constituents. They know they have a friend in their Congressman HOWARD COBLE.

He set a standard, Mr. Speaker, to which we can all aspire to in terms of the integrity with which he has conducted himself, the love for people that everyone knows and can sense and is drawn to, and the constituent service.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a privilege to get to know HOWARD COBLE. It has been an honor to serve with him, and I call him friend. I will miss seeing him in Congress every day, but I know that he will not be a stranger.

I just say, God bless you, HOWARD COBLE, and Godspeed.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our distinguished colleague from North Carolina (Mr. PITTENGER).

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, much has been said and written about the ratings of the United States Congress and the approval of what the American people think of us. It is somewhere right around 10 percent.

Let me tell you those ratings don't take into consideration HOWARD COBLE. My esteemed friend in this Congress is regarded by his own constituents as a family member.

HOWARD COBLE chose not to be married, but what became his family were his constituents. What became his friends were his colleagues in Congress. Both sides of the aisle love HOWARD.

I am one, Congressman COBLE, who loved seeing you out there on that back row every time I walked in, with a big smile and a good story, and everybody would come by and say hello to HOWARD during the course of the session, just to see you, because you are special to all of us.

Yes, my good friend, Congresswoman FOXX, did tell a story about how my life was spared as I was chewing some chicken, and I realized I couldn't chew and laugh at the same time as I tried to swallow that chicken, and then here came Mr. Huckabee to give me the Heimlich and save my life.

Well, you know, I was in a primary a year after that. It was 11 people in the primary, and the one good thing about that is I got a sympathy vote from Mike Huckabee, and he endorsed me, so that was a good thing.

HOWARD, thank you. Thank you for being committed in your job. On the

Judiciary Committee, on the Transportation Committee, you were faithful in every respect, to do the right thing for North Carolina, for your district and, frankly, for the American people.

We are all in debt to you for your service to this great country. Our country is better off today because of the life of HOWARD COBLE.

Thank you. God bless you.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE), chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. GOODLATTE. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is just a real honor to be here tonight to tell my friend, HOWARD COBLE, how much he means to me and how much I am going to miss him here in the House of Representatives.

He has not only been an outstanding leader on the House Judiciary Committee—and by the way, I hope the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) will compile all those wonderful photographs and put them in some kind of a binder so that—a book maybe, so that all of us can see and enjoy all those historic caricatures that have been created in HOWARD's honor over these many years—but not only has he been a great member of the House Judiciary Committee, he has been a close personal friend of mine for more than 20 years.

In addition to serving with him on the committee, he is somebody who is always turning to others, taking an interest in them. He has an uncanny ability to remember the mascots for virtually any high school or college that someone attended and his ability to always ask others how they are feeling.

With respect to this last point, he has defused more than a few difficult conversations by asking people, ''How is your back feeling?'' Inevitably, especially if someone is older, they begin to talk about back problems and forget what they were so exercised about.

He is also a great tennis player. For nearly 20 years, I have had the honor of playing tennis with him very early on Wednesday mornings. HOWARD isn't known for moving around the court really fast, but the thing about him is he always was there where you hit the ball, and he always put it back just exactly where he wanted it to go, an amazing accomplishment. So HOWARD, thank you very much for that.

I want to tell one story in conjunction with a field hearing that took place in Nashville—HOWARD is a great fan of bluegrass music and country music in general—a field hearing that took place in Nashville when the Fairness in Music Licensing bill was under consideration in the late 1990s, a meeting was arranged with Garth Brooks.

HOWARD, who was serving as the then-subcommittee chairman, was a lifelong fan of bluegrass and traditional country music. He didn't really know who Brooks was and was far more interested in arranging a meeting with Grandpa Jones from the Grand Ole Opry, but he knows who he is now. In fact, Garth is making a comeback; and, HOWARD, you will enjoy many, many more opportunities to enjoy the music that you love.

He would always ask me how things were in the Star City, which is my hometown of Roanoke, Virginia, and took an interest in me and what I was doing.

On the committee, as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, where he serves now and has served on a number of occasions in the past, he stood very strong for the rights, the private property rights of people who are creators of music and motion pictures and great products that they seek patents on and so on.

His work will serve for a long time in the future to protect that great American incentive to create and create jobs. His work has created many jobs for many Americans.

He is a true son of the Sixth District of North Carolina. I am from the Sixth District of Virginia, but in his case, he is a lifelong son of the Sixth District, having been born in Greensboro, educated in the Sixth District, and been a county attorney and an assistant U.S. attorney. He has been a revenuer with the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

What I didn't know was that his first 6 years in his professional life, he was a claims adjuster for the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. So here, in the closing days of his service, I am still learning new things about my friend, HOWARD COBLE.

HOWARD, thank you very much for not only being my friend and a great colleague to all of us here in the House, but for being a great American. Thank you, and God bless you.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague from North Carolina, PATRICK MCHENRY, the chief deputy whip.

Mr. MCHENRY. I thank the secretary of the Republican Conference, my colleague and classmate from North Carolina, VIRGINIA FOXX.

Mr. Speaker, today, I stand in tribute with the fine threads of a man named HOWARD COBLE. Congressman, State representative, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, captain of the United States Coast Guard, school bus driver—that is where it all began, in high school. That was his first public service.

JOHN HOWARD COBLE has held a variety of titles during his time and during his years, but to me, he has always been known as the dean, the dean of the North Carolina delegation, which he has been, for the last 15 years, the longest-serving Republican Member of this body in the history of the State of North Carolina, and my friend.

I am here to pay tribute and to thank him for his time in public service. He is what a Member of Congress should be, and that is concerned for his constituents and being their voice here in Washington and having an impact.

You certainly, my dean, have had a huge impact on my life, those that are paying tribute to say thank you tonight, but also your constituents and the American people, and we thank you.

Now, there are a number of stories about the dean, a number of them I would like to tell over the years, and most of them are, in fact, true.

This one story I want to tell tonight—actually, two, if I may. It goes back to the first time HOWARD ran for Congress in 1984. The campaign committee for the Republicans brought up folks in tough, challenging races to have some video and film shot with President Ronald Reagan. He helped with his popularity to help get some folks across the finish line in 1984.

HOWARD was so nervous that he forget to shake the Gipper's hand, so one of the campaign committee staff, they were coming to Coble's district, and HOWARD said, ''Where were you?'' And he said, ''Well, I was just in Alabama with President Reagan.''

''Oh, really?''

He says, ''Yeah. I told him I was going to Greensboro, and President Reagan looked at me and said, 'Well, tell that son of a gun that didn't shake my hand I said hello.'''

So HOWARD got a little flustered and was a little embarrassed and everything else until everybody started laughing, but HOWARD has had a great sense of humor, and that shows the real testament to HOWARD's integrity.

The other thing about HOWARD is fiscal conservatism. It goes back to what he said in his first campaign, he is going to bring a sharp pencil to the Washington budget, and he, in fact, has.

In fact, it wasn't very well-appreciated during his early service in Congress. There was a Member of Congress who was furious, who said, ''That sharp pencil might actually get your ticket written out of Congress.'' And HOWARD told him that he thought, ''Well, I believe there is life after Congress,'' and let the guy go on his way.

Well, that guy was not reelected, and HOWARD has been reelected 14 times during his time here, so true proof that fiscal conservatism can still win.

There are a number of other stories that we will talk about over perhaps a drink afterwards, but the one thing is everybody from his district knows and those of us from North Carolina know that he knows every high school mascot in the State of North Carolina.

Every child that I see that comes through Congress is simply amazed that their dean knows where they are from and knows their high school and their high school mascot.

□ 2000

It is because he cares. So we are grateful tonight, and we want to say ''thank you'' to our friend, our dean, our leader—JOHN HOWARD COBLE.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR).

Ms. KAPTUR. I want to thank the secretary of the Republican caucus for granting me the time tonight and to say that I rise as a Member from the loyal opposition, who has great affection, friendship, and admiration for my neighbor in the Rayburn Building.

Mr. Speaker, I would say that Congressman HOWARD COBLE represents the values of gentlemanly behavior, affability, cordiality, some might say—those of us from the North would call it—a bit of a courtly manner, which I always associated with the South. He is not just a man of character, but he is a character, and his personality and demeanor represent the type of collegiality that is so important to bring this institution together. I have no doubt he has well represented the constituents of his North Carolina district these many years—the Sixth District—and they probably share my great affection for this wonderful man.

Now, I say that knowing that we disagree, issue-wise, on almost everything; but I think HOWARD COBLE is the kind of person who represents what Congress should be—individuals who may disagree on issues but who become friends through their years of service. That is really remarkable because many people who go to work every day in this country go to work with people who think just like they do. They are in the same business or they teach a course in something or they are surrounded by those who agree, but what makes HOWARD COBLE special is he can be friends with people who disagree. Now, those who disagree with him even might come from his own party. One comes to mind in particular, someone he has kindly called the ''lady of the harbor.'' I don't know if former Congresswoman Helen Bentley is listening tonight or not, but she has a few remembrances of HOWARD as well.

Though we might have disagreed, we became great friends, and it makes the service bearable. It makes it bearable. HOWARD is also my neighbor over in the Rayburn Building, and there isn't a time that we pass in the hall that he always doesn't say, ''Hey, good morning.'' ''Hey, good afternoon. How are you doing?'' His compassionate nature and his Mr. Cordiality, really, are extraordinary qualities in an institution where people come with very, very strongly held views. So I want to pay tribute to HOWARD COBLE's service. I didn't know he was the longest-serving Republican in North Carolina history. He has served honorably, and he has helped this institution to hold together.

Thank you, HOWARD COBLE, for teaching all of us how to behave and how to be effective in our service. May God bless you in the days and years ahead. You know you always have family here. We appreciate your service, and we thank the people of North Carolina for sending you here these many years. Godspeed.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to our distinguished colleague from Texas, Mr. LAMAR SMITH.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, let me say that I am absolutely privileged and honored to be here tonight to be able to talk about such a good friend, HOWARD COBLE.

If I were to describe HOWARD in two words—and this is an ultimate compliment in my book—it would be that he is a gentleman and a scholar, and there aren't too many people who actually succeed in achieving both those kinds of distinctions.

So, HOWARD, it is nice to be with you tonight. You are here in the front row of the House Chamber, and we celebrate your contributions to public service, and we honor you for being the great person that you are.

I have often said—and I have mentioned this to HOWARD COBLE in person—that if there were such a thing as a congressional class president, it would be HOWARD COBLE. Now, we don't have such a thing as a class president, but if we did, I think HOWARD would be nominated and voted upon and approved by acclamation. He is that popular here. He is that dearly loved and respected by all of us.

I have had the privilege of sitting next to him on the Judiciary Committee for many, many years, and during that time, I have watched HOWARD work; I have watched him speak; and I have watched him think. He has been the chairman of three subcommittees on the Judiciary Committee—first, Crime; second, Administrative Law; and, third, Intellectual Property—that being the most recent subcommittee that he has chaired. He also chaired another subcommittee, early on, on the Transportation Committee, which means that he is probably one of those rare Members of Congress—perhaps even the only one—who has chaired four subcommittees in the House of Representatives.

Throughout all of that time and in all of my years of being with HOWARD, he has exhibited some wonderful attributes, and those qualities are graciousness, smarts, and politeness—again, a rare combination in any individual, but those are the qualities—those are the attributes—that we see in HOWARD on a daily basis.

HOWARD COBLE and I share something else in common, and that is that we often are half of a congressional doubles team that has been playing tennis for years and years and years.

HOWARD, I would like to say that we are the better half, and maybe that is true half the time—I am not sure—or something close to that. There have been a number of Members who have participated in these doubles matches, and two primary Members who are oftentimes on the other side of the net from HOWARD and me are BOB GOODLATTE and FRED UPTON. They have been joined on occasion by SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO and also by KEVIN YODER.

I have to say, HOWARD, I do believe that whoever plays with SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO probably wins more often than not, or maybe I should say that when Shelley was playing with, say, Bob or Fred that we had our hands full. That is not to say we were always on the losing side. We held our own. It has just been a real pleasure to enjoy those times together with you, and I will say, unequivocally, that I don't know of anybody else who is a better volleyer than you. If anyone got a tennis ball past you in the last 10 years, I did not see it, so we appreciate your tennis prowess as well.

Lastly, again, we are here tonight just to honor a great man—a gentleman and a scholar—both for his public service, for being an example to all of us in the House, and also, to so many of us, for being just an exceptionally good friend.

HOWARD, thank you for being with us for these wonderful years that you have been in Congress. You have done so much for your constituents and have done so much for us as well—your colleagues and friends in the House. It is a privilege to be here tonight.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. SHEILA JACKSON LEE.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. I thank the manager of this Special Order, and it gives me great privilege to be able to stand here today.

Mr. Speaker, as I look at Congressman COBLE, I think of the men and women who love this institution. I love it, and I have had the privilege of serving on the House Judiciary Committee, which I believe is the holder of the Founding Fathers' dream of democracy for this country. As I have worked with Congressman COBLE, I have seen nothing but his love for the law, for the broad depth of the House Judiciary Committee and, might I say, the power.

Congressman, you have used that power with gentlemanly gentleness and forcefulness in representing your constituents and your philosophy.

We have had some tough battles on the House Judiciary Committee, but I have always seen and known HOWARD COBLE to be a gentleman.

I am reminded of how many days and moments and minutes and months that we have been here in this place, and, HOWARD, I believe that, every time we have seen each other, we have said ''hello'' with a smile. I thank you for that, and it represents your love of this country and your love of the system of justice and democracy and the respect for difference of opinion.

Let me also say that I have a great Texan as my daughter. She loves Texas, and she is now an elected official, but she went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke. She couldn't leave North Carolina. She knew the bipartisan manner of your work, and as they studied on those two campuses, they knew Congressman HOWARD COBLE.

So let me say to you, on behalf of those of us who have worked with you

over the years—Democrats and Republicans—and in the time that I have had the privilege of serving in this House, what a mighty ''thank you'' we want to give you and to recognize the service you have given to the Nation, to your constituents and, certainly, the teaching that you have given to all of us. Well done, my good friend. We will miss you, and we wish for you a long life and an enjoyable time in continuing to serve in your own way the United States of America. Thank you so very much. We love you, HOWARD.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to our distinguished colleague from North Carolina (Mr. HOLDING).

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak for a few minutes about some of the many remarkable qualities that my friend—the leader of the North Carolina delegation, Congressman HOWARD COBLE—has exemplified throughout his nearly 30 years of service to the Sixth District of North Carolina and its people.

To earn the continuous confidence of your constituents for three decades, Mr. Speaker, is a tremendous honor, and it is one that HOWARD COBLE has unfailingly performed with remarkable humility, never taking it for granted that he would be reelected.

To also earn the respect and devotion of your staff, Members of this House on both sides of the aisle—certainly as we have seen tonight—and of the many stakeholders whom he has worked with on a daily basis throughout his career as a legislator is a testament to HOWARD's commitment to public service, and more importantly, Mr. Speaker, it is a testament to his personal character and charm.

Many of the laws HOWARD COBLE has authored have been in politically and technically complex areas—copyright, patent and trademark. These agreements can be very difficult to negotiate when it is vitally important to the public and the American economy that we get it right. HOWARD COBLE has gotten it right. He has protected the rights of individual authors and inventors just as the drafters of the Constitution intended them to be. HOWARD's skills and his unblemished reputation for fair dealing among all parties have been critical to the congressional efforts over the many years to forge consensus in these difficult areas.

HOWARD's commitment to public service, as we have heard tonight from the other speakers, began long before 1984 when he was elected to Congress. It is a commitment to public service that spans over 50 years. Throughout his life, he has performed these duties with a sense of grace, compassion, and respect—respect for people, respect for his colleagues, respect for the process, respect for the institutions of government—as have all been echoed here tonight.

I have talked to a number of Congressman COBLE's staff to hear reflections that they have had, and a number of them have recalled some poignant moments:

One recalled the valuable lessons that HOWARD has taught him. One of the longest-serving staff members told me how impressed he was to learn why HOWARD went back to his district regularly to meet with constituents—constituents who were unlikely to support him. He didn't only meet with his supporters but with the folks who didn't support him. HOWARD explained that the congressional seat he was in didn't belong to him but that it was their seat and that all of his constituents needed to know that they have a Congressman who cares about them, who thinks about them, and who represents them in Washington—even if they decide never to vote for him that he will represent them;

Another staff member echoed the sentiment, recalling how refreshing it was to work for a Member who was always able to stay true to his ideas, describing HOWARD as someone who appreciates real people;

Another staff member remarked that she was so impressed at how other Members responded to him. She recalled that at the beginning of a Judiciary Committee markup right before HOWARD's father passed away that Chairman Hyde started off with a moment of silence and that, after that moment of silence, the first two Members to come up to HOWARD and express sorrow for his loss were Representative Watt and Representative Delahunt—two colleagues who crossed the aisle to console and share a moment with their friend who was mourning a loss.

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Witnessing that moment made this young staffer proud to work for HOWARD. It taught her a lot about the importance of treating people in a humane fashion. And, indeed, HOWARD treats everyone humanely, whether it is in a meeting with constituents, a meeting with high-level officials, a meeting with celebrities, or meeting with staff members after a long day, having them come over to his office where they share a laugh for a few moments, calling staff members after a long markup and telling them that he really appreciated the work they did today.

In an interview, Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, HOWARD stated: ''I've been richly blessed with good friends up here and also back home. And I will continue to embrace those friends, even though I'm leaving.''

Well, Mr. Speaker, it is us who have been richly blessed by HOWARD. And we will continue to embrace our good friend HOWARD because he is a friend and a mentor to us all forever.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I want to give our colleague from North Carolina a moment to respond if he wishes to make any comments about the comments that we have made about him. I am not sure that I want to just yield him such time as he may consume, but my hope is that if he wishes to respond, he will take the opportunity to do so.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, as many of my colleagues know, my middle name is Brevity. If it can be said in 5 minutes, don't take 25 minutes to say it.

You all surely do know how to make an old man feel good, and I thank you for this. You have embellished many areas of my life which I have embraced as well.

But I must correct what PATRICK MCHENRY said. I do not know every mascot in North Carolina. I think Virginia has given me credit for that too.

Thanks to all of you who have taken part in this Special Order. You have made me feel very special, and for that, I thank you.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of my colleagues who have come down tonight. I did not thank them on an individual basis because I wanted to save as much time as possible for people to make the comments that they have made.

I think the fact that we have had such a bipartisan presentation here tonight supports the comments that have been made tonight. The comments that have been made, notwithstanding what our colleague said, have been extremely eloquent, and I want to thank everybody for coming down.

I want you to know that we did our best to have this event earlier this year, but we could not get on Mr. COBLE's schedule because there were so many parties going on on his behalf that we had an awful time finding a night to do it.

I don't know anybody who has more people paying him tribute than our friend HOWARD Coble. We are going to miss him tremendously and his North Carolina values of hard work, common sense, and sacrifice on behalf of those he has served.

It has been a personal joy for me to work alongside HOWARD Coble in the Congress for the last 10 years, and it really is hard to imagine how we will go on without him.

His friendship and leadership on our State delegation will be dearly missed in the coming years. But his legacy of service and devotion to our home State and all North Carolinians will continue to be a standard for current and future leaders to follow. He will always be our dean. He will always be our ''leadah.''

And, Mr. Speaker, with that, I yield back the balance of my time.

OBAMACARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to also express my love and appreciation for HOWARD COBLE. There is not a more honorable, noble, humble, able man in all of Congress, and it has been a great opportunity and a great blessing to me in my life to be a friend of HOWARD COBLE and to pray with

him, to worship with him, to study with him, to discuss with him. And I will always be grateful to the most eligible bachelor in all of Congress. I don't know who will fill that role when HOWARD COBLE is gone.

But thank you. You will be missed.

Mr. COBLE. On that note, Mr. Speaker, I am going to depart. Thank you, LOUIE.

Mr. GOHMERT. It is amazing, a man who has given so much of his life, as HOWARD COBLE has, to this institution, to working to make the country better, safer, efforts to make it more free, to help free up the economy so that it can achieve the high plateaus that it could reach if the government would release the boot from off the neck of the economy.

Whether you agreed with HOWARD COBLE or not, his honesty stands in stark contrast to what we have learned about recently with respect to the man Jonathan Gruber, who was not elected but was selected by the United States President. President Obama had gotten him basically to be what they call the architect of the ObamaCare bill.

The name on the bill was the Affordable Care Act. Actually, the real name of the bill involved being a one-time tax deduction for first-time home buyers who were veterans and for other purposes. But the Senate took that bill, they stripped out every single word of the bill that would have helped veterans, and, instead, after deleting every word of the bill to help veterans, substituted therein about 2,500 pages of something that people now call ObamaCare.

And we find out, most of us having seen the video of the ObamaCare architect, Jonathan Gruber, saying:

> This bill was written in a tortured way to make sure CBO did not score the mandate as taxes. If CBO scored the mandate as taxes, the bill dies. Okay, so it's written to do that. In terms of risk-rated subsidies, if you had a law which said that healthy people are going to pay in, you made explicit healthy people pay in and sick people get money, it would not have passed. Lack of transparency is a huge political advantage. And basically, call it the stupidity of the American voter or whatever, but basically, that was really, really critical for the thing to pass. Look, I wish Mark was right, that we could make it all transparent, but I'd rather have this law than not.

Staggering. The man who designed ObamaCare admitting that if the American public, or even the Democrats in Congress, had known what was in ObamaCare, the Democrats alone would never have passed it.

It was not transparent, as the President had promised. It was a travesty forced upon the American people without a single Republican vote, not one single Republican vote.

And I still hear people say, Well, you know, nobody read it. I read it. And I knew how bad it was going to be. It should never have passed. And if the Obama administration and our Democrat friends have been honest, then it would not have passed.

I will now yield to a very dear friend from Texas, LAMAR SMITH. I think the world of his opinion.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. If the gentleman will yield briefly, I will just say that I purposely stayed on the House floor just because I respect and admire the gentleman and what he has to say. And I happen to have agreed with everything he mentioned tonight about ObamaCare.

And let me say also that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) oftentimes speaks on the House floor. And he is speaking to an audience that is listening to us on C–SPAN. And we do appreciate his speaking the truth. We appreciate his bringing out the facts, and we hope that those who are in a position to make changes or to even repeal ObamaCare will do so. And if that occurs, it will be in large part a tribute to LOUIE GOHMERT's persistence in pointing out the flaws in ObamaCare.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. GOHMERT. I thank my friend from San Antonio.

You know, it is ironic. There are so many people here. And a lot of new people have gotten elected. Three were sworn in here tonight. And the ones I have come to know, they appreciate honesty.

And I know I was in the national media not long ago with Dennis Kucinich, and people were surprised. Well, even though you and Dennis Kucinich disagreed, you seemed very friendly, like you were friends. Dennis Kucinich and I are friends. And the big reason is—even though I think he is wrong on a lot of issues—the man has never lied to me. He has always been honest.

Honesty in this body is such an important commodity. And certainly HOWARD COBLE is one of the most honorable, honest men that have ever served. And that stands just in such stark contrast with the statements that have been discovered by the ObamaCare architect, Jonathan Gruber.

There is another story from foxnews.com. And they found this. Of course he had been commenting, Oh, well, that was just off the cuff and, you know, just kind of kidding around.

And then another videotape was found of him talking:

> Referring to the so-called ''Cadillac tax'' on high-end health plans, he said: ''They proposed it, and that passed because the American people are too stupid to understand the difference.''

The article says:

> He suggested that taxing individuals would have been politically unpalatable, but taxing the companies worked because Americans didn't understand the difference.
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> Gruber said the ''lack of transparency'' in the way the law was crafted was critical. ''Basically, call it the stupidity of the American voter or whatever, but basically that was really, really critical for the thing to pass.''

Then Gruber went on MSNBC to express regret:

> On Tuesday, he said, ''I was speaking off the cuff, and I basically spoke inappropriately, and I regret having made those comments.''

Well, it is interesting. He never says that he regrets having those opinions.

After that video, a second video came to light, where the designer, the architect of ObamaCare, called the American people stupid, too stupid to realize how bad ObamaCare was. His apology is not that he is sorry that he thought the American people were stupid or that he didn't really think they were stupid or that he is sorry there wasn't more transparency or that he is sorry that the Democrats in Congress were the only ones that voted for the bill in the House or Senate or that the American people were snookered. He makes no apologies for deceiving the American people, deceiving the Democrats in the House and the Senate into voting for a bill through their dishonest shenanigans. No regrets for that. He only regrets that he said these things so they were caught on video.

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If the man were cut out of the same cloth as a HOWARD COBLE, a man of honest candor, then he would come before the American people, and he would say, yes, I was the architect of this bill, ObamaCare. It wasn't right to trick the American people and to trick the Democrats into voting for a bill they hadn't read when some of us knew how bad it was going to be. That was wrong, and I apologize for tricking the American people, for lying to the American people, and for not having transparency.

I think real nobility would require someone who helped with ObamaCare—even the President—to say, do you know what? Back in 2008, when I was Senator Obama, I was running for President, and I promised the American people, if you give me the Presidency, we will have a debate on C–SPAN. We will do it all transparently. We will have it out there for everyone to see and everyone to hear who is taking what sides, because that is the way the health care debate should be, completely transparent.

After he became President, he puts Jonathan Gruber in charge, and we get a bill that Gruber has admitted tricked the American people and was nontransparent.

I just want to mention back again what he brought up, the Cadillac tax, when he said that the American people are too stupid to understand the difference. Actually, that Cadillac tax, it is not really going to be a Cadillac tax, but in the original bill, they were clever enough to put that 40 percent tax into place after the 2016 election, so that Democrats can run for President in 2016 and say, no, no, it is all right, it is going to be okay, when they know good and well that under the massive 40 percent tax—as if the middle class and the poor haven't been slammed enough with this terrible economy, with the lower wages, and with the part-time work, if they are fortunate

enough to find an employer who gets them any kind of decent health care plan, any amount the health care plan costs over $10,200—even if they pay for it—it is going to be 40 percent tax on all above $10,200 for an individual health insurance policy.

So if say, for example, the policy costs $15,200, $5,000 over the amount for an individual policy, then that poor, middle class, hardworking union member—because the union members will have policies that are worth more than $10,200—so that poor union member that is just already soaked to the gills with taxes, charges, and fees will pay another 40 percent tax on the $5,000 extra that is spent by his employer for that policy.

In other words, a guy that is just getting a barely decent health insurance policy is going to add another $2,000 that that middle class individual is going to have to pay to have insurance that may give him a massive, several thousand, 5,000 deductible.

I have heard from so many people. Only a few that we have heard from are paying less. Most everybody my office has heard from is paying massive amounts more for their health insurance, and some report our deductible went from $500 that we could barely afford to cover, that $500 deductible went up to 5,000, and our premiums went up.

What is affordable about ObamaCare? We can't afford it. We can't afford to pay $5,000 in health care before the insurance even kicks in, and then we still have a copay and all kinds of other requirements.

I heard one female couple that was in their sixties saying, gee, the last thing they ought to have to pay for is maternity care. Well, they are right, but under ObamaCare, it doesn't matter if you are 80 years old, you are still going to pay for maternity care if you buy insurance.

So the best we could do is return individual Americans control of their own health care back into their hands, and there are many of us, Republicans, that have had proposals for health care bills. I had a bill, and I could never get CBO to score it, and to just remind, Mr. Speaker, our Members that may be listening, it was CBO, the Congressional Budget Office, that does official scoring.

And they actually scored ObamaCare as costing over $1 trillion—$1.1 trillion, I believe—and the President was upset because he promised the American people it would actually be lower than $1 trillion. So the head of the Congressional Budget Office, Mr. Doug Elmendorf, got called over to the Oval Office, and magically, after a meeting with the President, they came back and redid their numbers and said it was actually only $800 billion. The President said, whoopee, see, I told you it was going to be less than 1 trillion.

Then after it passed, CBO came back and said, do you know what? Actually, it is going to be over 1 trillion, and then later came back and said, oh, it may be more like 1.7 or 1.8 trillion. And then we have other entities saying, no, it looks like it could be even $4 trillion it is going to cost.

As I said before and will continue to say, if the scoring entity's margin of error is plus or minus 400 percent, it is time for a new scoring entity, and I think we could do that.

I talked with Arthur Laffer about it a number of times, Reagan's chief architect of his economic proposals, and unlike Mr. Gruber, Arthur Laffer is a very honorable, honest—great sense of humor—but a brilliant man.

Despite his Ivy League education and his background, he is a brilliant guy. There are proposals that we have that would not even cost $1 trillion that would return the control back to the patient.

But Mr. Gruber has finally been caught, he said it over a year ago, but he has finally been caught admitting that the only way they got ObamaCare passed was the American people were too stupid.

What he was talking about on the Cadillac tax is he was saying that if we let the American people know that they were ultimately going to pay that 40 percent tax on everything over $10,200 for an individual policy, they would never have gone along with it.

But instead of saying that the individual is going to pay for it, we said, oh, the corporation is going to pay for it, and therefore, it won't cost the individual anything.

Well, that is about as dishonest and insane as people in the administration telling our senior citizens, oh, don't worry about the fact that ObamaCare cut Medicare by $716 billion. Don't worry about that because that only goes to the doctors, the hospitals, and the people that provide the knees and the things like that, but it won't affect you at all.

Well, I think we saw, in this election, the seniors are a lot smarter than Mr. Gruber gave them credit for. Yes, many of them were fooled when they were lied to by the administration, but now, they figured out, wait a minute, you said that $716 billion in cuts to Medicare that ObamaCare did wouldn't affect me, and now, I can't get my knee surgery, I can't get my back surgery, I can't get my pacemaker, I can't get the things I need.

Apparently, that was a lie as well. It did affect seniors. It is affecting seniors, and it will affect seniors until the day it is finally repealed.

I know there are people out there, Mr. Speaker, that have said, well, there were a couple things that were good. We ought to just leave the good things in it.

Generally, they point to two things, number one, a young person who is living at home and is under 26 years of age can share their family insurance with their parents, and that neglects to recognize the fact that when the Democrats controlled the House, they controlled the Senate, and they controlled the White House with President Obama, we offered repeatedly, look, guys, let us have a little say in this bill. In fact, why don't we just pass a freestanding bill?

And I know the Democrats said they wanted to cut off at 26 years of age, but there were a lot of us that said, look, if the economy is bad and a young person is living at home, they are 26, 27, I don't really care, if you are living at home with your parents and they have got health insurance, and you are willing to pay the little extra the insurance company charges to add another family member, then let them be on their family's insurance.

We were okay with passing that. Republicans were. We welcomed that. We were never, ever given the chance. We were told, we have the votes to pass it, we don't need your help, we don't need your input.

As a former chief justice, judge, and civil trial attorney in prior lives, I have seen a lot of insurance litigation, and I have seen cases where insurance companies acted very unfairly in canceling people's policies when it was wrong and it was unfair because they said, oh, well, you had a preexisting condition they already knew about.

Republicans offered to work with our Democratic friends that were in the majority to fashion a bill that would deal with the issue of unfairness and, at times, even fraud by an insurance company, dealing with insureds unfairly and using the gimmick of a preexisting condition claim to deny coverage. We were willing to work with them on a bill like that.

Fortunately, most insurance companies don't act like that; and, fortunately, in most situations, even those that do occasionally don't all the time and, in fact, don't most of the time.

But we were okay with the bill that would address those issues, but it should have only applied to policies that went across State lines because, otherwise, it is a State issue.

And I know in Texas we have a State insurance commissioner, commission, there are people that are watching over these issues, and it is a whole lot easier to file a complaint in your State capital, even if you are a State as big as Texas or Alaska, than it is to have to file a complaint and deal with the morass right here in Washington, D.C.

Well, on the heels of all the admissions of lies that were told to pass ObamaCare that have now come out, an article Monday by Elise Viebeck, and the title is ''HHS''—that is Health and Human Services—''lowers ObamaCare enrollment expectations.''

It says:

> Officials at the Department of Health and Human Services on Monday projected that up to 9.9 million people would be enrolled in ObamaCare in 2015, millions fewer than Congressional Budget Office estimates.
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> Federal health officials are projecting that ObamaCare enrollment will include at least 3.1 million fewer people next year than Congressional Budget analysts thought.

Well, there goes the Congressional Budget analysts once again being off in

the nature of 30 percent. That is a plus-or-minus margin of error of 30 percent. It is not really so good.

We need another vehicle for competition for scoring that would be less expensive and would be more accurate, and then the only way you could really get it accurate is if you have competition, and then you begin to score the scorers, because what CBO did in ObamaCare and what they have done on these enrollment expectations, I mean they are just outrageous.

Anyway, there are plenty of articles about the American people being too stupid according to the man who designed the ObamaCare bill. It is unfortunate that people in this administration thought that the American people were too stupid and too gullible.

Unfortunately, since there are honest people in government, the people like Mr. Gruber that were so dishonest to pass a massive bill that took away patients' health care rights and the things that would prolong their lives, the things that would make their lives more comfortable, it is just a tragedy, but there are honest people in government. Now, people will have to be even more cynical than they already were of government.

This interesting survey was done by Kellyanne Conway, this article from November 7 of this year, the survey in the article points out that a majority of respondents, 76 percent, consider laws that require voters to present a photo ID before casting a ballot to be ''mostly fair,'' and a total of 69 percent of Americans consider it ''not a burden at all.''

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Amazing.

Another point mentions, when asked, ''Do you agree or disagree that President Obama should, through executive action, allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States?'' 63 percent disagree. That is 53 percent strongly, 10 percent somewhat. Only 30 percent agree.

Another point of the survey, corruption in the Federal Government continues to be a serious concern among voters, with 92 percent now saying they consider it a serious problem. That is 92 percent of Americans consider corruption a serious problem.

Well, perhaps the fact that Mr. Gruber was getting paid and had a motivation, a pecuniary, a financial motivation for being out there selling ObamaCare as being such a great thing, and as he says now lying about it so much and obscuring the truth as much as he did, that kind of helps contribute to the 92 percent of Americans, or rather of voters, saying that they had serious concerns about corruption in Federal Government.

The survey also indicated a full 80 percent said that the Federal Government has become ''less transparent'' or ''stayed about the same'' over the past 6 years.

When asked about ballot integrity and voter fraud, 74 percent consider it a problem.

So much for those who say it isn't a problem. It is a problem.

I think because of photo IDs being used, for example in Texas this time, we had better election integrity. I know the Indiana law was upheld that required photo IDs, and Texas largely modeled their law after Indiana. It is a matter of protecting ballot integrity.

I have been over to the Department of Justice, and I find it interesting that the Attorney General who is outgoing right now requires you cannot get in to see the Attorney General unless you can produce a photo ID. Apparently, the incoming or the nominated candidate for Attorney General thinks photo IDs for elections are a problem, and it will be interesting to see if she changes the policy if she gets confirmed. The Senate needs to make a thorough investigation. They need to take their time and do it right. But we will see if this stands as a policy that photo IDs should be required to see the AGs but not to vote.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of being detained on official business with the Vice President.

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a delayed flight.

Ms. JACKSON LEE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of being detained on official business with the Vice President.

EXPENDITURES BY THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL UNDER HOUSE RESOLUTION 676

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, October 30, 2014.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to section 3(b) of H. Res. 676, I write with the following enclosure which is a statement of the aggregate amount expended on outside counsel and other experts on any civil action authorized by H. Res. 676.

Sincerely,

CANDICE S. MILLER,
Chairman,
Committee on House Administration.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT EXPENDED ON OUTSIDE COUNSEL OR OTHER EXPERTS—H. RES. 676

July 1–September 30, 2014	$0.00
Total	$0.00

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 pro tempore, Mr. WOLF, on Friday, September 19, 2014:

H.R. 594. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2600. An act to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.

H.R. 3043. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

H.R. 3716. An act to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5062. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5404. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Harris, on Thursday, September 25, 2014:

H.R. 4980. An act to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery.

H.R. 4994. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS, on Thursday, September 25, 2014, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 40. Providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 19, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval the following bills:

H.J. Res. 124. Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4751. To make technical corrections to Public Law 110–09229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4809. To reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on September 23, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 594. To amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2600. To amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.

H.R. 3043. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

H.R. 5404. To amend title 38, United states Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5062. To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3716. To ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on September 26, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 4980. To prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery.

H.R. 4994. To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on September 29, 2014, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 4323. To reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

> ''I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.''

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 113th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

DONALD W. NORCROSS, First District of New Jersey, ALMA S. ADAMS, Twelfth District of North Carolina, DAVE BRAT, Seventh District of Virginia.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7424. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Exclusion of Utility Operations-Related Swaps with Utility Special Entities from De Minimis Threshold for Swaps with Special Entities (RIN: 3038-AE19) received October 2, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7425. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program: Amendment of Procedures and Notification of Request for Referendum [Docket No.: AMS-LPS-13-0066] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7426. A letter from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Standard Requirements; Addition of Terminology to Define Veterinary Biologics Test Results [Docket No.: APHIS-2013-0034] (RIN: 0579-AD86) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7427. A letter from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Mangoes From Jamaica Into the Continental United States [Docket No.: APHIS-2013-0018] (RIN: 0579-AD80) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7428. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Expansion of Areas in the Philippines Considered Free of Mango Seed Weevil and Mango Pulp Weevil and Establishment of a Lower Irradiation Dose as Treatment for Mango Pulp Weevil [Docket No.: APHIS-2013-0057] (RIN: 0579-AD84) received October 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7429. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Sheep Industry Improvement Center [Doc. No.: AMS-LPS-14-0028] received October 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7430. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-14-0051; FV14-915-1 IR] received October 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7431. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds (RIN: 0570-AA30) received September 29, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7432. A letter from the FSA Regulatory Review Group Director, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule — Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs (RIN: 0560-AI24) received October 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7433. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Fresh Bananas From the Philippines Into Hawaii and U.S. Territories [Docket No.: APHIS-2013-0045] (RIN: 0579-AD82) received October 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7434. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Change in Accredited Laboratory Fees [Docket No.: FSIS-2014-0026] (RIN: 0583-AD) received October 14, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7435. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Organization; Institution Stockholder Voting Procedures (RIN: 3052-AC85) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7436. A letter from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's 2014 compensation program adjustments, including the Agency's current salary range structure and the performance-based merit pay matrix, in accordance with section 1206 of the Financial Institutions, Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989; to the Committee on Agriculture.

7437. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, Army Case Number 13-05; to the Committee on Appropriations.

7438. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter regarding the designation of Overseas and Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism funding; (H. Doc. No. 113—158); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7439. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the budget program revisions for the Commodity Credit Corporation for FY 2015; (H. Doc. No. 113—160); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

7440. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Rear Admiral (lower half) Brett C. Heimbigner, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7441. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report entitled, ''Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2015''; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7442. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Payment in Local Currency (Afghanistan) (DFARS Case 2013-D029) (RIN: 0750-AI14) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7443. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Period for Task and Delivery Order Contracts-Deletion of Congressional Reporting Requirement (DFARS Case 2014-D018) (RIN: 0750-AI35) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7444. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding Colonel Patrick W. Burden, United States Army, assignments as a brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7445. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Flowdown of Specialty Metals Restrictions (DFARS Case 2014-D011) (RIN: 0750-AI30) received October 15, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7446. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations; St. Louis County, Missouri, and Incorporated Areas [Docket ID: FEMA-2014-0002] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7447. A letter from the Acting Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Bradford County, PA, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2014-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8351] received October 15, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7448. A letter from the Acting Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Queen Anne's County, MD, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2014-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8353] received October 15, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7449. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards: Ground Anchor Installations [Docket No.: FR-5631-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AJ15) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7450. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Section 232 Healthcare Facility Insurance Program Aligning Operator Financial Reports with HUD's Uniform Financial Reporting Standards [Docket No.: FR-5794-I-01] (RIN: 2502-AJ25) received October 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7451. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, LRAD, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule — Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Revisions to the Supplementary Leverage Ratio [Docket ID: OCC-2014-0008] (RIN: 1557-AD81) received October 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7452. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to ICBC Financial Leasing Co., Ltd. of Beijing, China pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank of 1945 Act, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

7453. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Regulatory Capital Rules: Regulatory Capital, Revisions to the Supplementary Leverage Ratio (RIN: 3064-AE12) received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7454. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priority. Rehabilitation Training: Job-Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center [CFDA Number: 84.264A.] received October 15, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7455. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments to Excepted Benefits (RIN: 1210-AB60) received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7456. A letter from the Director, Directorate of Construction, OSHA, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Operator Certification [Docket ID: OSHA-2007-0066] (RIN: 1218-AC86) received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7457. A letter from the Acting Director, Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting the Department's final rule — Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting Requirements —— NAICS Update and Reporting Revisions [Docket No.: OSHA-2010-0019] (RIN: 1218-AC50) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

7458. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revision to the Final Principles of Integrated Resource Planning for Use in Resource Acquisition and Transmission Planning received October 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7459. A letter from the Secretaries, Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services, transmitting the Departments' report on Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents or Toxins for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, as required by the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-188; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7460. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Allegheny County's Adoption of Control Techniques Guidelines for Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing; Flexible Package Printing; and Industrial Solvent Cleaning Operations for Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0476; FRL-9917-16-Region 3] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7461. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Section 110(a)(2) Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for the 2008 Ozone and 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R03-OAR-2013-0211; EPA-R03-OAR-2013-0510; FRL-9917-17-Region 3] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7462. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources [EPA-R10-OAR-2014-0141; FRL-9917-10-Region 10] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7463. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — C9 Rich Aromatic Hydrocarbons, C10-11 Rich Aromatic Hydrocarbons, and C11-12 Rich Aromatic Hydrocarbons; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0517; FRL-9916-23] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7464. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Arizona; Pinal County and Gila County; Pb; Correction [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0266; FRL-9916-55-Region 9] received September 24, 2014 P4, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7465. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fluensulfone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0593; FRL-9914-35] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7466. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Generic Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards; and Manufacture of Amino/Phenolic Resins [EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0133; FRL-9916-90-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AR49) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7467. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Manufacturing (Import) Exemption for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) [EPA-HQ-RCRA-2013-0396; FRL-9917-21-OSWER] (RIN: 2050-AG79) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7468. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision of Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; Placer County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0538; FRL-9915-51-Region 9] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7469. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County Air Quality Department [EPA-R09-OAR-

2013-0297; FRL-9912-69-Region 9] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7470. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Thiabendazole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0268; FRL-9915-78] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7471. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Amendments to Gasoline Vapor Recovery Requirements for Illinois [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0123; FRL-9917-42-Region 5] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7472. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, and 2010 SO2 NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0969; EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0991; EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0435; FRL-9917-60-Region 5] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7473. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0888; FRL-9917-61-Region 5] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7474. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0969; FRL-9917-62-Region 5] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7475. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; State Boards' Requirements [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0629; FRL-9917-69-Region 3] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7476. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0299; FRL-9917-84-Region 3] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7477. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Stationary Source Permits [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0711; FRL-9917-81-Region 9] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7478. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Nevada; Clark County; Stationary Source Permits [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0495; FRL-9917-82-Region 9] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7479. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; California Air Resources Board —— Consumer Products [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0529; FRL-9915-53-Region 9] received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7480. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries [EPA-HQ-SFUND-2014-0474; FRL-9917-28-OSWER] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7481. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; Approval of the Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plan of the Washington, DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0148; FRL-9917-39-Region 3] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7482. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Las Vegas Valley, Nevada; Redesignation to Attainment for PM10 [EPA-R09-OAR-2013-0735; FRL-9917-23-Region 9] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7483. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Arkansas: Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program [EPA-R06-RCRA-2012-0793; FRL-9916-02-Region 6] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7484. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fluoxastrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0576; FRL-9916-28] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7485. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1977 Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0694; FRL-9917-34-Region 5] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7486. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision to the Idaho State Implementation Plan; Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: Idaho, Northern Ada County PM10 Second Ten-Year Maintenance Plan and Pinehurst PM10 Contingency Measures [EPA-R10-OAR-2013-0247; FRL-9917-38-Region 10] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7487. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2014-0460; FRL-9915-37-Region 9] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7488. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tetraacetylethylenediamine and Its Metabolite, Diacetylethylenediamine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0277; FRL-9916-44] received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7489. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Addition of Nonylphenol Category; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting [EPA-HQ-TRI-2012-0110; FRL-9915-59-OEI] (RIN: 2025-AA34) received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7490. A letter from the Deputy Chief, CGB, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Waivers of iTRS Mandatory Minimum Standards [CG Docket No.: 03-123] received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7491. A letter from the Program Analyst, Financial Operations, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2014; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013; Procedures for Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees [MD Docket No.: 14-92] [MD Docket No.: 13-140] [MD Docket No.: 12-201] received September 26, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7492. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment [PS Docket No.: 11-153] [PS Docket No.: 10-255] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7493. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications [WC Docket No.: 10-90] [WC Docket No.: 14-58] received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7494. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revisions and Technical Corrections to Conform the Commission's Regulations to the

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 [Docket No.: RM14-22-000] received September 29, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7495. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Safeguards Information — Modified Handling Categorization Change for Materials Facilities [NRC-2012-0140] (RIN: 3150-AJ18) received October 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7496. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel [NRC-2012-0246] (RIN: 3150-AJ20) received October 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7497. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-48, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7498. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-49, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7499. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-37, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7500. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-47, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7501. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-54, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7502. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-27, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7503. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 14-50, Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance, pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7504. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition and Modification of Certain Persons on the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List [Docket No.: 140609480-4770-01] (RIN: 0694-AG21) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7505. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Russian Sanctions: Addition of Persons to the Entity List and Restrictions on Certain Military End Uses and Military End Users [Docket No.: 1408114668-4758-01] (RIN: 0694-AG28) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7506. A letter from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Reinstatement of Exemptions Related to Temporary Exports, Carnets, and Shipments Under a Temporary Import Bond [Docket Number: 140821699-4699-01] (RIN: 0607-AA53) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7507. A letter from the Director, Congressional Activities, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the annual report on the use or development of data mining; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7508. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 13637, Transmittal No. 03-14 informing of an intent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of South Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7509. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act and Section 1(f) of Executive Order 13637, Transmittal No. 12-14 informing of an intent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7510. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting Pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Arms Export Control Act of Executive Order 13637, Transmittal No. 12-14 informing of an intent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of National Defense of Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7511. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for a Drawdown under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, to provide non-lethal assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7512. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for a Drawdown under section 522(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7513. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandum of justification under section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide law enforcement and related assistance to Ukraine, Tunisia, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Nigeria, Albania, and Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7514. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 14-076, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7515. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for a Drawdown under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7516. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Notification of the intention to exercise the authority under Section 552(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, to authorize the drawdown to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7517. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination of the Secretary with the intent to exercise his authority under section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7518. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment (Transmittal No. RSAT-13-3677); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7519. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7520. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment (Transmittal No. RSAT-13-3525); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7521. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7522. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c) pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7523. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7524. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7525. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was

declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7526. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of an Executive Order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006 to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2013; (H. Doc. No. 113—159); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7527. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938, as amended, is to continue in effect for 1 year beyond November 14, 2014; (H. Doc. No. 113—166); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7528. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2014; (H. Doc. No. 113—167); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7529. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect for one year beyond October 21, 2014; (H. Doc. No. 113—168); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7530. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notice authorizing the Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security to order the Selected Reserve and certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to active duty to augment the active forces in support of Operation United Assistance; (H. Doc. No. 113—169); to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed.

7531. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter regarding the U.S. Armed Forces conducting operations in a variety of locations against al-Qa'ida and associated forces; (H. Doc. No. 113—170); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7532. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter directing the deployment of up to 475 additional U.S. Armed Forces personnel to Iraq; (H. Doc. No. 113—171); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7533. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-437, ''Voter Registration Access and Modernization Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7534. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-440, ''Special Election Reform Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7535. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-439, ''Critical Infrastructure Freedom of Information Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7536. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-441, ''Business Improvement Districts Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7537. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-442, ''Extension of Time to Dispose of the Strand Theater Temporary Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7538. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-443, ''Medical Marijuana Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7539. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-425, ''Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Waiver Certification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7540. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-438, ''Workers' Compensation Statute of Limitations Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7541. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-423, ''Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7542. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-424, ''Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Support Act of 2014''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7543. A letter from the Chairperson, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, transmitting the Council's annual report entitled, ''A Progress Report to the President, Fiscal Year 2013''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7544. A letter from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Defense, transmitting three reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7545. A letter from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7546. A letter from the Human Resources Specialist, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7547. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7548. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7549. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7550. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting thirty-two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7551. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7552. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7553. A letter from the Director of Global Operations, International Broadcasting Bureau, transmitting Fiscal Year 2014 Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act submission; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7554. A letter from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — NARA Records Subject of FOIA [FDMS No.: NARA-14-0003; Agency No. NARA-2014-057] (RIN: 3095-AB73) received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7555. A letter from the Acting Chief, Government Affairs Division, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7556. A letter from the General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7557. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Flag Recognition Benefit for Fallen Federal Civilian Employees (RIN: 3206-AM58) received October 2, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7558. A letter from the Senior Associate General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7559. A letter from the Acting Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, ''Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund is Improving the Lives of District Residents but Additional Oversight Necessary''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7560. A letter from the Acting Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, ''Status Report on Implementation of District of Columbia Auditor Recommendations''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7561. A letter from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7562. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, transmitting a management advisory report — Child Care Waitlist Advisory; to the Committee on House Administration.

7563. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 as compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a Public Law 88-454; (H. Doc. No. 113—156); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

7564. A letter from the Division Chief, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees [L13100000 PP0000 l1WO310000] (RIN: 1004-AE36) received September 30, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7565. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and

Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Concession Contracts [NPS-WASO-16649; PX.XVPAD0517.00.1] (RIN: 1024-AE22) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7566. A letter from the Regulatory Liaison, Writer/Editor, ONRR, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Clarification of Appeal Procedures [Docket No.: ONRR-2011-0017; DS63610000 DR2PS0000.CH7000 145D0102R2] (RIN: 1012-AA08) received October 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7567. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations [Docket No.: 130201095-4400-02] (RIN: 0648-BC90) received August 8, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7568. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Fishery; Framework Adjustment 2 [Docket No.: 140220160-4692-02] (RIN: 0648-BD99) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7569. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 131021878-4158-02] (RIN: 0648-XD473) received September 18, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7570. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States [Docket No.: 140128077-4691-02] (RIN: 0648-BD93) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7571. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Kamchatka Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 131021878-4158-02] (RIN: 0648-XD463) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7572. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Listing Determinations on Proposal to List 66 Reef-Building Coral Species and to Reclassify Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals [Docket No.: 0911231415-4826-04] (RIN: 0648-XT12) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7573. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 105 [Docket No.: 130424402-4775-02] (RIN: 0648-BD23) received October 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7574. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 130925836-4174-02] (RIN: 0648-XD509) received October 6, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7575. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, Whale Shark Conservation Measures [Docket No.: 130722645-4769-02] (RIN: 0648-BD53) received October 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7576. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; American Fisheries Act; Amendment 106 [Docket No.: 130530519-4742-02] (RIN: 0648-BD35) received October 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7577. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2072; (H. Doc. No. 113—161); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

7578. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2072; (H. Doc. No. 113—162); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

7579. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2072; (H. Doc. No. 113—163); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

7580. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2072; (H. Doc. No. 113—164); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

7581. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendment to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2075; (H. Doc. No. 113—165); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

7582. A letter from the Chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting the Conference's final rule — Adoption of Recommendations received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7583. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition on behalf of workers employed at General Atomics, in La Jolla, California, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7584. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Annual Report to Congress on the implementation, enforcement, and prosecution of registration requirements under Section 635 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-248)(AWA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7585. A letter from the Acting Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Security Standards, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Cessation of the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee (ASIF) [Docket No.: TSA-2002-11334; Amendment No. 1511-3] (RIN: 1652-AA01) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7586. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Taylor Bayou Outfall Canal (Joint Outfall Canal), TX [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0386] received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7587. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Personal Flotation Devices Labeling and Standards [Docket No.: USCG-2013-0263] (RIN: 1625-AC02) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7588. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Riverside Music Festival, Missouri River, mile 372.0; Riverside, MO [Docket Number: USCG-2014-0700] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7589. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; International Jet Sports Boating Association World Finals; Lake Havasu City, AZ [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0610] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7590. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; San Diego Sharkfest Swim; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0695] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7591. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; 2014 Life Time Tri; Oceanside Harbor, Oceanside, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0772] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7592. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulation; Seattle Seafair Unlimited Hydroplane Race, Lake Washington, WA [Docket Number: USCG-2013-1018] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7593. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety

Zone; IncreDoubleman Triathlon, Lake Ontario, Sackets Harbor, NY [Docket Number: USCG-2014-0745] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7594. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Shipping and Transportation; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments [Docket No.: USCG-2014-0688] (RIN: 1625-ZA33) received September 25, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7595. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0794; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-157-AD; Amendment 39-17936; AD 2014-16-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7596. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0137; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-135-AD; Amendment 39-17960; AD 2014-17-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7597. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Pine Knot, KY [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0441; Airspace Docket No. 13-ASO-11] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7598. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class D and Amendment of Class E Airspace; Blackstone, VA [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0220; Airspace Docket No. 14-AEA-5] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7599. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cynthiana, KY [Docket No.: FAA-2013-1074; Airspace Docket No. 13-ASO-26] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7600. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification and Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Western United States [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0271; Airspace Docket No. 13-AWP-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7601. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Restricted Areas R-2901A, B, G, H, J, K, L, and N; Avon Park, FL [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0703; Airspace Docket No. 13-ASO-22] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7602. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Northeast, ME [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0273; Airspace Docket No. 14-ANE-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7603. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airspace Designations; Incorporation By Reference [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0450; Amendment No. 71-46] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7604. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0088; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-233-AD; Amendment 39-17703; AD 2013-25-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7605. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; APEX Aircraft Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0647; Directorate Identifier 2014-CE-027-AD; Amendment 39-17967; AD 2014-18-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7606. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of VOR Federal Airway V-298 in the Vicinity of Pasco, WA [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0369; Airspace Docket No. 14-ANM-4] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7607. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification and Revocation of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Sandusky, OH [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0274; Airspace Docket No. 13-AGL-23] (RIN: 2120-AA6) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7608. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0588; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-150-AD; Amendment 39-17963; AD 2014-17-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7609. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-1026; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-173-AD; Amendment 39-17942; AD 2014-16-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7610. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0145; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-183-AD; Amendment 39-17945; AD 2014-16-21] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7611. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0172; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-222-AD; Amendment 39-17929; AD 2014-16-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7612. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Technify Motors GmbH Reciprocating Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0179; Directorate Identifier 2014-NE-03-AD; Amendment 39-17956; AD 2014-17-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7613. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0190; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-188-AD; Amendment 39-17959; AD 2014-17-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7614. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP (Type Certificate Previously Held by Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0003; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-103-AD; Amendment 39-17922; AD 2014-15-19] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7615. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0766; Directorate Identifier 2013-NE-26-AD; Amendment 39-17961; AD 2014-17-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7616. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0978; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-120-AD; Amendment 39-17958; AD 2014-17-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7617. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Flagstaff, AZ [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0957; Airspace Docket No. 13-AWP-18] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7618. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Hulett, WY [Docket No.: FAA-2013-1016; Airspace Docket No. 13-ANM-25] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7619. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification and Revocation of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; North Central United States [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0960; Airspace Docket No. 13-AGL-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7620. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30976; Amdt. No. 515] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7621. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30973; Amdt. No. 3604] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7622. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30972; Amdt. No. 3603] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7623. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Albuquerque, NM [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0994; Airspace Docket No.: 13-ASW-29] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7624. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0423; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-176-AD; Amendment 39-17714; AD 2013-26-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7625. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0216; Directorate Identifier 2013-SW-045-AD; Amendment 39-17964; AD 2014-07-04R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7626. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0929; Directorate Identifier 2013-CE-031-AD; Amendment 39-17968; AD 2013-22-14 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7627. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0390; Directorate Identifier 2014-CE-013-AD; Amendment 39-17969; AD 2014-19-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7628. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0464; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-010-AD; Amendment 39-17974; AD 2014-16-23] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7629. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0061; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-029-AD; Amendment 39-17949; AD 2014-16-25] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7630. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rockwell Collins, Inc. Transponders [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0326; Directorate Identifier 2013-CE-051-AD; Amendment 39-17965; AD 2014-18-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7631. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0623; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-139-AD; Amendment 39-17966; AD 2014-18-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7632. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Various de Havilland Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0617; Directorate Identifier 2014-CE-019-AD; Amendment 39-17962; AD 2014-17-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7633. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0298; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-175-AD; Amendment 39-17522; AD 2013-15-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7634. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule — Emergency Relief Program [Docket No.: FTA-2013-0004] (RIN: 2132-AB13) received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7635. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airports/Locations: Special Operating Restrictions [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0458; Amendment No. 91-333] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7636. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D Airspace; Wichita, McConnell AFB, KS [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0294; Airspace Docket No. 14-ACE-2] received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7637. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30975; Amdt. No. 3606] received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7638. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 30974; Amdt. No. 3605] received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7639. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Helicopter Air Ambulance, Commercial Helicopter, and Part 91 Helicopter Operations; Clarification [Docket No.: FAA-2010-0982] (RIN: 2120-AJ53) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7640. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0144; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-232-AD; Amendment 39-17970; AD 2014-19-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7641. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class B Airspace; Washington Tri-Area, DC [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0713; Airspace Docket No. 14-AWA-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7642. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification, Revocation and Establishment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; North Central and Northeast United States [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0295; Airspace Docket No. 14-AGL-6] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7643. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0343; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-077-AD; Amendment 39-17971; AD 2014-19-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7644. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0291; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-137-AD; Amendment 39-17972; AD 2014-19-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7645. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0424; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-003-AD; Amendment 39-17976; AD 2014-20-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7646. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0672; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-058-AD; Amendment 39-17975; AD 2014-20-02] (RIN:

2120-AA64) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7647. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0792; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-118-AD; Amendment 39-17979; AD 2014-20-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7648. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Turboshaft Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0164; Directorate Identifier 2014-NE-02-AD; Amendment 39-17973; AD 2014-19-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 3, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7649. A letter from the Attorney, Office of Regulation and Enforcement, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Program Implementation Modifications [Docket No.: OST-2012-0147] (RIN: 2105-AE08) received October 15, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7650. A letter from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (RIN: 1505-AC49) received October 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7651. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters; Withdrawal [EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0596; FRL-9916-62-OW] (RIN: 2040-AF50) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7652. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting a final environmental impact report on the Sutter Basin Project in Sutter and Butte Counties, California; (H. Doc. No. 113—157); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

7653. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — NASA Protective Services Enforcement [Docket Number: 2014-0009] (RIN: 2700-AE10) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

7654. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Payment or Reimbursement for Certain Medical Expenses for Camp Lejeune Family Members (RIN: 2900-AO79) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7655. A letter from the Acting Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Claims and Appeals Forms (RIN: 2900-AO81) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7656. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hospital Care and Medical Services for Camp Lejeune Veterans (RIN: 2900-AO78) received September 22, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7657. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report on wait-time goals of the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7658. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report on the operation and status of certain federal fund accounts for the debt issuance suspension period that ended on February 15, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8348l(1); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7659. A letter from the Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule — Medicare Program; CY 2015 Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts [CMS-8056-N] (RIN: 0938-AR94) received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7660. A letter from the Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule — Medicare Program; CY 2015 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement [CMS-8057-N] (RIN: 0938-AR96) received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7661. A letter from the Chief, Border Security Regulations, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Technical Amendment to List of User Fee Airports: Addition of John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, California and Renaming of Williams Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport [CBP Dec. 14-10] received September 23, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7662. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Small Brewers Bond Reduction and Requirement to File Tax Returns, Remit Tax Payments and Submit Reports Quarterly [Docket No.: TTB-2012-0006; T.D. TTB-123; Re: Notice No. 131 and T.D. TTB-109] (RIN: 1513-AB94) received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7663. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Electronic Submission of Forms, the Finished Products Records for Distilled Spirits Plants, and Closures on Certain Distilled Spirits Products; Correction [Docket No.: TTB-2014-0004; T.D. TTB-119A; Re: T.D. TTB-119] (RIN: 1513-AB97) received October 9, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7664. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Rules Regarding Inversions and Related Transactions [Notice 2014-52] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7665. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2014-2015 Special Per Diem Rates [Notice 2014-57] received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7666. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula (Revenue Ruling 2014-25) received October 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7667. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Employee Retirement Benefit Plan Returns Required on Magnetic Media [TD 9695] (RIN: 1545-BL54) received September 29, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7668. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Amendments to Excepted Benefits [TD 9697] (RIN: 1545-BL90) received October 1, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7669. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought [Notice 2014-60] received October 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7670. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Local Lodging Expenses [TD 9696] (RIN: 1545-BH60) received October 7, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7671. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the sixteenth annual report on the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) entitled ''Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution, 2013'', pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 3204; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7672. A letter from the Acting Director, Acquisition Policy and Legislation, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Lead System Integrators [HSAR Case 2009-003] [Docket No.: DHS-2009-0006] (RIN: 1601-AA49) received September 24, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

7673. A letter from the Secretary, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled, ''Recovery Auditing in the Medicare and Medicaid Program for Fiscal Year 2013''; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

7674. A letter from the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2016, in accordance with Section 7(f) of the Railroad Retirement Act; jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2026. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt certain silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–607). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3678. A bill to

redesignate the lock and dam located in Modoc, Illinois, commonly known as the Kaskaskia Lock and Dam, as the ''Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam'', and for other purposes (Rept. 113–608). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 4854. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify when the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to prohibit the specification of a defined area, or deny or restrict the use of a defined area for specification, as a disposal site under section 404 of such Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 113–609). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 4962. A bill to designate the ''James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway'' and the ''James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway'' in the State of Minnesota, with amendments (Rept. 113–610). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5146. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the ''Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse'' (Rept. 113–611). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5266. A bill to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–612). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House of the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 5448. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Rept. 113–613). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House of the state of the Union.

Mr. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 647. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–614, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House of the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3326. A bill to provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest; with an amendment (Rept. 113–615). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House of the state of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4846. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113–616). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House of the state of the Union.

Mr. SESSIONS: House Committee on Rules. House Resolution 748. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5682) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline (Rept. 113–617). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5167. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; with an amendment (Rept. 113–618). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4012. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (Rept. 113–619). 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 Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 647 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. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. HOLDING):

H.R. 5681. A bill to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

H.R. 5682. A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources, 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. DESANTIS (for himself and Mr. CICILLINE):

H.R. 5683. A bill to ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal Government actions by amending the prohibition on the exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Court of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5684. A bill to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey certain property from the United States to the County of Marin, California; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MCCAUL (for himself and Mr. ROYCE):

H.R. 5685. A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require congressional notification not less than 15 days after a reward is authorized under the Rewards for Justice Program of the Department of State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CULBERSON (for himself and Mr. O'ROURKE):

H.R. 5686. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HAHN (for herself, Ms. BASS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BERA of California, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. CHU, Mr. COOK, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DENHAM, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS of California, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. WAXMAN):

H.R. 5687. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the ''Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office''; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. MARCHANT):

H.R. 5688. A bill to impose special limitations on the issuance of visas to, and the admission into the United States of, aliens having certain associations with countries with widespread and intense transmissions of Ebola Virus Disease; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 5689. A bill to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5690. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit tax-exempt status to professional sports leagues that promote the use of the term redskins; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 5691. A bill to release wilderness study areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Luna and Hidalgo Counties, New Mexico that are not suitable for wilderness designation from continued management as de facto wilderness areas; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 5692. A bill to restrict passports for travel to or use in certain countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 5693. A bill to prohibit the issuance of visas to, and the admission into the United States of, an alien during the 30-day period following the presence of the alien in Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROSS (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 5694. A bill to prohibit certain flights from landing in the United States and to prohibit the issuance of certain visas to protect the United States from the Ebola virus disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary, 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. VARGAS (for himself and Mr. PETERS of California):

H.R. 5695. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, include foreign terrorist organizations as enemies of the United States for purposes of treason, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. GABBARD):

H. Res. 749. A resolution congratulating and honoring Kailash Satyarthi, recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. GABBARD, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida):

H. Res. 750. A resolution congratulating and honoring Malala Yousafzai, recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. CHU, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. HONDA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. MOORE, and Ms. SPEIER):

H. Res. 751. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the Chinese railroad workers from 1865 to 1869, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. O'ROURKE:

H. Res. 752. A resolution congratulating Marcel Closset, a French citizen and former member of the French Resistance who was instrumental in saving a United States Army Air Corps pilot during World War II, for receiving the French Legion of Honor; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. ROYCE:

H.R. 5681.

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. 5682.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DESANTIS:

H.R. 5683.

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

The constitutional authority on which this legislation is based is found in article I, section 8, clause 9; article III, section 1, clause 1; and article III, section 2, clause 2, of the Constitution, which grant Congress authority over federal courts.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5684.

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

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2: The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States.

By Mr. MCCAUL:

H.R. 5685.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CULBERSON:

H.R. 5686.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States of America.

By Ms. HAHN:

H.R. 5687.

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

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 5688.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4

The Congress shall have Power . . . To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 5689.

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

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5690.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 5691.

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

Article 4, Section 3, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the power to enact this law.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 5692.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 3 and 18

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 5693.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4

By Mr. ROSS:

H.R. 5694.

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

Article I, Sec. 8, Clause 3

By Mr. VARGAS:

H.R. 5695.

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

(1) To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the U.S. Constitution;

(2) To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution;

(3) To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution;

(4) To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 10 of the U.S. Constitution; and

(5) Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court. The Congress shall have power to declare the punishment of treason, but no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture except during the life of the person attainted, as enumerated in Article III, Section III of the U.S. Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 20: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 36: Mr. HARPER.

H.R. 183: Mr. GIBSON.

H.R. 223: Mr. ISRAEL.

H.R. 366: Mr. GRAYSON.

H.R. 401: Mr. YOUNG of Indiana.

H.R. 411: Mr. ENYART, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. MASSIE, and Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 460: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK and Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 477: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.

H.R. 482: Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 543: Mr. SABLAN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. LUETKEMEYER.

H.R. 630: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 649: Ms. HAHN.

H.R. 708: Mr. CLEAVER and Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 713: Mr. POMPEO.

H.R. 721: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 728: Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 741: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa.

H.R. 792: Mr. RENACCI and Mr. DENT.

H.R. 997: Mr. MULLIN.

H.R. 1015: Mr. NEAL, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.

H.R. 1030: Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 1070: Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. COOK, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HANNA, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. JOYCE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 1094: Mr. DENT and Mr. PIERLUISI.

H.R. 1146: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1240: Mr. RUSH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Ms. DUCKWORTH.

H.R. 1274: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 1284: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. JONES.

H.R. 1318: Mr. YOHO.

H.R. 1365: Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 1428: Mr. RICHMOND.
H.R. 1461: Mr. JORDAN.
H.R. 1505: Mr. CLAWSON of Florida.
H.R. 1507: Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 1518: Mr. HUELSKAMP.
H, R. 1527: Mr. STIVERS.
H.R. 1563: Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. NEAL, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HOLT, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. COLE, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MCALLISTER, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 1601: Ms. MATSUI and Ms. BASS.
H.R. 1653: Mr. CAPUANO.
H.R. 1699: Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD.
H.R. 1725: Ms. MATSUI.
H.R. 1750: Mr. MESSER and Mr. YOHO.
H.R. 1751: Mr. ISRAEL.
H.R. 1761: Ms. BROWN of Florida and Mr. LYNCH.
H.R. 1783: Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 1812: Ms. BASS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, and Mr. VARGAS.
H.R. 1821: Ms. KAPTUR.
H.R. 1837: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 1861: Ms. SINEMA.
H.R. 1882: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.
H.R. 1921: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 1936: Mr. O'ROURKE.
H.R. 1941: Mr. WAXMAN and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.
H.R. 1953: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
H.R. 1981: Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. HONDA.
H.R. 1998: Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. FOSTER, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 2012: Mr. LYNCH.
H.R. 2101: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 2130: Ms. MOORE.
H.R. 2139: Mr. TIBERI and Mr. RENACCI.
H.R. 2224: Mr. CUMMINGS.
H.R. 2282: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 2302: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. CLAWSON of Florida.
H.R. 2350: Mr. SCHIFF.
H.R. 2366: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee.
H.R. 2384: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KUSTER, and Mr. SCHIFF.
H.R. 2415: Mr. RYAN of Ohio.
H.R. 2450: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 2499: Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 2523: Mr. JEFFRIES and Mr. NEAL.
H.R. 2591: Ms. SCHWARTZ and Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 2676: Mr. HOLT.
H.R. 2686: Mr. MEEHAN.
H.R. 2694: Mr. BARR.
H.R. 2697: Mr. CUMMINGS and Mr. ELLISON.
H.R. 2743: Mr. COLLINS of New York.
H.R. 2758: Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 2852: Ms. MATSUI.
H.R. 2856: Ms. MATSUI, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. VELA, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. WAXMAN, and Ms. DUCKWORTH.
H.R. 2989: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3050: Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 3090: Mr. PERLMUTTER and Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 3116: Mr. KENNEDY.
H.R. 3118: Mr. KEATING.
H.R. 3142: Mr. VEASEY.
H.R. 3150: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3229: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.
H.R. 3297: Mr. RANGEL.
H.R. 3305: Mr. LOWENTHAL.
H.R. 3400: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 3434: Mr. MCKINLEY.
H.R. 3453: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 3461: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.
H.R. 3465: Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3471: Mr. VISCLOSKY.
H.R. 3489: Mr. ROKITA and Mr. HANNA.
H.R. 3490: Mr. ELLISON.
H.R. 3513: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 3531: Mr. ROKITA.
H.R. 3556: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 3680: Mr. DOGGETT AND Mr. GARAMENDI.
H.R. 3698: Mr. DOYLE AND Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 3708: Mr. GERLACH, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. TURNER.
H.R. 3717: Mr. JONES.
H.R. 3722: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 3740: Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 3742: Mr. RUSH, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. ROGERS of Michigan.
H.R. 3833: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 3877: Mr. CICILLINE.
H.R. 3899: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 3902: Mr. WELCH, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HANNA, and Mr. TIERNEY.
H.R. 3992: Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. MCDERMOTT.
H.R. 4008: Mr. STOCKMAN.
H.R. 4012: Mr. ADERHOLT.
H.R. 4060: Mr. MESSER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, and Mr. YOHO.
H.R. 4128: Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 4136: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 4144: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 4169: Ms. PINGREE of Maine.
H.R. 4190: Ms. LEE of California, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. CHU, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. O'ROURKE.
H.R. 4202: Mr. ELLISON.
H.R. 4208: Mr. HECK of Washington.
H.R. 4217: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 4223: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 4249: Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 4305: Mr. SERRANO.
H.R. 4351: Mr. RUIZ, Mr. HANNA, Mr. DENT, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. SARBANES.
H.R. 4437: Mr. HANNA.
H.R. 4445: Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 4446: Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. ESTY, and Mr. OLSON.
H.R. 4475: Mr. SALMON.
H.R. 4510: Mr. NEUGEBAUER and Mr. ELLISON.
H.R. 4517: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 4521: Mr. BARROW of Georgia.
H.R. 4543: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 4577: Ms. CHU, Mr. FARR, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CRAMER, AND Mr. JOYCE.
H.R. 4578: Mr. HANNA.
H.R. 4580: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California and Mr. COOPER.
H.R. 4582: Mr. LARSEN of Washington and Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 4592: Mr. COFFMAN.
H.R. 4616: Mr. LAMBORN and Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 4664: Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 4679: Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, and Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 4717: Mr. HULTGREN.
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H.R. 4755: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.
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H.R. 4847: Mr. RANGEL.
H.R. 4858: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. HONDA, and Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 4878: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.
H.R. 4887: Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD and Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 4920: Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. LANCE, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. MASSIE, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, and Mr. BYRNE.
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H.R. 4969: Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. JOYCE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. STEWART, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. HIMES.
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H.R. 5012: Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 5024: Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. CONYERS, and Mrs. BEATTY.
H.R. 5052: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 5059: Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GRAYSON, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KLINE, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. JONES, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.
H.R. 5065: Ms. TSONGAS.
H.R. 5069: Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas.
H.R. 5083: Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. JOYCE, and Mr. BYRNE.
H.R. 5087: Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 5095: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 5098: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska and Mr. COOK.
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H.R. 5130: Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. ESTY, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. YARMUTH.
H.R. 5136: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. FOSTER, and Ms. BONAMICI.
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H.R. 5159: Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 5186: Mr. GRIJALVA and Mr. POLLS.
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H.R. 5353: Mr. O'ROURKE and Ms. LEE of California.
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H.R. 5367: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 5382: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5391: Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JONES, Mrs. BACHMANN, Ms. BORDALLO and Mr. LANCE.

H.R. 5403: Mr. LATTA, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. GRAYSON, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. PERRY, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. JOLLY, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. ESTY, Mr. COBLE, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mrs. ELLMERS, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. COOPER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KILMER, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FINCHER, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. MULVANEY, and Mr. BARLETTA.

H.R. 5417: Mr. JONES, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. STOCKMAN, and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

H.R. 5430: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 5441: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. STEWART, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. BARBER, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mrs. LUMMIS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. FOSTER.

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H.R. 5447: Mr. STOCKMAN and Mr. MEADOWS.

H.R. 5469: Mr. WALZ.

H.R. 5474: Mr. PETRI.

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H.R. 5485: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

H.R. 5486: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. SLAUGHTER.

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H.R. 5503: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 5505: Mr. COFFMAN and Mr. NUNNELEE.

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H.R. 5517: Mr. NADLER, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.

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H.R. 5525: Mr. PETERS of California.

H.R. 5533: Ms. BASS.

H.R. 5539: Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 5548: Mr. HIGGINS and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.

H.R. 5555: Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. FLORES.

H.R. 5556: Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

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H.R. 5599: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.

H.R. 5623: Mr. RANGEL and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 5644: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DENT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HANNA, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. TERRY, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. O'ROURKE, and Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 5650: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 5655: Mr. NEAL, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 5656: Mr. FORTENBERRY.

H.R. 5661: Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 5673: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. FARENTHOLD.

H.J. Res. 16: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

H.J. Res. 24: Mr. POLIS.

H.J. Res. 44: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.J. Res. 47: Mr. LATTA.

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H.J. Res. 119: Mr. WALZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, and Ms. MENG.

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H. Con. Res. 52: Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. MATHESON.

H. Con. Res. 91: Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MCDERMOTT.

H. Con. Res. 114: Mr. FARR, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. TAKANO.

H. Res. 109: Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California.

H. Res. 284: Mr. THORNBERRY.

H. Res. 428: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. ELLISON.

H. Res. 456: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H. Res. 477: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H. Res. 536: Mr. TERRY.

H. Res. 620: Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. STEWART, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. GIBSON, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. YOHO, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HARPER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PITTENGER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. DAINES, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. WOMACK, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. ROSS, Mr. JORDAN, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. SHIMKUS and Mr. MURPHY of Florida.

H. Res. 688: Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. OWENS, Mr. STEWART, Mr. COBLE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. ROONEY, and Ms. ESHOO.

H. Res. 728: Mr. BARBER, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. MOORE, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. TIPTON, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, and Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H. Res. 730: Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WALZ, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. WELCH.

H. Res. 735: Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. HULTGREN, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. LYNCH.

H. Res. 743: Mr. BARBER.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF WASHINGTON

The provisions of H.R. 5682, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of House rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. SHUSTER

H.R. 5682 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. UPTON

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce in H.R. 5682 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our hope for the years to come, as we prepare to turn to a new chapter in U.S. Senate history, we pause to acknowledge that You are our light and salvation. Lord, You are the strength of our lives, enabling us to move confidently toward the future.

Empower our lawmakers who are coming and going, sustaining them in all of their tomorrows. Bless also the many other laborers who will be leaving us, who faithfully served without fanfare. Lord, reward their fidelity with Heaven's commendation. As our Senators seek to respond to the voices of the American people, may they make it their top priority to listen to Your whisper. May pleasing You be their greatest desire. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

MARKETPLACE AND INTERNET TAX FAIRNESS ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 467, S. 2609, the Marketplace Fairness Act.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 467, S. 2609, a bill to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws, and for other purposes.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 this evening. During that time, Senators will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

At 5:30 p.m. the Senate will proceed to cloture votes on the nominations of Randolph Moss and Leigh Martin May; one is from the District of Columbia and the other is from the State of Georgia.

WORKING TOGETHER

Mr. President, I have always believed it wise to follow Will Rogers' admonition: ''Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.''

We have a lot of work to do and no time to dwell on the past. With just a few weeks left in this Congress—the 113th—there are a number of important legislative matters before this body that must be finished.

I congratulate the Republican leader who will soon become the new majority leader. The senior Senator from Kentucky and I have known one another for a very long period of time. We have been whips together. He was minority leader. I was minority leader and majority leader. We have been back and forth, so we understand these jobs. I appreciate his devotion to the State of Kentucky, to our country, and to the Senate. He knows I hold him in the highest regard. I am ready to work with him in good faith to make this institution function again for the American people.

I saw firsthand how a strategy of obstruction was debilitating to our system. I have no desire to engage in that manner. I have been, as I mentioned before, and I mention again, the minority leader. I have been able to strike compromises with my Republican colleagues, and I am ready to do it again.

Regardless of how one may interpret last week's election results, it is clear the American people want us to join together to get things done for the middle class and all Americans, and we should be able to do that. After all, helping working families is not a partisan issue. Just last week we saw four very red States—Alaska, Arkansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota—vote to increase their minimum wages. Clearly, Republicans outside this building don't object to giving American workers a livable wage.

The minimum wage is just one example. There are other issues such as student debt relief for borrowers, pay equity for women, and a number of other issues that need to be addressed as well. There is absolutely no reason we can't work together on these issues and all issues so Democrats and Republicans can lend Americans the helping hand they so desperately need.

Although the desks in this great Chamber may move around and change, our duty to help working American families never will. Senate Democrats are ready to work in good faith with their Republican counterparts—whether it is today, tomorrow, January, no matter when it is—to help the middle class, and when we do that, we help all of our citizenry.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

LISTEN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, last week the American people sent a

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strong message to Washington. They voted for a new direction. They called for a change in the way we do things in the Senate, and they sent a new team to Washington to carry their wishes forward, and we plan to do just that.

But several items remain for the outgoing Congress to consider and that is our immediate focus.

In the weeks that remain in this Congress, we should work to accomplish the essential task of funding the Congress and preventing retroactive tax increases. We must address the expiring authority passed earlier this session for the Department of Defense to train and equip a moderate, vetted Syrian opposition, and we must continue to support the efforts to address the Ebola crisis.

All of this will require cooperation from both sides of the aisle, from both sides of the rotunda, and from both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. The actions of the next few weeks can help set a positive tone for the work of the next Congress. It is a tone that will depend largely on the administration's willingness to respect the message sent last Tuesday.

That is one of the things we discussed at the White House on Friday. It was a productive meeting. There is a lot both parties can accomplish together over the next couple of years. I hope that happens. In fact, I am optimistic. But working together requires trust.

I think President Obama has the duty to help build the trust we all need to move forward together—not to double down in the old ways of doing business. That is why I think moving forward with the unilateral action on immigration he has planned would be a big mistake, as was last night's announcement to essentially give China a free pass on emissions while hurting middle-class families and struggling miners here in our country.

Last Friday, the President said the American people would like to see more cooperation in Washington. He said he thinks all of us have a responsibility—himself in particular—to try and make that happen. That is the kind of tone the American people are looking for. Now it is on folks in Washington to calibrate their actions accordingly. So let's not do things to hurt the possibility of a cooperative partnership. Let's step back and focus on what can be accomplished together. Let's listen to the American people.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY). The assistant minority leader.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, what happened on November 4 was the beginning of an opportunity—an opportunity we have to work together to restore faith in our Democratic institutions, to restore strong growth to our economy, and to restore a sense of purpose and principle to U.S. foreign policy.

Starting with the incoming majority leader, my good friend, the senior Senator from Kentucky, Republicans have been entrusted by our fellow citizens to lead this Chamber next year. We understand the American people sent a strong message on November 4 that they were enormously frustrated by what they saw as dysfunction and the state of affairs in Washington, DC. We understand why they are eager for new leadership and a new direction. My party, the Republican Party, approaches this opportunity with humility and, above all, a clear-eyed commitment to address the top priorities of the American people. Of course, those priorities start with jobs and the economy.

I know the unemployment rate has continued to tick down little by little, but it is fairly misleading when we consider the fact that we are stuck with a 36-year low in the labor participation rate—the percentage of people who are actually looking for work. Indeed, there are still more than 7 million people looking for full-time work and working currently in part-time jobs. We know many people have become so discouraged that they have simply given up and they have quit looking, and that is a tragedy.

Then there is this problem: America's median household income is no higher in 2013 than it was nearly a quarter of a century ago, in 1989. That has been a silent tragedy—one that has been sustained by the middle class in America, who have seen no growth in their median household income for about a quarter of a century.

The median income was lower last year than it was the year President Reagan left the White House. That is simply astonishing. It has crushed the middle class. Addressing that should be one of our highest priorities in the new Congress starting in January.

Since 2011, our colleagues in the House of Representatives have been passing legislation they feel would boost job creation and increase wages. In the 113th Congress alone, they passed dozens of jobs bills. Unfortunately, as we know, those have not been taken up by the majority leader in the Senate, and they have been effectively declared dead on arrival.

Then we also know this strategy of blocking amendments on pending legislation to prevent vulnerable incumbents from being forced to cast tough votes has backfired, because many of our colleagues in the majority have not been able to point to a legislative record of effectiveness for their own constituents because of this flawed strategy of blocking the Senate from considering amendments and voting on them. It is one thing to be in the minority and have the amendments or suggestions I am offering added, but it is harder to explain to your own constituents if you are in the majority and you are being blocked out too. So I hope we are done with that.

I know the incoming majority leader, Senator MCCONNELL, believes strongly in returning the Senate to its traditions as the world's greatest deliberative body, where anyone, regardless of who they are or which political party they are affiliated with, can come to the Senate floor and offer constructive suggestions and get a vote. That is what we do—at least that is what we used to do, and that is what we can do again, and that doesn't mean just the majority party gets votes on their amendments; that means the minority party will get votes on their amendments. Hopefully, slowly but surely, we can begin to rebuild not only trust and confidence within ourselves and this institution, but regain the lost trust of the American people by showing that we can effectively solve problems on a bipartisan basis to the challenges they face as members of the hard-working middle class.

Then there is the basic job of governing. We will pass a budget next year—something our friends across the aisle have failed to do since 2009. Now, here is something I do not think anybody will excuse or defend: How in the world can it be that when every small and large business in America has to have a budget, when families have to have a budget so they can determine their priorities and how they can most effectively utilize their income, that they have to pass a budget but the U.S. Congress does not? That is, frankly, malpractice, in my view, and it has to end, and it will end next year.

I know Republicans and Democrats will continue to have policy disagreements. Nobody is suggesting that is not going to happen. But this is the place where those get debated, where they get voted on, and where majorities will actually pass legislation and send it to President Obama. And those will be largely, if not almost entirely bipartisan majorities, of course, by definition.

We know Democrats by and large continue to support the Affordable Care Act and Republicans continue to believe it was a mistake and should be replaced with patient-centered alternatives. But we do not have to choose between complete paralysis and actually functioning. Dysfunction is not the only choice we have, and now that that has been rejected by the voters resoundingly, we know a change is in order. The American people have demanded it, they deserve it, and they will get it.

So last week's election will not change some of the fundamental policy differences we have between political parties on ObamaCare, on what we need to do to preserve and protect Social Security and Medicare and the like, and it will not change people's points of view on other hot-button issues, but it will give us a chance to make some steady incremental progress on issues where we do agree.

When I came to the Senate, Teddy Kennedy, the liberal lion from Massachusetts, had been here about 40 years, and he was working on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee with MIKE ENZI, a conservative Republican from Wyoming.

One day I went up to MIKE ENZI and I said: Well, how is it that you and Senator Kennedy, with such diametrically opposing views on what the Congress ought to do and how to solve these problems, can actually work productively together?

Senator ENZI said: That is easy. It is the 80–20 rule. The 80 percent we can agree on, we do. The 20 percent we cannot, we don't; we put off for another day.

That strikes me as eminently practical and a way for us to begin to get back to work again.

When I talk about the easy stuff we can do, I am referring to the bipartisan majority that supports things such as the Keystone XL Pipeline authorization, increasing our natural gas exports not only for the job creation and economic boost it gives us here in America but also because it changes the geopolitics of the world, where people such as Vladimir Putin cannot put a bootheel on the gas supply to Europe or Ukraine and use that for their own purposes.

I am confident we can find commonsense safeguards from an overreaching Federal bureaucracy. We can agree on things such as improving workforce training programs and do things that make it much easier to launch new infrastructure and construction projects. We can do things we should have done last year or this year, such as reforming our broken patent system to discourage abusive and costly litigation. We actually had a bipartisan bill in the Judiciary Committee, but it did not come to the floor because the majority leader would not bring it up because one of his constituencies simply objected to it. Well, no one should have a trump card when it comes to good, bipartisan legislation, and they will not next year. We will vote on patent reform.

Then there are things such as mitigating some of the burdens of ObamaCare, restoring the 40-hour workweek, and repealing the medical device tax, and there is strong bipartisan support for repealing that tax which has driven medical device manufacturers and their jobs overseas. I have constituents, for example, in Dallas in that business, and they say they are building their business in Costa Rica because of the impact of this medical device tax and its negative impact on medical innovation and job creation here.

I do know there is bipartisan support for abolishing the Independent Payment Advisory Board under Medicare. This is 15 bureaucrats who basically get to decide who gets medical care and who does not, with no real appeal or recourse. In the Judiciary Committee, on which I serve, we have had very impressive bipartisan support for things such as prison reform and even sentencing reform.

Those are important issues of substance the Senate ought to be discussing, debating, voting on, and trying to find ways we can work together to achieve solutions. Each of the things I have mentioned has bipartisan support. If we can pass these measures with strong support on both sides of the aisle and send them to the President for his signature, it will be much easier to establish the trust and cooperation necessary to do the harder stuff. So starting with the easy stuff we have already identified that has bipartisan support—demonstrating we can actually do that—then I think we will have confidence in ourselves, and the American people will have confidence in us and their government to begin to tackle some of the more challenging issues.

Senator MCCONNELL, the Republican leader, mentioned this, but it bears repeating: that the President is still threatening to go around Congress and use an Executive order to implement a new, radical change in our Federal Government's immigration policy, and I think it is a terrible mistake.

At this same luncheon that the Senator from Kentucky mentioned, a number of us went down the line and said: Mr. President, please don't do this because if you do, it will make it even harder for us to take a step-by-step approach to immigration reform that enjoys bipartisan support. It will poison the well—not to mention the fact that what the President is proposing to do is unlawful and it will also make it harder for us to do the other things I have mentioned already that have bipartisan support. It will poison the well.

Why in the world would the President want to do that at the start of a new Congress in the last 2 years of his term in office? Don't you think he would want to have some legacy that he could point to in those last 2 years, saying: Well, I might have been dealt a tough political hand with Republican majorities in the House and the Senate, but we were actually able to be productive.

I think that is why most Senators have come here—to be productive.

So I would urge the President, as others have done, in the very strongest of terms to abandon his plan for this Executive amnesty and to heed the message—the very clear message—voters sent last Tuesday. After a 6-year experiment in unfettered liberalism and big-government policies, the American people are asking for a new direction. I am not under any illusion that all of a sudden they have fallen in love with my side of the aisle. That is not true. But what they are willing to do is put us on probation and give us all a chance to demonstrate that we can change our course, we can listen to the American people, and we can do things together that they want to see us do.

My constituents—6.5 million Texans—are sick and tired of watching the Federal Government waste their money, selectively enforce the law, and try to micromanage their lives as if the Federal Government knows better than they do what is good for them and their families. It is not true, and they know it, but that has not stopped the efforts over the last 6 years.

What my constituents want, I believe—and I believe it because they have told me this—they want leaders who will respond to their practical day-to-day concerns, leaders who appreciate and will address the biggest threats to the American dream, leaders who will uphold the timeless principles of our Constitution.

I believe there is a nascent, bipartisan, emerging consensus here that we can actually do this. This is not too hard for us to do. Yes, I have read what some of the pundits have said. They said it is going to be even worse with Republicans in charge. Well, it better not be worse or there will be a heavy price to pay, and most of that will be paid by the American people, who will not be well-served if we simply refuse to change and if we refuse to listen. And that goes for the President, that goes for Republicans, and that goes for Democrats.

So for my part and I believe for our part on this side of the aisle, we are eager to work together to solve our country's problems, to help unleash this great American job-creating engine known as our economy, and to restore the rule of law and constitutional government. As for President Obama, we can only hope he decides to work with us rather than against us and against the best intentions and desires of the American people.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to speak for up to 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is recognized.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I was hoping to catch the Senator before he left the floor because I wanted to ask him—and I am not sure he is going to slip back in here, but I was going to ask him if he thought maybe—because I agree with him that that new approach to bipartisanship could start today. I do not think we have to necessarily wait until January. There are some of us who have been ready, who have worked in a bipartisan way, literally for years, getting very important things done for our Nation. I am

sorry the Senator slipped away. I am sure he has some other pressing business. I wanted to ask him—and I absolutely agree with him on the priorities he just laid out. I think he just said the American people want us to act and to act together in their interests.

I think I heard him say that on the top of his list, what he is particularly anxious to work on is the Keystone XL Pipeline, the expedited export of natural gas. I think he said it was important for jobs in America, helping to strengthen the middle class, sending a very positive signal to them that we heard them in this election; that he was troubled about the falling median household income and wants to do something to raise it. And I think I heard him say he was concerned or that he was—how shall I say it?—he was thinking that some of these things would really push Putin back on his heels. I have been one of the ones sanctioned by President Putin, and there are a few others who are on that list, so I have been of that mind for a while.

I think he also referred to Ted Kennedy, one of our dear friends who mentored many of us—not just Democrats but Republicans as well—with his straightforwardness, his honesty, his passion, his capacity for extraordinary work, and his willingness to work across party lines. As the Senator from Texas pointed out, there was a great partnership between Senator Kennedy and Senator ENZI, and he talked about the 80–20 rule; let's agree on 80 percent. ''We might not agree on everything, but let's move forward'' I think were his words on the 80 percent on which we do agree.

So I want to come to the floor today to ask Senator CORNYN from Texas particularly and Senator MCCONNELL and Senator REID and others if they will join me in moving forward on the Keystone XL Pipeline.

This has been a project that has lingered far too long. It is clearly supported by 60 or more Members of this body. It is a piece of legislation that has been endorsed by the new to-be majority leader, as a cosponsor and a leading cosponsor of the legislation.

There are a significant number of Democrats on that legislation. I believe with a significant push in the next few hours we could actually get the votes we need to pass the Keystone Pipeline. In an hour or so, at the request of the minority, I am going to wait for about an hour and then I am going to propose a unanimous consent to do exactly that—to set up 2 hours of debate tonight after the vote and then have a vote on the Keystone Pipeline tomorrow. I believe it is the time to act.

I believe we should take the new majority leader at his word and stop blocking legislation that is broadly supported by the American public and has been for quite some time. I want to say yes to the new majority leader MITCH MCCONNELL. The time to start is now. The public has clearly spoken. I believe we can move forward on several important pieces of legislation.

Senator REID mentioned the Marketplace Fairness Act. That is another very important piece of legislation that I believe needs to be moved through. With a little push right now, it could get done. It would be a significant boost to businesses and retail that are being hurt every day by our inaction. My comments are going to be about the Keystone Pipeline because I am chair of the energy committee for the Senate. I am going to do everything in my power, here and at home on the campaign trail where I am still in a runoff, as you know, to get this project moving forward.

One of the extraordinary facts about the Keystone Pipeline is not what it is. I am going to talk about that in a minute and what it does. One of the most extraordinary pieces of argument for why we should pass it is the unprecedented coalition that supports it. There are other bills that have a longer list of supporters. There are bills that have pages and pages of lists. This particular bill has a relatively short list of organizations, but they are extremely powerful and diverse, which makes it compelling and I think it makes us—or should make us—want to understand and respond to this coalition.

I am going to read their names. I have some time to do this before I call for unanimous consent to pass the original Hoeven-Landrieu Keystone bill, which is a stand-alone Keystone bill as originally introduced with 45 Republican cosponsors. Every Member of the Republican caucus is already a cosponsor of this bill, and we have on that bill about 12 Democratic cosponsors. I am confident we have the additional votes necessary to pass it.

The American Chemistry Council, the American Concrete Pipe Association, the American Exploration and Production Council, the American Highway Users Alliance, the American Petroleum Institute, the American Road & Transportation Builders, American Truckers Association, Associated General Contractors of America, Association of Oil Pipelines, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Distribution Contractors Association, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Industrial Minerals Association of North America, Institute for 21st Century Energy, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Laborers International Union of North America.

Let me stop there and make a point. Many bills passed here or attempted to pass here either have a list of all business organizations or all labor organizations or all environmental organizations or all highway contractors.

This bill has such an extraordinary, diverse group of some of the strongest business leaders in the country. I want to underscore to my Democratic colleagues who are supporting this piece of legislation, tremendous support from labor unions because labor unions, like business leaders, want jobs. They want profits. They want success. They want more investment in business, creating good middle-class jobs. The difference between the oil and gas industry, which I have been pleased to be a strong advocate for in many different facets, is that industry does produce the kinds of jobs Americans truly want, not minimum wage jobs, not just slightly above minimum wage but jobs that in my State—the Senator knows this because he is well aware of this—start at $60,000, $70,000, $85,000 for a young man or a young woman coming out of high school or trade school, let alone college.

These are very important jobs. That is why labor unions are represented here. Along with Portland Cement Association, the plastics industry, the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, the Business Roundtable, American Supply Association, American Iron and Steel Institute, National Association of Manufacturers, National Electrical Contractors Association, National Roofing Contractors.

Why would roofing contractors be supporting the Keystone Pipeline? There are no roofs on a pipelines, but there are thousands of roofs over workers needed to build a pipeline. All along the route of this pipeline will be increases in populations of housing, industrial sites, retail, residential, supporting over 40,000 workers to build this pipeline. The North American Die Casting Association, the National Utility Contractors—again, associated businesses—the U.S. Oil & Gas Association and, finally, Steel Manufacturers Association and Western Alliance.

This is an extraordinary coalition that has come together to support the Hoeven-Landrieu bill. The bill I am going to call up in a few minutes for unanimous consent to pass because I believe what the new majority leader has said. I believe what Senator CORNYN has just said. I believe what the current majority leader said, soon to be minority leader in the next Congress, that we need to work together and that we can work together, and we need to begin to do that today—not tomorrow, not in January, not in February, not in March, not around the corner, not next week but today. That would send the most positive signal. I am not asking to have unanimous consent on 10 bills that are controversial. I am not asking us to do the impossible. I am not asking us to do something that just came up last week. I am asking us to move forward on a bill that has labor support, business support, general contractor support, and most importantly the American people. The latest polls on the Keystone Pipeline, not just in my state—I see my colleague from West Virginia—and not just in West Virginia but polls in this country from California to New York, to Michigan, to Pennsylvania, to Ohio,

to Florida, and to Texas. Overwhelmingly Democrats, Republicans—not everyone—but there is overwhelming support to build the Keystone Pipeline because Americans want jobs. American families deserve good-paying jobs. In addition, Americans are tired of bowing to Mideast powers or to Russian dictators about what our future is going to be. Americans are proud. We want to stand proud. We believe the Keystone Pipeline is an important first step. It is a signal. It is a symbol that represents American energy power. It is a symbol moving past gridlock. It is a deliverable on promises we have all made. Yes, we will work together. Yes, but that will start later. Yes, we will work together, but it will be next year. Yes, we will work together, but it will be in the spring. Yes, we will work together, but we can't pass Keystone unless we pass these 10 other things.

There is always going to be tomorrow. There is always going to be 10 other things. Let's act today, tomorrow. We can do this. We can pass the Keystone Pipeline and answer the frustrations of the American people so they can rest next week and say: Oh, my gosh. The Senators of the United States of America have ears. They have brains. They have hearts. They heard what we said and we can do this. We have a bill that is on the calendar.

I have also passed a similar bill through my committee, but I am not even asking you to pass the bill I passed through my committee, which I think is slightly better than the one on the calendar, but we can all compromise here. I am also the cosponsor of the bill, lead sponsor of the bill, that is on the Senate calendar. It doesn't have to go through a committee. It basically technically already has. It is ready for a vote. We have the 60 votes to pass it.

I am going to recognize in just a minute the Senator from West Virginia. I will ask the Senator a question because only the Chair can recognize, but I would like to ask the Senator from West Virginia, does any of this make sense to him. I don't know if he was down here. Although I am sure he was in his office listening to the comments of the majority leader, the soon-to-be majority leader, and the good Senator from Texas saying now is the time to work together. I don't know if the Senator heard that. Does the Senator think that maybe this bill would be the bill to start moving us from gridlock to doing the job for the American people?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator of West Virginia.

Mr. MANCHIN. I thank the Chair.

My good friend, the Senator from Louisiana, has been working on this for many years—I think even before I came up. I have been here 4 years now. When I first came, I talked to Senator LANDRIEU, my friend from Louisiana, and asked her about this and basically I think she explained to me at the time that first of all the sovereign nation of Canada, the country, was going to produce it so we had no say in the production of this product. It is going to be produced. Next of all, it is going to go somewhere because there is demand for the product in the marketplace. There is a demand for it.

With all that being said, it didn't take me too long to reply to the Senator, she will recall, 4 years ago, that in West Virginia we have common sense and we have good people like Louisiana and we felt if this product is going to be sold and we are buying this type of a product around the world, then why wouldn't we buy from our friends versus the enemies we have supplied resources to, to be used against us? That is the one that resonates with West Virginians. I know it resonates with Louisianians. The other thing is I understand there are 1,000 American companies in West Virginia—not to say what you have been able to do and help the people in Louisiana, all the jobs they have gotten from this, it would be a tremendous windfall for all of us if it is something we can count on.

I can't for the life of me understand why we haven't to date been able to move this piece of legislation forward. I did hear both the minority leader and the majority leader and the minority whip and majority whip talk about it is time for us to start working together.

There is not a better piece of legislation to show that we heard the results of Tuesday's election. We heard. If we heard nothing more from that roar of Americans, whether they voted or didn't vote, they basically told us do something. Start doing what we are supposed to do. Start governing. Do something. We may not agree with you, but we would like to see this open dialogue, this transparency, this beautiful body, the Senate, that the whole world watches. But when they see us doing nothing—it is not something we are very good at or look very good doing. That day is gone.

I would ask my Senate colleagues that if they would be so kind as to give us a chance to show me we are starting anew.

We are going to have a piece of legislation that is going to help us be more secure as a nation, and that is why I am here. I wish to hear the Senator's comments.

The security of our Nation—the Senator has been here. She has been seeing what has been going on, the demand we had for foreign oil, what it has done to us, the areas of the world it has taken us to, and the amount of resources we have spent in blood and treasure fighting for resources—whether people believe it or not. This is a chance for us to secure that. So if the Senator could talk to us about that.

Ms. LANDRIEU. The Senator from West Virginia is so right in focusing this debate at this moment on the subject of national security because Veterans Day was just celebrated by all of us yesterday. We all participated in Veterans Day events.

So it pains me to say this, but I am going to give us all of the facts—and the Senator knows this—that this country imports 340 million barrels today. Iraq exports 340,000 barrels of oil per day. That is Iraq—blood and treasure. We have left men and women—not left them on the battlefield—but they have died there, and we have many soldiers here at home.

Canada—which is a friendly country, an ally of ours—with the Keystone Pipeline, would bring in 870,000 barrels into the United States. So the American people sit here and think: OK, what is wrong with this picture? We could be taking oil from our friend, Canada, creating jobs in North America—good-paying jobs—not only building the pipeline but maintaining the pipeline.

This pipeline doesn't come to Louisiana. I fought for it like a tiger, and the pipeline doesn't even come to my State. It goes to Texas. Now, I have refineries in Louisiana, and Louisiana most certainly and the companies in Louisiana will benefit. This pipeline doesn't connect Canada and Louisiana; it connects Canada and Texas.

I am sorry that the majority leader and the Senator from Texas had to scamper off the floor. I am sure he had a meeting to go to. But this is really about refineries in Texas that are waiting for this oil and about moving this oil, as the Senator knows, through the most safe means possible to these refineries—off of the highways, off of the railroads, and supporting a relationship with Canada as opposed to countries in other parts of the world that don't always share our values and that we have to spend a lot of our defense money protecting.

So this makes no sense, and that is why I think this pipeline has such overwhelming bipartisan support across the country.

Mr. MANCHIN. I think that basically the Senator touched on something very important and we want to go back to that—transportation of the oil today. The oil is coming down into the refineries anyway. We have had some explosions by our rail carriers. It is coming by truck, and it is coming in so many different forms. We have been told this is the safest way to transport.

When people talk about safe transport, we know this was not the first pipeline we have in America. I think if you ever look at a map—the Senator has had the map on the floor—there is a crisscross. We have pipelines all across America, and I think that is the perfect map to see.

So the bottom line is it is something we have done. If we take it in the harshest environment in Alaska, the Alaskan pipeline—that means so much to us in America—it has been done in the harshest of environments and has been done safely. So I am concerned about that.

I am also concerned with—the Senator talked about it directly going to Texas, but you all benefit; everyone benefits.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Everyone benefits.

Mr. MANCHIN. The other thing I wanted to say is this. I know the Senator was in parades yesterday, and I can only imagine her schedule. It has to be unbelievable. But with all that said, people still want jobs. All they want is jobs and an opportunity to work with certainty. This gives Americans a lot of certainty about jobs and future economic growth in our country.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Absolutely.

This morning, to prepare for offering this unanimous consent request—which I will do in a very short period of time and ask for a couple of hours of debate tonight and then tomorrow—I spoke to the leader of the building trades council for the United States of America. He was very strong in his words to me about how disappointed he has been with some Members who have not stood up for building trades.

These are men and women who work in every State. All they want to do is go to work and have jobs. He was extremely disappointed in the gridlock over this piece of legislation, and that is exactly what he said to me. He said: Senator, we are about fed up with elections and politics because what my members want are jobs. That is what their families want, and they are tired of fooling around with some commonsense projects that would bring so much wealth to middle-class families.

I know that the majority leader on our side is concerned about the flat line of middle-class income in this country, and I know his heart is working toward increasing income for all families. This is the first step. Not only is the project itself going to generate huge amounts of jobs and economic activity—and I am going to put that amount in the record. It is estimated to be $20 billion. It is slightly less than the size of the entire State of Vermont's GDP. This one project is like the output of one of our States—albeit a small State—but Vermont is an important State. I have never in my life seen a project with so much economic benefit.

I have never seen an infrastructure project supported from a broader base—from the left to the center to the right. I have never seen labor and business come together in my life as they have on this issue. I have never seen so many Senators cosponsor a bill and yet—because of something I can't quite put my finger on—we haven't yet passed. We can do that now, today or tomorrow, and that would send a very positive signal that we have heard the voters, that we do understand this cry for breaking the gridlock, moving forward together, and getting the job done.

I could not think of a better bill that symbolizes what we are trying to do in terms of jobs, economic security, energy security, and looking to the future in our country than this bill. It would build this pipeline, get this oil—which is going to be produced anyway—off of the rails, off of our highways, and into refineries.

May I say, as the Senator from West Virginia knows, and the Senator from North Dakota, who is my right hand with the Senator from West Virginia, we have additional pipelines to build because we have to build these east-west. The real need for the supply is the west coast and the east coast.

As the Senator knows, you could produce all the oil and gas you want or all the energy, and produce and generate the power, but if you can't move it to the places where it needs to be, it is as if you haven't produced it.

I know something about this subject as chair of the energy committee. So after we do Keystone, which we are going to do tomorrow, we have to build some other pipelines that go east and west.

This is only to take 10 percent of North Dakota's supply. North Dakota has become the leading supplier of oil and gas in the country. I wish to talk about North Dakota for 1 minute. I can't do it justice, such as Senator HEITKAMP can do it, but I heard her give this speech enough to be able to repeat it, and it is worth repeating.

The Senator from Texas just came to the floor and lamented: Oh, my gosh, what can we do to lift the middle class? How can we lift their economic outlook?

The Senators, all three of them, came and asked that question. I gave them an answer: Build the Keystone Pipeline. Do they know what is happening in North Dakota? It might be a sparsely populated State, but it has now surpassed every State in the production of oil.

The other thing they do is they took their energy production, No. 36 on a scale of 1 to 50—they were the poorest State. The Senator from West Virginia would know where they are today. Do we know where they are in 4 years? They have moved from 36 to 6. Think about that. I want to let that sink in for just 1 minute. North Dakota moved their number from 36 out of 50 to 6 out of 50 in 4 years.

Now, I challenge any Senator from any part of this country or any political leaning to come down to this floor in the next 24 hours and show me one piece of legislation, one tax cut, one jobs bill that could move a State in 4 years or a group of States from 36 to 6. That is the power of this industry, and we are standing in its way.

It is shameful, it is wrong, and it must stop today. If people want to hide, they are going to have a hard time.

I want everybody to hear clearly this is not a time to hide, not a time to sit down, and not a time to play games. It is a time to stand. We already have enough votes to pass this bill. We have 45—we have every single Republican, none of whom are on the floor now. Every single Republican of this Chamber is a cosponsor of this bill on which I am going to ask unanimous consent. So I would think very carefully before anyone objects because they are all cosponsors on the bill. Think hard before you do.

Mr. MANCHIN. Senator, if I could just touch on one thing because we have here our good friend Senator TESTER of Montana, who also knows a thing or two about an energy-producing State.

I think on the environment, you touched on that. Most people believe that people who come from energy States throw caution to the wind on environmental issues. There is no one in this body—I don't believe on either side of the aisle—who doesn't want the best for themselves, their children, families, and future generations.

With that being said, I think this pipeline has passed every hurdle the environmental community—rightfully so—has put out so that we should make sure we were protecting the environment and trying to find a balance between the environment and the economics, if you will. The economy is so vitally important. I don't know if there is any environmental impact study standing in the way that would prevent this.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I agree with the Senator. I think he is absolutely correct. The Senator from Montana knows this as well. The Senator from Montana also has an issue that I will ask him to explain in just a moment—he knows it better than I do—about private property rights, because he negotiated the language in the bill.

But responding to the question of the Senator from West Virginia about the environment, that is what is so exciting about this project, so compelling for us to move forward. Not only did the international study that was done say it is in our international interests, of course, to trade with our best and most friendly trading partner closest to us that enjoys the same high quality standard of life that we do and even higher environmental standards, but the environmental study that came in, conducted by the President's own administration—this wasn't done previously—came back and concluded this is the safest way to move it and it is the most environmentally friendly way to move it, and that is the record.

So the Senator is right. Not only does it have a compelling economic argument, but it has a compelling environmental argument from that perspective.

I would ask the Senator from Montana if he could explain the very important language that is in the Landrieu-Hoeven bill that is cosponsored by every single Republican and this chairman and that is about the language he negotiated on private property rights, because this is a very important principle for many Republicans but also for many Democrats, particularly in Louisiana, where we have a lot of private property. In West Virginia you have a lot of private property. In Montana you have a lot of private but also some public lands.

Would the Senator answer that question if he would.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. TESTER. I thank the Senator from Louisiana and the Senator from West Virginia. I have a few things to say, and I will do so very quickly. But since this is the first time we have been on the floor since the election, I think the American people are frustrated with the ways things work in Washington—enough political games.

They told us that Americans want lawmakers to compromise, to work together, and to get things done.

Americans told us they want a stronger economy with good-paying jobs. It shouldn't have taken an election to get this message through, but it did. Nationwide, including my State of Montana, it is fair to say the unemployment rate is down, but it is also fair to say wages are not where they need to be. Too many Americans and too many Montanans are struggling to make ends meet.

The Keystone XL Pipeline can help address some of those issues. But now we have another attempt to block consideration of this bipartisan bill written here by Senators LANDRIEU and HOEVEN. The votes are there. We know that. If there is one way we can create good-paying jobs right away, it is by approving and building this Keystone XL Pipeline. Building the pipeline would tell the American public that Washington is ready to turn the page. It will tell them we heard them, that their voices matter, and that Washington is reacting appropriately.

Building the pipeline will strengthen our economy and our infrastructure. First, according to the State Department, building the pipeline will create 16,000 jobs and support another 26,000 more. Those are jobs that will help working-class Americans provide for their families.

Secondly, the pipeline will include an on ramp for oil from the Bakken region of Montana and North Dakota, and let more energy go from our country to the marketplace, which is where it needs to go. With production in the Bakken continuing to boom, we need more options to get that American oil where it needs to be, and the XL Pipeline is where that needs to be.

Third, shipping oil by pipeline is the safest way to ship it. That is a fact. And the safety of American families and communities must come first.

Fourth, building the pipeline means more business with Canada, our friend to the north, and less business with the Middle East—folks who don't like us. Our country continues to be involved in conflicts in the Middle East. By continuing to do more business with our neighbors to the north, as opposed to countries that don't share our world view, we can help cut off the funds to those who work against us. I think the Keystone Pipeline is a big step toward creating that energy security.

The pipeline must be built right. I will get to the point Senator LANDRIEU talked about. It must be constructed with respect to private property rights. We cannot have foreign corporations using eminent domain to run roughshod over the fields of a farmer in Montana or a business owner in Nebraska or over sacred tribal lands. The respect for private property rights is in the Landrieu-Hoeven bill. It is not in the House bill. It is a critical component. It has to be, otherwise we are making a huge mistake.

This pipeline also must be built to the highest safety standards. There can be no corners cut. Leaks and spills don't make anybody any money. They are unacceptable. The most modern safety systems must be employed, including double piping, if necessary. That is a fundamental difference between the Landrieu-Hoeven bill—what they have drafted in the House and the good work we have done in the Senate. The House bill contains no protections for landowners. None. Zip.

The House bill says: Good luck, landowners. You are subject to eminent domain by a foreign corporation. You have no spill prevention protections. The Landrieu-Hoeven bill, on the other hand, protects rural America, protects private property rights.

Senator LANDRIEU has been working on this effort for years. This bill will give the pipeline the Senate's seal of approval and it will send a signal to all Americans that Congress is working together creating good jobs, supporting our economy, and that we are able to make responsible decisions.

But as this debate moves forward, I will continue to push to make sure the oil shipped through this pipeline stays in America. I have heard the arguments on all sides, but North America's oil should stay in North America. It will make our country more energy secure. It will lead to cheaper energy that will be more affordable for our homes, for our businesses, and for our working families. That will lead to more good manufacturing jobs in this country. Because of our energy costs, we will be able to recruit that manufacturing base back to our country that we gave up some 20 or 30 years ago.

There are a lot of reasons to approve and build the Keystone XL Pipeline. It will support our middle class—and we need to support our middle class—it will make us more energy secure; and it will strengthen our transportation and infrastructure system.

But America needs a sign. It needs a reason to trust that Congress and Washington as a whole are listening. Approving the pipeline with the needed protections and with respect to private property rights is that sign. I, like the American people, am tired of the gridlock and tired of kicking the can down the road. I didn't come here to delay and push our problems to the future. I came here to work for commonsense solutions we can enact today and move this country forward today. The Keystone XL Pipeline is one of those solutions.

Passing this bill and building this pipeline is one of those very important things we need to do for our infrastructure, for our energy security, and for the country as a whole. I encourage my colleagues to support and help us rebuild our trust with the American people.

With that, I turn it back to the good Senator from West Virginia, Mr. MANCHIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. MANCHIN. Let me say the Senator from Montana, and all of us—there are quite a few of us—are on this bill for a reason. It is about the opportunities for jobs that we have. And it doesn't have an environmental detriment to our country. That has already been proven. So with all of this, what is the hangup? Why can't we get this vote we are hoping to get by tomorrow at the latest?

I can only talk about the jobs with the thousand American companies that are providing the goods it takes to build this pipeline. I have a chance in West Virginia—we are doing an awful lot of the work right now because we come from an energy State that does an awful lot of the support work for any type of energy throughout the country and around the world. But the bottom line is, again, if you are going to have a secure nation, you have to have control of your own destiny. This gives us the control we don't have, it gives us the ability to say, listen, we may not have to go around the world and engage in the different conflicts we see going on right now. That is what we are talking about.

So the security of the Nation, I think, is the most important thing Keystone does, is it helps us be more secure with the greatest trading partner we have. Canada is the best and the largest trading partner for 35 States out of the 50. People take jaunts all over the world trying to develop a market here and there. But when it comes down to it, the No. 1 trading partner for 35 States is Canada. And Canada is working with us.

I know Canada has pressure from around the world to go somewhere else. So if we have the best partner—the best outlook we have ever had or can imagine—working with us to help develop this product the whole world seems to need and want and we need in America, why not have control?

The Senator from Louisiana talked about this. Why shouldn't we bring that oil into America and do all the heavy lifting and then ship it somewhere else? It is supply and demand. When you have control of supply, when you have the supply in your own back yard—and there might be demand, but you have a need also within our country—that gives a pretty good hand to play. That is what we are saying. Why would we let any of these advantages be turned to a disadvantage?

The only thing I can do is hope we can get this vote. And I would say to

my good friends on the other side of the aisle, my Republican colleagues, this would be the best gesture to move the ball forward. This would be the best gesture they could make, coming off of the changes, the shift we saw from Tuesday's election. People are speaking. They want us to work. It is the same for the Senator from Montana, the same for the Presiding Officer. They want us to do something. They want us to work.

We are not going to agree all the time with people. The best we can do is try. We had a football game we played the other day at WVU. We played TCU. We were ahead. We should have won the game. Going into the last half of the fourth quarter, for some reason the play calling wasn't as aggressive as it had been the first three quarters. We sat on the ball and we got beat 31 to 30. People don't want us to sit on the ball in the Senate.

It is time for us to do something. It is time for us to move forward. After Tuesday's election, we can work together. We have heard you loud and clear. We are willing to take a vote. We know the environment will be protected. We know we can find a balance between the environment and the economy. We know we can reap thousands and thousands and thousands of jobs and put millions and millions of dollars into the economy. That is what we do know.

There will still be some people who don't support this piece of legislation, and they have all their reasons to speak about that. But give us a reason to vote for something that will help America and help our States individually. That is what we are asking for. That is what the good Senator has been fighting for since the day I have been here.

Senator LANDRIEU being the chairman of the energy committee has made a difference from my standpoint, looking at our energy policy as a whole. But how do we keep the United States of America secure and out of troubled spots in the world? I appreciate her efforts on this, and I look forward to working with her on this. I endorsed the bill, I am a cosponsor, and I will definitely proudly vote for this piece of legislation as soon as we can get it on the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I see the Senator from North Dakota has arrived, and of course she wants to speak and can do so beautifully because this pipeline comes through her State, as I said. But I do want to respond to a few things and thank the Senator from West Virginia.

I have heard colleagues, particularly my colleague from California, say this often, and she says it in committee and on the floor. And even though she and I are on opposite sides of this debate, we have worked together on some important legislation for our country, and I have such respect for her leadership on the RESTORE Act, which was an amazing piece of environmental legislation for our gulf coast States. Without her leadership it would not have happened. But I have heard her say over and over and over again that elections have consequences, and this one does, just as they all do. And one of the consequences of this election is that a clear path for Keystone has been opened up.

The reporters following this legislation, which they have followed very carefully, know exactly what I am talking about when I say a path for passage has been cleared. In my view, that path will never, ever be clearer than it is today. Now in order for the path to stay clear, and it is crystal clear today, politics must be set aside. Gamesmanship has to be set aside. We must come together to do what is right for the country, for the American people, and to vote.

There are strong feelings, I know, against this bill. There have been for many years. But the overwhelming majority of this body—60-plus Members—has indicated support for this legislation. And the Senate bill, from the perspective we just heard—from private property rights, for clarity, for simplicity—is far superior to the House bill that has been passed.

The House is very agile—very agile. They can do lots of things quickly that the Senate can't do. So the House may decide to take the language of this bill, pass it, and call it something else. I understand that. I don't know if that is what they will do, but there is a clear path for victory on Keystone. Whoever's name is on the bill does not matter to me as long as it gets done. I want to say that again. The name on the bill does not matter to me as long as this gets done. And it needs to get done right now—not in January, not in February, not in March.

It doesn't need to be combined with anything else. It needs to get done on its own, because it is standing alone. It will go to the President's desk as a stand-alone. I believe the President will have to make an important decision. I am hoping he will sign it. But if he doesn't, that is the process. I hope he will, and I will be urging him to do so because his administration—his State Department, his EPA, and his Transportation Department—has urged him to support this piece of legislation for the strength of our economy, a signal to our allies, and to strengthen America here and abroad. I would strongly urge him to sign it.

We have a job to do in the Senate, the President has a job to do, and the House has a job to do. But if everybody would stop playing games with this bill and think about what the American people said on election day and stop trying to push one philosophy or one person ahead of the other, we can get this done.

My name is not even first on this bill. Senator HOEVEN's name is first. It is a Hoeven bill. I am the lead Democratic sponsor because I am the chair of the energy committee, and I will be until January 2. If my voters send me back, I will be here for 6 more years. That is why my name is on the bill, because I chair the committee. But if they want to take my name off, put somebody's else name on it and pass it, so be it. I didn't come here to see my name in lights. I came here to create jobs for my State and for this country, and I believe I have done an excellent job in the 18 years I have been here, through very difficult circumstances, and will continue should the voters want me to.

Today we need to talk about the Keystone Pipeline, and nobody can speak better of this than the Senator from North Dakota. I wish to line this up before she speaks, because she was traveling and she just landed. She might not have heard what all three leaders said when they came to the floor. Senator REID, Senator CORNYN, and Senator MCCONNELL said their No. 1 goal was to break gridlock, and they wanted to start now. Their second goal was to expand middle-class job opportunities and create wealth in America.

So I am hoping the Senator from the State that has created the most wealth in the shortest period of time of any State of the Union might express to the rest of us actually how that happened and why she thinks this Keystone Pipeline and other pipelines—because she and I agree, this is just the first of several we are going to have to lay down to make America a superenergy power. We don't become a superenergy power by just wishing it; we become a superenergy power by putting in the infrastructure that makes it possible. Even kids in second grade understand this. We have to put up windmills, we have to put up solar panels, we have to put in pipelines, we have to put in highways.

The Senator from North Dakota, who has a very sparsely populated State, understands the issue of this infrastructure I think better than any Senator in this body. So I am going to ask her if she would respond to that and maybe elaborate on the question: How did her State get so wealthy in the last few years?

My State is doing well. I am not here complaining. My State is doing beautifully. Our unemployment in south Louisiana is 3 percent, so we are blessed because we are an energy State. We are proud of it. We are creating jobs hand over fist. But there are places such as Detroit, there are places in Ohio, there are places in Pennsylvania and New York and New Mexico and other places where people are unemployed, begging for work, willing to work. Three leaders came to the floor and said: It is time to break gridlock. Here is a project that can do it. So I hope to see them sometime before close of business tonight.

Would the Senator expound on that?

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). The Senator from North Dakota.

Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I stand with my great colleague and a great champion of this energy renaissance—probably the greatest champion of the energy renaissance here in the Senate, the Senator from Louisiana.

I wish to speak first about the election. I think all of us have had some time now to reflect, and I think the clearest message this entire body, as well as the entire U.S. Congress, received is: Stop fighting. Get your work done. I don't think it could have been any clearer.

We have an opportunity today to demonstrate we got that message, not in a partisan way, but in a bipartisan way—in a nonpartisan way—to say: We heard you loud and clear. It is time to do the job we were sent here to do, and that is to move legislation which moves this country forward.

Senator LANDRIEU has expounded on the great opportunity of this energy renaissance, not just for this country but for the entire world. So let's start with what is happening in North Dakota.

We have had an explosion of oil and gas production. In fact, we have rapidly moved to second place in this country in oil production. We produce oil from oil shale.

What does that mean? It means nothing if we can't move the oil. It means nothing if we can't get this product to the refineries and this product to market. We can produce all the oil we want, but part of what we need to address as we look at an energy infrastructure is how we move energy products.

Today in America, and actually in Canada, how we are moving this product is by rail, which has created tremendous stress on our agricultural infrastructure. It has created tremendous stress on manufacturers who need to use those rails to haul their finished products. It has created tremendous stress for the railroads. Are they glad for the business? You bet. And has that created and opened up new markets for the oil production in my State? You bet. But the bottom line is, the best way we know how to move oil and move this product is in a pipe, and that is essential to building all this energy infrastructure.

Why is it important? Let's start first with the fact that we now are moving toward North American energy self-sufficiency. A lot of people talk about America, and that is a great goal. But if we include our friends to the north—the people I grew up with, the people I know—I have been to the oil sands, I have been all over Alberta, I have been all over Saskatchewan. This is a very friendly country which has the longest contiguous border with which there has never been a conflict. We celebrate this in North Dakota with Peace Garden, which is a lovely park on both sides of the border where one can easily cross. We celebrate that. These are our friends. And if we are going to continue to build out this energy renaissance in North America, we had better be prepared to move this product.

We all know some of the opposition to this has very little to do with the pipeline. It has to do with a concern about the increased availability of fossil fuels. This is still an economy that runs on fossil fuels. We have done tremendous work with fuel efficiency. We have done tremendous work with energy efficiency. But we are going to continue to use gasoline in our cars, we are going to continue to use diesel in our heavy equipment, and we are going to continue to use this product.

Who do we want to buy this product from? If we ask any American person: Would you rather buy this product from Venezuela or would you rather buy this product from our friends to the north, Canada, I am pretty sure what their answer will be.

So let's talk a little bit about why the United States, at a time when we are seeing a global slowdown in economic progress for many of the other countries throughout the world—why is the United States seeming to go farther? Why are we producing and generating more wealth in our country than other places? I would tell you, it is because of this energy renaissance. We are doing something no one else is doing—we are producing our own oil and gas, we are developing the techniques to get this oil and gas out of the ground, and we are taking that as a raw material which is providing a renaissance, not just in the oil area but also in natural gas as a feedstock for many of our manufacturing processes. So we have a real opportunity here. But all of that goes away if we don't move the product, if we don't figure out a way to make sure our product gets to market.

I will talk a little bit also about what this development in our country means to the world, when we are confronting great challenges in dealing with Russia, in looking at what is happening in the Middle East. We are confronting all of these challenges throughout the world. We know we can not only deploy our humanitarian efforts, our efforts by supporting through air strikes some of the work that is being done on the ground, but perhaps the single most important thing we can do is help provide oil and gas to Europe and to those countries dependent on people or on countries that are not our friends.

We look at what our opportunities are today, and we know those opportunities are in the energy renaissance.

So how do we move this product? How do we send a signal that we are ready to take advantage, both globally and domestically, of this product, of this renaissance in North America? We approve the Keystone Pipeline.

A lot of people talk about what the Keystone Pipeline means to my State. It doesn't exactly go into my State, but the Governor of Montana made sure when he was providing the permits that there wasn't what I call an on ramp. There is a place where we can in fact access the Keystone Pipeline. We anticipate about 100,000 barrels a day of North Dakota crude will be able to be placed into the Keystone Pipeline and sent down to refineries in Louisiana. That may sound like a lot, but it is less than 10 percent of our current production.

For me, the Keystone is so much more than this particular pipeline. It is a national discussion about our failing energy transportation infrastructure. That is what this is. And if we do not move this project forward, if we say no, what is the next thing? What is the next project that is essential? A 22-mile pipeline in Massachusetts that would provide huge stability for the northeast in terms of their heat production. Twenty-two miles could be a huge benefit to our friends in Maine in terms of stabilizing their home heating costs this winter, but yet we fight the pipeline.

Keystone is a huge advantage we have in this country because we are an oil and gas producer, and could potentially be an oil exporter, providing that source of soft power across the world. What do we do? We turn our back on the infrastructure that moves this product. So we have got to do everything we can to get this approved.

I wish to turn briefly to the politics. A lot of people come here and talk politics. I believe this is the place to talk policy, and that is what I try to do. But for a moment, I wish to talk about the respect we should have for voters. I wish to talk about elections, and elections have consequences. One of the things we can do to begin to restore the public faith in our democracy and in the institution of the U.S. Congress is to do something bold to begin with: Actually move legislation that people have been waiting for for a long time, and actually respond to concerns.

Maybe we get the votes, maybe we don't. But let's take a vote. Take a vote and get it done. Show the American public we are willing to come to this body, debate the great issues of the time, and bring things to a vote so they actually see us doing something; they actually get results. They pay our salary. We came here to vote. We came here to work. We came here to do something for the American public.

We don't all agree; there is no doubt about that. But the thing we should all agree on is it is essential in terms of providing certainty to the American public, confidence that the American public has in this body—that they see us on this floor, not 2 years or 2 months from now, not 3 months from now, not 4 months from now, but today—the first day we are back in session after an election, a hard-fought election with pretty dire consequences for our side of the aisle, but a hard election. It is essential we send a message that we got the message and we take a vote.

I am so proud of my colleague from Louisiana for coming back when, arguably, she should be back in her State

doing a little campaigning. But she is back here fighting for what she believes in and what she has always believed in, which is an energy infrastructure which makes a difference for North America, makes a difference for not just States such as mine but consumers of energy.

I thank the Senator from Louisiana for her tremendous leadership on this and her willingness to basically come here and say: I don't care who gets the credit. I don't care if my name is on it or not. Let's get the Keystone Pipeline approved.

Now I want to make one final point and then I will close. If you have driven the route of the Keystone Pipeline, what you will see stockpiled every so many miles is thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars of pipe waiting—6 years waiting—infrastructure that needs to go today. So when people say we can wait to take this vote, you are wrong. The sooner the better. The sooner we take this vote and get it approved, the sooner we are going to see those resources deployed and we will not yet miss another construction season in the North Country.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and express great gratitude for the opportunity to speak.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I know the Senator from Tennessee is on the floor and I would like to take 2 or 3 minutes. I know we can go back and forth but I want to conclude a little bit of this debate we have had.

First, I want to submit for the RECORD—because I am going to remain on the floor and speak after the Senator from Tennessee—but I want to put into the RECORD the list of Republican cosponsors of S. 2280, the date they became cosponsors, and the name of every single Member, including the Senator from Tennessee, who is a cosponsor of the Hoeven-Landrieu bill that is pending on the Senate Calendar, S. 2280. I ask unanimous consent that the list be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LIST OF REPUBLICAN CO-SPONSORS OF S. 2280 AND THE DATE THEY BECAME CO-SPONSORS

Sen Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]—5/1/2014
Sen Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]—5/1/2014
Sen Barrasso, John [R-WY]—5/1/2014
Sen Blunt, Roy [R-MO]—5/1/2014
Sen Boozman, John [R-AR]—5/1/2014
Sen Burr, Richard [R-NC]—5/1/2014
Sen Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]—5/1/2014
Sen Coats, Daniel [R-IN]—5/1/2014
Sen Coburn, Tom [R-OK]—5/1/2014
Sen Cochran, Thad [R-MS]—5/1/2014
Sen Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]—5/1/2014
Sen Corker, Bob [R-TN]—5/1/2014
Sen Cornyn, John [R-TX]—5/1/2014
Sen Crapo, Mike [R-ID]—5/1/2014
Sen Cruz, Ted [R-TX]—5/1/2014
Sen Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]—5/1/2014
Sen Fischer, Deb [R-NE]—5/1/2014
Sen Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]—5/1/2014
Sen Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]—5/1/2014
Sen Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]—5/1/2014
Sen Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]—5/1/2014
Sen Heller, Dean [R-NV]—5/1/2014
Sen Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]—5/1/2014
Sen Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]—5/1/2014
Sen Johanns, Mike [R-NE]—5/1/2014
Sen Johnson, Ron [R-WI]—5/1/2014
Sen Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]—5/1/2014
Sen Lee, Mike [R-UT]—5/1/2014
Sen McCain, John [R-AZ]—5/1/2014
Sen McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]—5/1/2014
Sen Moran, Jerry [R-KS]—5/1/2014
Sen Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]—5/1/2014
Sen Paul, Rand [R-KY]—5/1/2014
Sen Portman, Rob [R-OH]—5/1/2014
Sen Risch, James E. [R-ID]—5/1/2014
Sen Roberts, Pat [R-KS]—5/1/2014
Sen Rubio, Marco [R-FL]—5/1/2014
Sen Scott, Tim [R-SC]—5/1/2014
Sen Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]—5/1/2014
Sen Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]—5/1/2014
Sen Thune, John [R-SD]—5/1/2014
Sen Toomey, Pat [R-PA]—5/1/2014
Sen Vitter, David [R-LA]—5/1/2014
Sen Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]—5/1/2014

Ms. LANDRIEU. I also want to put into the RECORD the 35-plus very powerful organizations that range from business to labor to manufacturers that have been a strong and powerful and vocal coalition for over 5 years in their efforts to bring us together. They have come together. The question is whether the Members of Congress will come together. These groups have come together. It is not often that you see the laborers, pipefitters, boilermakers, and builders and trades all together sitting down with the Chamber of Commerce and the American Petroleum Institute, but they managed to find common ground at a common table, and America will be best served when the Members of this body and the House do the same.

I also want to put into the RECORD two short statements, and this is directed to those who are on the other side of this issue and who are wavering or are not sure. I want to put into the RECORD that the environmental review process has been conducted over 5½ years. The review process has been thorough. Five studies have been conducted, as required by law, and are complete.

I want to repeat that. The five environmental studies that are required by law have been conducted. They are completed. I ask unanimous consent that material be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SUPPORT FOR KEYSTONE XL

American Chemistry Council, American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association, American Exploration & Production Council, American Highway Users Alliance, American Petroleum Institute, American Road & Transportation Builders Association, American Trucking Association, Associated General Contractors of America, Association of Oil Pipe Lines, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute.

Distribution Contractors Association, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Industrial Minerals Association-North America, Institute for 21st Century Energy, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Laborers' International Union of North America, National Asphalt Pavement Association, National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association.

North America's Building Trades Unions, Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association, Portland Cement Association, SPI: The Plastic Industry Trade Association, The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, American Concrete Pavement Association, American Council of Engineering Companies.

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, American Iron and Steel Institute, American Rental Association, American Supply Association, Associated Equipment Distributors, Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Business Roundtable, Consumer Energy Alliance, Energy Equipment & Infrastructure Alliance, Industrial Fasteners Institute.

Industrial Union of Operating Engineers, Institute of Makers of Explosives, International Union of Operating Engineers, Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation, National Association of Manufacturers, National Electrical Contractors Association, National Roofing Contractors Association, National Utility Contractors Association, North American Die Casting Association, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, Steel Manufacturers Association, US Oil & Gas Association, Western Energy Alliance.

BACKGROUND INFO

Review Process: Five and a half years since it was first proposed in 2008, we are still reviewing it. The review process has been thorough. The five studies that have been conducted, as required by law, are complete.

1. April 16, 2010—Department of State issues its Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It opens a 45-day comment period, which it extends for additional days.

2. April 15, 2011—Department of State issues a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and opens another 45-day comment period. More than 280,000 comments are received.

3. August 26, 2011—Department of State issues its Final Environmental Impact Statement and opens up a 90-day review period. The agency continues accepting public comments.

4. March 1, 2013—The U.S. State Department issued its Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Keystone XL Presidential Permit application, which includes the proposed new route through Nebraska. The SEIS findings are similar to the Department's FEIS issued last August, which found the pipeline will have limited adverse environmental impacts.

5. January 31, 2014—The U.S. State Department issued its Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the permit application, confirming the project is safe and will have limited environmental impacts. The report reflects that TransCanada has agreed to incorporate 59 special safety conditions.

Ms. LANDRIEU. In addition, the only other requirement is from the State Department, and I want to put this into the RECORD. But the bottom line is the last statement of the State Department finds ''there will be no significant impact on the environment from the [Keystone XL] project.'' I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LATEST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FROM STATE DEPARTMENT

The EIS finds that there will be no significant impact on the environment from the project.

State Department finds that crude oil from the pipeline is unlikely to be exported, because the transport cost of getting it to the U.S. combined with transport overseas would be uneconomical.

The study also finds that the failure to construct the pipeline will not negatively affect the rate at which oil is extracted from the oil sands—that is, State Department predicts that rail transport expansion will be able to support additional production.

Ms. LANDRIEU. The path today is crystal clear. Today it is crystal clear. There is no guarantee that next week or next month or when the Republicans take the majority that the path could be as clear as it is today. Let us not miss this opportunity. Let us get our work done on the Keystone XL Pipeline, an important project in this country, and send a message that we have heard the voters and show that trust with us begins today on their behalf.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I thank the Presiding Officer and the Senator from Louisiana.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mr. ALEXANDER. Tomorrow at 2:15 we will have a vote on the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 2014.

I want to take a few minutes and explain why it is important to end the debate on the Child Care and Development Block Grant and vote on whether we want to turn it into a law.

When I talk about why it is important, I think of a young woman from Memphis who attended LeMoyne College. This woman had a young child and was able to qualify for a child care voucher from the State of Tennessee. There are about 900,000 families across the country that take advantage of this Federal voucher program. She was able to get $500 or $600 a month in order to provide daycare for her child while she pursued a business degree from LeMoyne-Owen College. With the help of this program she graduated with her degree and earned a position as an assistant manager at Walmart. With her new position, she is now able to pay for the child care for her second child without help from the Federal Government. This is exactly the kind of legislating we should be doing at the Federal level.

What is the appropriate role of the Federal Government on an issue such as childcare? The answer this bill gives is that we should enable this young mother and 21,000 other families in Tennessee to take a Federal voucher, choose their own childcare center, and help them to financial independence through work or continued education or training programs. It has been an enormously successful program. The program has worked for over 20 years and was inaugurated in the administration of George H.W. Bush and was a bipartisan product of Congress. It follows the example of other successful Federal programs by enabling American families to help themselves.

We follow the same model when we deal with Federal Pell grants and loans that help students pay for college. Last year the Presiding Officer will remember we had an agreement in this body on huge changes to the student loan program. President Obama became involved and Secretary Arne Duncan led a bipartisan working group to develop a solution. The Republican House of Representatives came along, and we created new rules for the $100 billion of loans the Federal Government makes to students every year. The result was a market-based system that is revenue-neutral for the taxpayers, and lowered the interest rates on student loans to undergraduates by about one-half that year. We first used the idea of Federal vouchers for education with the passage of the GI bill in 1944. Recipients can take a voucher and then choose among educational institutions of their choice, such as the University of Notre Dame, University of New Mexico, University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, Yeshiva College, or whichever accredited college they so choose. This idea has worked very well and the GI bill may be the most successful piece of social legislation ever passed.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant is a good example of the government working as an enabler rather than simply prescribing mandates. The program provides $5.3 billion for childcare services for children under the age of 13, with plenty of flexibility. While it has broad bipartisan support, Republican particularly appreciate the flexibility the act provides to States through block grants. States are then able to provide parents with vouchers so that they can select a provider that best meets their needs. It is a model that has proven successful since 1944 and one I hope we continue.

Now we have the chance to move this bill forward by voting to end debate. The cloture vote that we will have tomorrow will reflect that we debated the bill fully and that at least 60 of us believe it is time to move forward and vote yes or no.

Have we all had our say? I believe so. Senator HARKIN, Senator MIKULSKI, and Senator BURR, have worked on this for several years as well as several others of us. It was approved 1 year ago by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee on a bipartisan basis. Then in March of this year, 2014, the bill was debated and discussed in this very chamber over a 2-day period.

We have had a lot of discussion in the Senate about whether we get to offer amendments. That concern has come from the Senator who is presiding today, that concern has come from me, it has come from the Senator from Oklahoma, who is here. It is not easy to be elected to the Senate and it is not easy to stay in office. And once elected, senators want their voices to be heard, whether it is on the Keystone Pipeline or the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The Child Care and Development Block Grant went through a model process that began with the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, then to the Senate floor on March 12 through unanimous consent. There was no motion for cloture, no filling of the tree, and anyone who offered a relevant amendment was able to share and debate that amendment.

Senators offered 50 different amendments. Then we considered and agreed to 18 of those amendments. This body approved 4 by recorded vote and 14 by voice vote. Senators ENZI, LANDRIEU, FRANKEN, COBURN, BOXER, LEE, PORTMAN, TESTER, SCOTT, THUNE, BENNET, WARREN, VITTER, and SANDERS all had amendments to this bill. They were allowed to offer them, speak on them, and they were either voted on or accepted, and then the bill was passed by the Senate.

The bill then went to the House of Representatives, was amended and approved and then sent back to us. Again, here we have an example of a good process.

I think part of the reason for the quality of the process is the bipartisan appreciation for early childhood education. I think it is time to stop talking and vote on the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

I ask our colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote for it.

I think all of us can support the idea of early childhood education. I am the product of one of the first early learning programs in the State of Tennessee. When I was a child, my mother started one of the two early preschool education programs in our county. She held class in a converted garage in our back yard with 24 3-year-olds in the morning and 25 5-year-olds in the afternoon. It is hard to imagine a single mother dealing with that many children all at one time, but she did. As her son, I was able to experience kindergarten for 5 years. I may be the only U.S. Senator who can say that.

I had an appreciation for early childhood education instilled in me by both my mother and father. Many of us in this chamber have a very similar appreciation. We may have different ways of trying to get to that goal, but this legislation, the Child Care and Development Block Grant, provides $5.3 billion to families across the country, namely mothers, who are going to school so they can get a job, or who are working so like the young woman in Memphis I mentioned earlier, can stand on their own two feet. This program helps them get started.

It is an important bill. I congratulate Senators HARKIN and BURR and MIKULSKI for their hard work on this. I urge my colleagues tomorrow afternoon to

vote yes on ending debate on cloture for the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I have been on the floor now for a couple of hours urging some of our colleagues to take heed of one of the clear messages from this election. People all over the country voted and spoke, and spoke clearly and loudly to say let's get to work, let's work together, let's stop the gridlock and let's find common ground to move our country forward.

Two hours ago I came to the floor to see about one of the most important pieces of legislation, the Keystone Pipeline, as Chair of the Energy Committee in the Senate. I have had the great privilege of working in a bipartisan manner with the Members of the Republican Caucus on this bill led by Senator HOEVEN. I am the lead sponsor on the Democratic side and there is a large group of my colleagues trying to convince this body to have a vote, and a strong 60-vote margin, which is required for passage on the Keystone Pipeline. The Senator from West Virginia has come down and the Senator from North Dakota came down to speak and the Senator from Montana joined me, and I want to announce we have just gotten great word from the House of Representatives. Evidently they heard us speaking, and they have introduced our bill in the House.

They have introduced our bill in the House, and the information we have gotten is that they plan to pass it tomorrow. Let me just say hallelujah. I will say it again—hallelujah—because their bill would never have passed this body and their bill would not have any chance of getting the President's signature because it is Keystone Pipeline plus—or it was—but now the House has introduced the exact same bill as the Hoeven-Landrieu bill. We now have an even clearer path to victory. I started 2 hours ago saying that I could see the path. I am not sure everybody else could, but it is clear to me now that everybody is starting to see it, and I could not be happier.

I don't have the actual number of the House bill. I was just told they introduced an identical bill, including the private property language, which is absolutely essential to secure the 60 votes required. That is why I drafted it in the bill, that is why Senator HOEVEN insisted it be in the bill, and that is why we have it in the bill. I thank the House for keeping that language, which is important for its ultimate passage. To me, it looks as though just in the last 2 hours lots of people are paying attention, and this is wonderful because this is an important step.

I believe I am also a cosponsor of Senator ALEXANDER's bill. No Senator has worked harder in either party, and that is saying a lot because Senator MURRAY and Senator MIKULSKI have worked hard on this issue. Senator ALEXANDER—a former Secretary of Education—has been ceaseless and tireless in his effort on behalf of early childhood education. He and I worked together when President Bush was President. I believe and I hope I am a cosponsor of his bill, and I look forward to helping him move that piece of legislation forward for a vote. There might be a few things in there other Members disagree with, but that is our process. This is a critical issue for education and job creation as well. We have the Keystone Pipeline on one end, which is as concrete as steel, and then we have the soft issues, which are also important issues, such as economic development, which begins with early childhood education. I am so proud to be an advocate of both bills, and I thank the Senator for his leadership.

I urge my Members, who I believe have been very supportive on this issue—as have the Republican Members—to give cloture on his bill.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Mr. INHOFE. I read with a lot of interest about the trip President Obama made to China and his meeting with President Xi over what they characterized as an agreement on greenhouse gas emissions. I didn't hear any kind of agreement or anything that was said by the President of China, and they have been talking about this as a historic breakthrough. That is exactly what they said in 2009, back when Copenhagen was center stage for the big annual party.

Just so people are aware of what goes on, the United Nations throws a big party to get countries to agree to reduce greenhouse gases by a certain amount. It is kind of interesting since at one of the first ones I went to, I saw a good friend of mine from Benin in West Africa, and I said: You guys are not sucked into this thing—I know that for a fact—in terms of any kind of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. What would happen to the economy of West Africa if you did that?

He said: This is the biggest party of the year, so we are all going to be here.

The same thing was true in Copenhagen.

Before I go into that, let's take a look at what they called a major historic breakthrough between the United States and China where the President pledged to reduce the emissions in the United States between 26 and 28 percent by 2025. What did China agree to? First of all, even if they did agree to reduce emissions, we would not believe them because they don't end up doing what they say they are going to do in these agreements. But China says that what they are going to do is stop increasing their CO_2 emissions by 2030. In other words, between now and 2030 they are going to continue to increase their levels of CO_2 emissions, which I agree they are going to do that.

Next year—that is, a year from December—there is going to be another big party that will be in Paris, and it will be the one where President Obama says he and President Xi from China have an agreement. But, of course, that is going to be kind of like it was in Copenhagen back in 2009.

I remember 2009 so well. At that time I was—and I still am—on the Environment and Public Works Committee. We had a wonderful lady who was President Obama's appointee to be the Director of the EPA, and at that time in Copenhagen they already had Congresswoman PELOSI, Senator BOXER, President Obama, and then-Senator John Kerry. All of them were over there promising the 191 countries that were in Copenhagen that we were going to pass some kind of cap and trade.

After that was over, I went on a quick roundtrip to Copenhagen. I always remember that trip because I was on the ground, after all that travel, all of 3 hours, but I think it was the most enjoyable 3 hours I ever had because I was able to be over there as a one-man truth squad and to say to the people attending that great meeting there that the United States was not going to pass any kind of cap and trade. In fact, the most votes they could have gotten in the Senate at that time—and the Senate is changing, as we all know—was 30 votes. Obviously it took a lot more than that to do that.

I went over as the one-man truth squad to tell them that they were not telling the truth and that there is no way in the world we are going to pass it, and the same is true this time.

I will tell you what that meeting reminds me of. It reminds me of the meeting that took place in China a couple of days ago with our President. It reminded me of the meeting that took place in Rio de Janeiro. This would have been in 1998, which was during the Clinton White House. They went over there and agreed and signed the Kyoto Treaty. They signed the treaty knowing for a fact that it would not be ratified on this end. We know it takes a supermajority to ratify a treaty in the Senate.

We had a resolution that was passed at that time called the Byrd-Hagel resolution. It said that we would not ratify any agreement, such as Kyoto or anything like that, that didn't do two things—that were either harmful to the economy or didn't treat all countries the same. In other words, we have to treat the reductions in China the same as they would be in the United States. Of course the Kyoto Treaty didn't do that. They knew at the time it was not going to be ratified. In fact, they were not even going to submit it for ratification to this body, and that is exactly what did happen.

Let's look at what is happening in China right now. China is doing pretty

well. Between 2005 and 2011, China added roughly two 600-megawatt coal-fired powerplants per week. That is two powerplants a week. In 7 years, China added more coal capacity to its fleet than existed in the entire United States. This is not going to be slowing down in the years to come. By their own admission, they will be increasing between now and 2030. China is expected to bring a new coal-fired powerplant online every 10 days to give its economy the electricity it demands. So China is now the largest consumer and importer of coal in the world.

It is kind of interesting. We are going through the shale revolution in this country. Wonderful things are happening here. If we did not have the resistance from the White House, we could be totally independent from any other nation for the production of energy. China, on the other hand, doesn't have the shale or the oil or the gas. They don't have the coal, but they can import the coal, and that is exact what they are doing, and they will continue to do that. Stop and think. If you don't like the arguments, just use logic. Why would China ever agree unilaterally to reduce its emissions when that is the only way it can produce electricity?

I have talked to them before. I talk to people who smile and laugh at us and say: Wait a minute. You say you believe us when we say we are going to reduce our emissions? We applaud the United States. We want the United States to reduce its emissions. If they do that, the manufacturing base has to leave the United States and come to China.

So it is to their advantage to increase their emissions, and that is exactly what will happen.

We will talking about this a lot. I will chair the Environment and Public Works Committee. I chaired that several years ago when the Republicans were in the majority, and the Republicans are a majority again. We will look at these things logically, and we will conduct ourselves in a way that will not give the United States of America the largest single tax increase in history.

Way back in the beginning, in 2001 and that timeframe, a lot of us thought there was actually some truth to the global warming issue, and a lot of people are trying to resurrect that now. However, at that time people didn't know what the cost was going to be. Shortly after that, it was the MIT, Charles River Associates, and the Wharton School that came out with an approximation of what it would cost in the way of a tax increase for the American people if we were to adopt the global warming provisions they wanted to adopt, which was between $300 and $400 billion a year.

If you follow that statement with a statement not from me and not from anyone else on the floor of the Senate but from Lisa Jackson, who was the Director of the EPA and was appointed by President Obama—I asked her this question on the record: Let's say that we go ahead and pass one of these resolutions.

The resolutions have been offered since 2002. The first one was offered by MCCAIN and Lieberman and the last one by my friend Senator MARKEY, who was then in the House.

I said: If we pass any of these—the largest increase in history—would this have the effect of reducing greenhouse gases?

Her answer—Lisa Jackson, Director of the EPA, said: No, it would not. She said the problem is in China, India, and Mexico, and that would not affect the overall world emissions of CO_2.

So for those who really believe there is going to be something that comes before us in the form of a treaty—as our President has said will happen in Paris 13 months from now—keep in mind that it is something that will not happen, the same as it was not going to happen in Copenhagen. The American people are not ready. They have studied this issue. They know the science is not there, and what they want to do is to avoid any kind of a negative effect on our economy, and that is exactly what I think will happen.

I see my good friend is here, and I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. BROWN. I thank the senior Senator from Oklahoma.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, in the days after the election this year, I heard a number of my colleagues—many from my State—in the House of Representatives and in the Senate talk with great exuberance about repealing the Affordable Care Act. They call it ObamaCare; others call it the Affordable Care Act. I am not sure where they were over the last month or so, but I remember hearing Pope Francis I exhort his parish priests to go out and smell like the flock. Abraham Lincoln used to talk about it. He would say he needs to go outside of the White House and get his public opinion baths.

I cite Pope Francis and President Lincoln because I think if my colleagues had been out talking to real people and not going to fundraisers, not meeting with rich people at country clubs, and not going to the political rallies, but out talking to real people, they would have seen what the Affordable Care Act has done.

In a moment, I wish to talk about a couple of numbers, but more importantly, I want to share some stories. More than 500,000 people in Ohio—and I think New Mexico, the Presiding Officer's State, is proportionately no different—have health insurance today who did not have it 14 months—did not have it 1 year ago. An additional 97,000 young Ohioans—people who are just a bit older than the pages sitting here; 18, 20, 25—are on their parents' health plans. Thousands of Ohioans have been protected as patients, as people who are insured. When they would get sick and their coverage was expensive, they would be dropped by insurance companies because they were too costly. Now they have the consumer protections and they can't be dropped from coverage. One million Ohio seniors now have gotten—with no copay and no deductible—free preventive care for osteoporosis and physician screenings. One million Ohio seniors were able to get their screenings at no cost.

I have to tell a quick story. Every Thursday anybody from Ohio can come to a coffee we have in our office at 8:30 a.m. when the Senate is in session. A family came by on one of those Thursdays. They were pretty conservative. I assume they were not really voters for me, but it didn't matter. We were talking about a bunch of different issues.

The mother said: Thank you for the Affordable Care Act. See my son over there? He is 15 years old.

I said: Yes.

He was across the room. She said that when he was 7, he was diagnosed with diabetes.

She said: I have counted, since he was diagnosed, 34 times that he was turned down for insurance.

My family was turned down for insurance. Last week she told me I got insurance because of the Affordable Care Act, because we don't allow under Federal law now that that be done.

Let me share for a moment, if I could, a handful of letters I have received from people who have written me because of the Affordable Care Act.

Rachel from Hamilton County writes that since 2008 she and her husband insured themselves through individual insurance. It had been difficult, and at times, we had to go without insurance because of the incredibly high cost. I had also been denied insurance due to a preexisting condition. All of that changed since we were able to sign up via the healthcare.gov site. But imagine my surprise when I heard the D.C. Circuit Court struck down subsidies people like myself receive. I receive a subsidy because health insurance has become so expensive that it is unaffordable for so many of us. I fear we will not be able to afford insurance if we lose our subsidy.

Linda from Madison County, west of Columbus, writes: My husband and I have personally benefited from the portion of the bill that did away with lifetime maximum payments. I suspect it may have saved our retirement and kept us off welfare rolls. My colleague benefited from the portion of the bill that allowed her son, who suffers from a potentially fatal illness, to stay on her insurance through age 26, at which time he graduated with a master's degree and got a job.

So this is exactly what this was written for—a 23–24-year-old graduating from college, going on to get more school, getting a master's degree, preparing himself or herself for something better in life. That young man could

stay on his parents' health insurance plan until he got a job at 27, with insurance.

Chandra in Summit County writes that she recently commented to some friends about the surprising benefits she was receiving under the Affordable Care Act, and one of her friends suggested she share her story with her elected officials. She says: Because of the ACA, we were able to switch to my husband's insurance without worrying that I would not be covered due to my pregnancy being a preexisting medical condition. The ACA had a very real financial impact on my family.

The question is, Why do some Members of this Congress, all of whom, I believe—almost all of whom—are receiving government-sponsored health insurance benefits from a good government insurance plan—why do they want to deny it to people such as Chandra and people such as Rachel and others.

Chandra says: I am not the type of individual who one would first think of when thinking of beneficiaries of the ACA. I have a master's degree, my husband and I both work full-time, and our employers also offer a full range of medical, prenatal, and optical benefits.

A few years ago, my husband and I decided to begin growing our family. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, there were no copays for my prenatal care, suggested immunizations or potential well visits. When our son was born, I immediately saw the true impact of the Affordable Care Act. Babies have many well visits and the cost of copays and immunizations have been a burden to some of my friends. Thanks to the ACA, we didn't have that financial burden. Thanks to a combination of good insurance and the Affordable Care Act, I was the recipient of a very nice, double electric breast pump. I also became the first employee at my job to utilize the provisions of the ACA for nursing mothers. A few years later, 2 months before our second child was due, I had the opportunity to take a better job.

She goes on.

The question again is, Why do they want—why do a bunch of politicians who have good insurance, paid for by taxpayers—why do they want to take these benefits away from the 25-year-old man who now has insurance on his parents' plan before he finishes school and goes out in the workplace? Why do they want to take away the preventive care families now have so when their daughter has an earache they can actually go to a family doctor because of the insurance rather than go to the emergency room? All of those things just beg the question, Why the politics of repealing ObamaCare and repealing the Affordable Care Act and taking these benefits away from so many Americans?

Five hundred thousand Ohioans have insurance, 100,000 more young people, a million Ohio seniors getting benefits with no copays and no deductibles, preventive care that helps them live longer, healthier lives. That is really the question.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

U.S.-CHINA CLIMATE AGREEMENT

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I rise to commend the historic agreement reached yesterday between the United States and China, the world's largest emitters of carbon pollution. This agreement is the latest and perhaps most consequential in a string of actions President Obama has taken to fight climate change.

Today, we have hope. We have hope because this agreement puts the world on a path towards solving climate change—hope because the world's two largest emitters have found common cause in protecting public health and economic opportunity for their citizens and for the world and hope because we are once again reminded what American leadership and political will can accomplish.

President Obama and President Xi of China recognize that climate change threatens our families, our jobs, our health, and our way of life. They deserve our thanks, as does Secretary Kerry, for their tireless work and dedication to this cause.

We can solve this. We know what we need to do, and we know how to do it. Today we see what political will can accomplish. I am now more hopeful than ever that we can keep warming below 2 degrees Celsius by the end of the century. This is the level scientists say is necessary to stay below in order to avoid catastrophic global consequences.

Together our two countries account for about 40 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. We have a responsibility to act early and to act together, and this agreement puts us on that path.

The agreement recognizes that the United States and China must take short- and long-term measures to reduce emissions and encourage the development of clean energy. This represents a major shift for China, which had struggled to balance economic growth with growing pollution and has now agreed to cap carbon pollution for the first time ever. It is difficult to overstate what an important achievement this is, especially a full year before the next round of international negotiations in Paris.

As Secretary Kerry said today, this is a major signal to other countries that they should also put forth ambitious emissions reduction goals well before international negotiations start in 2015.

In addition, China has agreed to get a full 20 percent of its energy from zero emission sources by 2030. This means China will have to deploy close to 1,000 gigawatts of new zero emission powerplants. This is the amount of electricity the entire United States currently generates and shows just how serious China is about addressing this problem.

American leadership was crucial in forging these goals. It wouldn't have been possible without the President's Clean Power Plan, which will reduce emissions from the power sector by 30 percent relative to 2005 levels by the year 2030.

This agreement goes beyond even those ambitious targets, and in the coming months and years, it will be important for this President and the next to maintain and strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to protect Americans from harmful pollution.

Despite near universal consensus among climate scientists that the Clean Power Plan is part of the solution to fighting climate change, today that plan is under attack in Congress. Right after the President announced this historic agreement, climate deniers in Congress started rolling out every tired argument in the book. In fact, one of our colleagues here has already dubbed this plan ''unrealistic'' and called it an ''ideological war.''

These claims are the last bastion of a hopeless cause that ignores what we see all around us—from farmers to fishermen to small-town mayors. Theirs is an untenable position, because poll after poll shows that Americans do care about this issue. They care about it deeply. Americans care because they know fighting climate change is really about protecting their children's health, protecting economic opportunity, and leaving our children a world better than our own.

We are seeing the deniers' arguments collapse around them. One of their favorite tropes was to claim that U.S. actions are meaningless without action from China. Well, it looks as though that argument took a fairly big hit yesterday.

In fact, the U.S. did act first by developing the Clean Power Plan. The rules haven't even been finalized, but they are already giving us the leverage to reach major international agreements.

As excuse after excuse fails, we will see climate deniers retreat to tired claims that anything we do to reduce pollution will hurt the economy. But remember that we have heard these claims before. They were wrong then, and they are wrong now.

The list is long, so I will mention just a few. Taking the lead out of gasoline, putting catalytic converters in cars, reducing acid rain, all were met with panicky claims of economic devastation. But what we have learned is that keeping our air and our water clean actually helps our economy.

This agreement between the United States and China is historic. It is a real breakthrough, and it gives us hope that we will be able to confront and resolve one of the greatest challenges of our time. But it is still just an agreement.

We need to follow through with action. We must listen to the American people and amplify their voices as they call for action to preserve our health, our economy, and our way of life.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). The Senator from Louisiana.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I was on the floor earlier today. I have been on the floor since we convened back into session—our first session since the election—and I am very heartened by what I have heard from colleagues such as the Senator from Hawaii, who just spoke, our colleague from Montana, who just spoke, our colleague from Tennessee, who spoke; as well as the leadership particularly, including Leader REID, majority leader-to-be MITCH MCCONNELL, and the Senator from Texas, Mr. CORNYN, all of whom came to the floor and said they heard the message of the American people. The message is that now is the time to stop the bickering, stop the fighting, stop the gridlock, and take action on issues the American people know are the right answers for our country, focusing on building jobs and economic hope for the middle class, in large measure because of this extraordinary opportunity for an energy renaissance that is underway as we speak—energy jobs, petrochemical jobs, manufacturing jobs.

Our unemployment rate in south Louisiana is 3.5 percent. Our general unemployment rate is much lower than the national average and has been for many years. But even in my State, with these very positive numbers, middle-class families are seeing their incomes stagnate, their way of life not progressing, and their economic progress not moving forward as it should.

So while people are happy and doing well in some parts of the country—every leader came to the floor and said, we heard the American people. We want jobs. We want economic opportunity. We want the middle class put first. We want gridlock put last, and we want you all to roll up your sleeves and get the job done. That was the message.

So I came to the floor at 2 o'clock, the first minute we opened, to claim the floor to say let's begin with trusting each other, moving forward, and passing the Keystone Pipeline which is a bill that has enjoyed bipartisan support and has the 60 votes on this floor for passage.

There is strong objection from the 40 Members who have been opposed. Of course they have a right to be opposed. We debated this for 5 years, but the process is let's vote and let the process move forward. I am very encouraged that in the 2 hours 15 minutes I have been on the floor that the House of Representatives has actually heard this call and has decided to introduce—the Rules Committee will be meeting tonight. I understand they want to introduce the identical bill to the Hoeven-Landrieu bill which will give a clear path. It is a stand-alone Keystone only with private property rights language that is very important to the Republican base but it is also very important to Democratic Members, for me, personally, and my State, but for many rural States on the Democratic side. We cannot allow international companies to expropriate our properties here without due process. It cannot happen. I am the strongest advocate of building pipelines everywhere, but there are private property rights that have to be followed.

The language carefully drafted by Senator HOEVEN and myself respects the private property rights of American citizens. I understand the House is going to take that language and the straight-up, no attachments, no riders, no anything—except for the Keystone language as it is written in this file that is pending and pass that out of the House.

We have already made some progress in getting the Keystone project built or moving forward. I want to put into the record a couple of headlines of magazines and articles that I think help to underline or underscore what I am trying to say.

The ''Science'' magazine editor-in-chief says, ''Time to move forward on Keystone Pipeline.''

LABI: ''Twenty Louisiana Chambers of Commerce support Keystone Pipeline.'' This is the Louisiana Association of Business Industry. It is a recent headline.

The Washington Post: ''On the Keystone XL pipeline, put policy ahead of politics.'' That is what we are doing today.

Illinois Review—this is one of the most important. ''AFL–CIO says Keystone XL is not just a pipeline but a life line.''

The largest labor unions in our country have rolled up their sleeves. They are in this fight. They are telling us, Democrats and Republicans, but mostly to the Democratic Caucus, because they are part of our base, vote for the pipeline. This is jobs for average middle-class working people that we need. We deserve them, they say, in States such as yours, Mr. President, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and in States such as Colorado, New Mexico, New York. I could go on and on. In West Virginia.

Remember, my State—not that we don't need good jobs but our unemployment rate is very low. We have jobs and opportunities pouring into Louisiana and Texas, the energy coast of America. We are proud of it.

We are proud not only to produce these jobs and this energy but we are helping to fuel a renaissance of manufacturing in the Midwest. We are exceedingly proud of this. We are not just creating jobs for ourselves, we are creating jobs for the Midwest, for the manufacturing renaissance of America.

We are allowing for the expansion of the economy on the east coast and providing help for the west coast. It is what we do. It is what America's energy coast does. No coast does it better than we do.

We are connecting to a partner, Canada, which is better for us in many ways than Venezuela or even some of our friends in the Mideast, and we don't—not every friend is our friend in the Mideast. We are getting oil from our best friend, our best trading partner, our best ally, that has equal economic standards as we do and even some higher environmental standards than we do to create economic opportunity for our country.

I wanted to submit this for the record. There are no other Senators to speak. I am going to yield the floor in a minute.

We are still in a time of morning business until votes at 5:30.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be able to show a device in the course of my presentation about exploding airbags.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AIRBAGS

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, there has been quite a bit in the press about defective exploding airbags. This is a part of a steering wheel with the airbag deployed. In the steering wheel, the driver would be like this with their hands on the steering wheel. When the impact occurs and the airbag is deployed, instantly, if you have seen that kind of impact on the airbag, because of the chemicals inside of the steering wheel, it causes an explosion that comes out of already existing holes in the metal that contains the airbag and it deploys the airbag like this so that the—in this case, the driver—in the case of the passenger, the same, but it is not a steering wheel like this. That protects and has saved countless, thousands and thousands of lives. The fact is that we now know there are four people in this country who are dead. There are a hundred who are injured. That is not including the international office, because of the defective airbag that has been manufactured by a Japanese manufacturer. What its defect is is that instead of the chemicals exploding to inflate the airbag, it explodes with such force for all of this that is contained within the steering wheel before it explodes. There is metal.

When the chemical explosion occurs, it is supposed to go through the airholes and fill the bag. Instead, what

has happened in the explosion, it is with such force that some of the metal becomes shrapnel and comes through the bag and in effect becomes lethal projectiles that harm either the driver or the passenger.

For example, on this exploded airbag, I want you to see the size of the hole that was ripped in this bag here. Here is another one. A hole that was ripped. There are holes in other parts of the bag. Obviously this isn't supposed to occur.

As a matter of fact, I visited with a constituent from central Florida. This is a firefighter with a young wife and a young child. A piece of shrapnel, in this particular constituent's case, came into his eye.

Therefore, in his occupation as a firefighter, he will not be able to fulfill the financial support for his family as a firefighter. Four people in this country are confirmed dead, and 100 are injured.

We have a Federal agency that is supposed to be protecting us. It is called the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Recently, because of the attention brought to this matter, they have come out and said they want these recalls, but the recalls first started out at about 4.7 million. It has been doubled to 7.8 million. It is increasing all the time, and it is expected that it will be in the range of 11 million in this country and 16 million recalls worldwide.

Normally, if you could get the recalls done, once it occurs—once the defect is known—then the public is protected.

But it seems like, similarly to some dragging of the feet of automobile manufacturers and their parts manufacturers in the past, that is what is occurring here. What we are also seeing is a Federal agency that in this Senator's opinion has not been right up front, forward leaning, and aggressive to protect the public.

Thus, I have requested of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to get in this and to do several things: First, to make sure that all these recalls are happening, and, secondly, if you are a person who knows of the recall because the automobile manufacturer has sent you a letter, are you going to be wanting to drive around if they tell you they can't fix it immediately? Are you going to be wanting to drive around in an automobile that could suddenly explode and cover you with metal shrapnel, severely injuring or killing you? Of course not.

So where is the automobile manufacturer with regard to giving a loaner until that air bag can be replaced with a safe one or where are they with regard to providing a rental car?

For the automobile company to say we will disable the airbag until we can get the proper replacement, that is not a solution because often the seatbelt and the airbag are designed to work in conjunction with each other to protect the safety of the driver and the passenger. So driving around in a disabled airbag is not a solution. The solution is prompt replacement of the defective, lethal airbags or, until they can be replaced, to give the customer another automobile that is safe.

Along the way, someone came up with the brilliant idea in the Federal agency that they were going to issue just regional recalls under the assumption that highway humidity, in fact, is one of the causes. They don't know that, but that is one of the suspicious causes. But what does a regional recall do for the protection of the public? Aren't we a mobile society? If you say we have high humidity in my State of Florida, in Texas and in other Southern States, aren't we a mobile society in which people in other parts of the country who own automobiles come to our States? Of course we are.

Oh, by the way, how about some States in the north that have high humidity in the summer—if, in fact, that is the cause. So to say that a solution to the problem is a regional recall is totally ridiculous and the Federal regulatory agency should not be issuing these kinds of edicts if we are serious about protecting the public.

I have recommended, in a letter that has been signed by several of our colleagues to the Secretary of Transportation, Secretary Foxx, that he start imposing the maximum fine allowed by law per day against the automobile manufacturers for any days that are missed in replacing the defective airbags so that people will not have to drive around in cars with this defect.

While we were home over this recess during the election, I had an airbag explode and demonstrate its force. It is severe, and it is quick, as it has to be in order to protect the passenger in an automobile accident.

But if that airbag is defectively constructed so that the explosive force becomes like a hand grenade exploding and sending pieces of a metal into the human body which the very device is supposed to protect, then it is time for action. I hope the folks who are manufacturing and installing these defective airbags indeed are hearing these words of warning.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TAXPAYERS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

Mr. COBURN. I wish to spend a few minutes talking about a bill that passed the House that has 37 bipartisan cosponsors in the Senate that came out of my committee. It is an important transparency item for the American taxpayers called the Taxpayers Right to Know Act.

What most Americans don't realize is there is only one agency that knows how many programs it has—only one. None of the rest of the Federal agencies know how many Federal programs they are running. They can't put them down, can't list them on a piece of paper.

The GAO has recommended for a long period of time—starting about 3 or 4 years ago—that we should be putting this down when we have the truth in transparency and the truth in accountability act and the transparency act with President Obama. We started this process where the GAO would look for duplication and report it to Congress.

We have a bill that has passed unanimously in the House. It is a bipartisan bill that came with a voice vote out of our committee. All it says is that every agency ought to have to list their programs every year so we can know what they are doing. GAO says that will help immensely in terms of eliminating this $200 billion to $300 billion a year in duplication.

We are going to have some unanimous requests later today, and we will have a bill that is on the floor for which the majority leader has once again filled the tree, which allows no amendments whatsoever on the bill.

This bill should be on the floor, should be standing on its own, and should be passed because nobody can honestly object to the agencies not knowing what programs they run, not having a complete list.

I mean, it is counterintuitive that anybody would vote against it. It makes no sense that we don't know that, and we know we need to have it. It is an easy vote for everybody, and the majority leader isn't going to allow an amendment.

So we are not at a new day yet with this present majority leader. This is something that helps every American—Democrat or Republican. It helps us run our government more efficiently, more effectively. It is a good-government amendment, and yet it is not going to be allowed.

I am disheartened that at the end of the year we could actually do some things together that would actually allow us to accomplish real things for the American people that will make a real difference in the long run, but we won't because we don't want to have what was guaranteed to the minority when the Senate was set up—the right to offer amendments.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be recognized for up to 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEIGH MAY, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, one of the great honors of being a Member of the Senate is the participation and the confirmation process the Constitution dictates to us on Federal judges and other critical appointees, such as Cabinet members of the President.

I have today a distinct honor and privilege to recommend to all of my colleagues in the Senate a Georgia lawyer who has been nominated by the President of the United States, with the approval of Senator CHAMBLISS and myself, to the Northern District Court of Georgia. Her name is Leigh May. She is an unbelievably exciting, unbelievably knowledgeable, unbelievably accomplished individual.

She graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology, one of the top three engineering schools in the United States of America, with honors, in 1993. Then, in 1998, she graduated from the University of Georgia Law School with a juris doctorate degree, magna cum laude in her class.

From 1998 to 2000, she served as a law clerk to Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. She is a partner in the Atlanta office of Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer, LLP, one of the leading law firms in our State. Her practice focuses on complex civil litigation in both the State and Federal courts, and she is currently vice chair of the litigation section of the Atlanta Bar Association. Her ABA rating is unanimously very ''qualified.''

She is a very talented, very deserving person. I thank the President for his nomination. I thank Kathy Ruemmler, who was his leading advisor at the time, for her cooperation in this nomination.

I close my recommendation to my colleagues by telling them this: Please vote for the cloture motion today so we can vote for confirmation tomorrow.

This May, I was asked to address the University of Georgia's graduation ceremony in Athens, GA. After the speech I made, I went back to the dressing room in the green room, and the dean of the law school came up to me and said: I just want you to know, Mr. ISAKSON, you nominated one of the smartest people to ever graduate from the law school of the University of Georgia when you nominated Leigh May.

I can't think of a higher or a better recommendation, and I commend Leigh May to my colleagues of the Senate with my highest recommendation in the hopes that folks will vote today to go to cloture and vote for the confirmation tomorrow to confirm Leigh May to the Northern District of Georgia.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF LESLIE JOYCE ABRAMS TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 856.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a cloture motion at the desk that I ask to be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to report the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Mazie K. Hirono, Richard J. Durbin, Angus S. King, Jr., Jon Tester, Richard Blumenthal, Bill Nelson, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Elizabeth Warren, Brian Schatz, Al Franken, Sheldon Whitehouse, Benjamin L. Cardin, Tim Kaine, Charles E. Schumer, Tom Harkin.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF MARK HOWARD COHEN TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 857.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL). The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I send a cloture motion to the desk—in fact, it is already at the desk—and ask that it be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to report the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Mazie K. Hirono, Richard J. Durbin, Angus S. King, Jr., Jon Tester, Richard Blumenthal, Bill Nelson, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Elizabeth Warren, Brian Schatz, Al Franken, Sheldon Whitehouse, Benjamin L. Cardin, Tim Kaine, Charles E. Schumer, Tom Harkin.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF ELEANOR LOUISE ROSS TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 858.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. There is a cloture motion at the desk that I ask to be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented

under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to report the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Barbara Boxer, Al Franken, Christopher A. Coons, Jack Reed, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Maria Cantwell, Amy Klobuchar, Bill Nelson, Mark R. Warner, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Tom Harkin, Dianne Feinstein.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. REID. I withdraw my motion to proceed to S. 2609.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

USA FREEDOM ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to Calendar No. 499, S.2685.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 499, S. 2685, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I ask to have the cloture motion at the desk be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to report the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 499, S. 2685, a bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Martin Heinrich, Richard Blumenthal, Sherrod Brown, Thomas R. Carper, Al Franken, Bernard Sanders, Carl Levin, Tom Udall, Charles E. Schumer, Mazie K. Hirono, Tom Harkin, Cory A. Booker, Barbara Boxer, Christopher A. Coons, Richard J. Durbin.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume executive session.

Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Moss nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, as we return from recess for the remaining days of the 113th Congress, I begin by congratulating my friend Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY who will become chairman of the Judiciary Committee beginning in the 114th Congress. We have a very good working relationship, and I hope this will continue when he assumes the chairmanship in January.

We still have several weeks left in this Congress with much work left to be done. As history shows, when both sides work together, the lameduck session can be a productive one for filling vacancies on our courts. In 2002, after the midterm elections, Senate Democrats worked to confirm 20 of President Bush's judicial nominees—all but one by voice vote. In the 2006 lameduck session, after Senate Democrats won the majority in the elections, Democrats agreed to confirm the 14 judicial nominations pending on the floor, but this package was blocked by a Republican Senator. In the most recent lameduck sessions, in 2010 and 2012, a total of 32 judicial nominees were confirmed. With the 2014 midterm elections behind us, I hope we will, as the incoming majority leader suggests, ''clear the decks'' on pending business so that we can start fresh next year.

Currently, there are 16 district court nominations that have been pending before the full Senate for months and another eight district court nominations and one Court of International Trade nomination that will be reported out of the Judiciary Committee before the end of the month. There are also six nominees pending before the Senate to fill vacancies on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, two nominees to fill vacancies on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and three nominees to fill vacancies on the U.S. Tax Court.

Today, we will vote to overcome the needless filibuster of just two of the district court nominations that have been pending before the full Senate since June, one of which will fill a judicial emergency vacancy in Georgia.

Randolph Moss is nominated to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary unanimously rated Mr. Moss ''well qualified'' to serve on that court—its highest rating. Since 2001, he has been a partner at the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP. He has also served in various capacities for the U.S. Department of Justice. Upon graduating from Yale Law School, Mr. Moss clerked for Judge Pierre N. Leval on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and for Justice John Paul Stevens on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Leigh May is nominated to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. She is currently a partner at the law firm of Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer, LLP, in Atlanta, GA, where she has practiced since 2000. After graduating magna cum laude from the University of Georgia Law School, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

We still have much work to do to fill the 64 current judicial vacancies and 27 known upcoming vacancies on our Federal district and circuit courts. Before the end of this Congress we could cut the number of vacancies on our district and circuit courts by one-third. To get this done, however, we must stop delaying for delay's sake votes for consensus nominees. Unless there is cooperation from Republican Senators, we will not have time to clear the Executive Calendar before adjournment. At the very least, I would hope that the Republican Senators who recommended many of the pending judicial nominees to the President will work within their caucus to get consent to confirm their nominees.

I hope all Senators will vote to put an end to the filibuster of these nominations.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 2280

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the leader's remarks on Tuesday, November 18, the Senate proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 371, S. 2280, a bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; that there be up to 6 hours of debate equally divided between opponents and proponents; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the bill be read a third time and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of S. 2280; that no amendments, motions, or points of order be in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage; that the vote on passage be subject to a 60 affirmative-vote

threshold. And I will include something. I ask that unanimous consent as in legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Reserving the right to object.

Mr. President, we have been trying to get the Keystone Pipeline approved and on the President's desk since 2012. The leader on our side has been the Senator from North Dakota, Senator HOEVEN. We have all supported this effort because we believe the State Department estimate that roughly 42,000 jobs would be created once the pipeline is approved. If the oil doesn't come to the United States and is not turned into fuel here, it will be shipped to China.

Unfortunately, the majority has blocked this pipeline several times. It has been stalled for way too long, so I am glad to see some progress is being made, albeit at this late date, after a dramatic election on November 4.

I ask the Senator to modify her request so that if the Senate passes S. 2280 and receives a bill from the House that is identical to S. 2280, then the House bill will be read three times and passed with no intervening action or debate, and thus we can send this bill directly to the President without further action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator wish to modify the request?

Ms. LANDRIEU. Reserving the right to object.

I thank the Senator from Texas engaging on this matter today. I appreciate it. Most importantly, I appreciate the comments he made earlier on the floor about rolling up our sleeves and getting to work. He was one of the first speakers this morning when our Senate convened, and I was here when he spoke. I wish to thank him for his very insightful and courageous words that said we should roll up our sleeves and get to work.

He knows very well that I, and about 12 to 15 Members on our side, have been working very hard with him and his leadership and all the Members of the Republican side to move the Keystone Pipeline bill forward.

I think the Senator also knows the bill that Senator HOEVEN and I drafted respects this process, wanted to see the process complete, and acknowledges that the process is now complete and it is time to move.

So because the House heard these words today and has decided to introduce the identical language in the Hoeven-Landrieu bill—and I think the Senator will agree with me it is good news—it looks to me as if they are prepared to pass it. I can see no reason to object to what the Senator from Texas is asking for, and I consider it extraordinary progress.

I am very happy that I came to the floor at 2:00 p.m. to get the ball rolling and that I was here in time to hear the Senator's remarks: Let's get to work.

So let's get it done. We can get it done in the lameduck session, and I will accept the Senator's counter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The request has been modified.

Is there an objection to the modified request?

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, a point of clarification. It is my understanding the Senator from Louisiana is not objecting to my amended request and has not posed another modification. I believe the question is, is there an objection to my modified request?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I will clarify. I want the record to reflect my remarks. The Senator from Louisiana has absolutely no objection to the House of Representatives taking the exact language from my bill with Senator HOEVEN and passing it. Why would I object? I have been working on this for 4 years. Why would I object to that? The record should reflect that. The Senator from Louisiana has no objection whatsoever—and I am encouraged that the House is taking the exact language of the bill that I carefully drafted with Senator HOEVEN. He is the lead on this bill. I am not. It is his bill. He is the lead. I am just the Chair of the energy committee.

I wish to thank Senator TESTER and others who helped to craft a bill that the House would accept, and so I have no objection to that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the modified request?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Sheldon Whitehouse, Patty Murray, Elizabeth Warren, Charles E. Schumer, Jack Reed, Christopher A. Coons, Dianne Feinstein, Angus S. King, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Mazie K. Hirono, Richard Blumenthal, Amy Klobuchar, Christopher Murphy, Cory A. Booker, Martin Heinrich.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 271 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Baldwin	Hagan	Murray
Begich	Harkin	Nelson
Bennet	Heinrich	Pryor
Blumenthal	Heitkamp	Reed
Booker	Hirono	Reid
Boxer	Johnson (SD)	Rockefeller
Brown	Kaine	Sanders
Cantwell	King	Schatz
Cardin	Klobuchar	Schumer
Carper	Leahy	Shaheen
Casey	Levin	Tester
Collins	Markey	Udall (NM)
Coons	McCaskill	Walsh
Donnelly	Menendez	Warner
Durbin	Merkley	Warren
Feinstein	Mikulski	Whitehouse
Franken	Murkowski	Wyden
Gillibrand	Murphy	

NAYS—45

Alexander	Fischer	McCain
Ayotte	Flake	McConnell
Barrasso	Graham	Moran
Blunt	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hatch	Portman
Burr	Heller	Risch
Chambliss	Hoeven	Roberts
Coats	Inhofe	Rubio
Coburn	Isakson	Scott
Cochran	Johanns	Sessions
Corker	Johnson (WI)	Shelby
Cornyn	Kirk	Thune
Crapo	Landrieu	Toomey
Cruz	Lee	Vitter
Enzi	Manchin	Wicker

NOT VOTING—2

Stabenow	Udall of Colorado

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 53, the nays are 45. The motion is agreed to.

NOMINATION OF RANDOLPH D. MOSS TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the May nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

Mr. LEAHY. I withhold that request. I yield back my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Georgia, Mr. ISAKSON.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Senator CHAMBLISS, we ask the Members of the Senate to move favorably on this vote of cloture. We appreciate the consideration of Members and ask for their ''yes'' vote.

I yield back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is yielded back.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Mazie K. Hirono, Richard J. Durbin, Angus S. King, Jr., Jon Tester, Richard Blumenthal, Bill Nelson, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Elizabeth Warren, Brian Schatz, Al Franken, Sheldon Whitehouse, Benjamin L. Cardin, Tim Kaine, Charles E. Schumer, Tom Harkin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN: I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 67, nays 30, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 272 Ex.]

YEAS—67

Ayotte	Gillibrand	Murkowski
Baldwin	Graham	Murphy
Begich	Hagan	Murray
Bennet	Harkin	Nelson
Blumenthal	Hatch	Pryor
Booker	Heinrich	Reed
Brown	Heitkamp	Reid
Burr	Hirono	Rockefeller
Cantwell	Inhofe	Sanders
Cardin	Isakson	Schatz
Carper	Johnson (SD)	Schumer
Casey	Kaine	Shaheen
Chambliss	King	Shelby
Coats	Klobuchar	Tester
Cochran	Landrieu	Udall (NM)
Collins	Leahy	Walsh
Coons	Levin	Warner
Cornyn	Manchin	Warren
Donnelly	Markey	Whitehouse
Durbin	McCaskill	Wicker
Feinstein	Menendez	Wyden
Flake	Merkley	
Franken	Mikulski	

NAYS—30

Alexander	Grassley	Paul
Barrasso	Heller	Portman
Blunt	Hoeven	Risch
Boozman	Johanns	Roberts
Coburn	Johnson (WI)	Rubio
Corker	Kirk	Scott
Crapo	Lee	Sessions
Cruz	McCain	Thune
Enzi	McConnell	Toomey
Fischer	Moran	Vitter

NOT VOTING—3

Boxer	Stabenow	Udall (CO)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 67, the nays are 30.

The motion is agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12170 ON NOVEMBER 14, 1979—PM 54

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2014.

Because our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the agreements with Iran, dated January 19, 1981, is still under way, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12170 with respect to Iran.

BARACK OBAMA,

THE WHITE HOUSE, *November 12, 2014.*

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 19, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 40. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 4323. An act to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 124. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled joint resolution was signed on September 19, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. ROCKEFELLER).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bill was signed on September 29, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 594. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2600. An act to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums.

H.R. 3043. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

H.R. 3716. An act to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5062. An act to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5404. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bills were signed on September 19, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CARPER).

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 25, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 4980. An act to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and improve international child support recovery.

H.R. 4994. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 40. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on September 26, 2014, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; and for other purposes.

H.R. 4. An act to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4. An act to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 19, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 476. An act to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park Commission.

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 29, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 40. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC–7171. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of a comprehensive and sustained counterterrorism strategy to stop the advance by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), received during adjournment of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7172. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the authorization of targeted strikes in Syria, received during adjournment of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7173. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Butanedioic Acid, 2-methylene-, polymer with 2,5-fuandione, sodium and ammonium salts, hydrogen peroxide-initiated; Tolerance Exemption'' (FRL No. 9915–81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7174. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''2-Propenoic acid, butyl ester, polymer with 1,6-diisocyanatohexane, N-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methyl-2-propenamide and 2-propenenitrile; Tolerance Exemption'' (FRL No. 9915–82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7175. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Regulations Issued Under the Export Apple Act; Exempting Bulk Shipments to Canada From Minimum Requirements and Inspections'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–14–0022; FV14–33–1 FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7176. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–14–0057; FV14–987–3 IR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7177. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to chemical agent destruction operations at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7178. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Clyde D. Moore II, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7179. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''OCC Guidelines Establishing Heightened Standards for Certain Large Insured National Banks, Insured Federal Savings Associations, and Insured Federal Branches; Integration of Regulations'' (RIN1557–AD78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7180. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report entitled ''Report to the Congress: Russian Sanctions: Restrictions on Certain Military End Uses and End-Users''; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7181. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Suspension of Community Eligibility'' ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA–2014–0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7182. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Removal of Obsolete Community Planning and Development (CPD) Regulations'' (RIN2506–AC36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7183. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Updated Statements of Legal Authority for the Export Administration Regulations'' (RIN0694–AG26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7184. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Implementation of Understandings Reached at the 2005, 2012, and 2013 Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) Plenary Meetings and a 2009 NSG Intersessional Decision; Additions to the List of NSG Participating Countries; Correction'' (RIN0694–AD58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7185. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of construction of the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility (MOX facility) at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site in South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7186. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7187. A communication from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the Incident Management, Analysis

and Reporting System'' (RIN1090–AB02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7188. A communication from the Departmental Privacy Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Privacy Act Regulations; Exemption for the Debarment and Suspension Program'' (RIN1090–AA94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7189. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Open Burning Rule'' (FRL No. 9916–47–Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7190. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, State of California, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, New Source Review'' (FRL No. 9916–06–Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7191. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan; State Stationary Source Rules'' (FRL No. 9912–67–Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7192. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): Use of Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods for Permit Applications and Reporting; Correction'' ((RIN2040–AC84) (FRL No. 9916–33–OW)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7193. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District'' (FRL No. 9915–35–Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7194. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; 2014 Amendments to West Virginia's Ambient Air Quality Standards'' (FRL No. 9916–82–Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7195. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 59'' (FRL No. 9916–74–OSWER) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7196. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7197. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7198. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7199. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–054); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7200. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–089); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7201. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–078); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7202. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7203. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates—Visa and Citizenship Services Fee Changes; Correction'' (RIN1400–AD47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7204. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Postmarketing Safety Reports for Human Drug and Biological Products; Electronic Submission Requirements'' ((RIN9010–AF96) (Docket No. FDA–2008–N–0334)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7205. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''2014 Edition Release 2 Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certification Criteria and the ONC HIT Certification Program; Regulatory Flexibilities, Improvements, and Enhanced Health Information Exchange'' (RIN0991–AB92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7206. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7207. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''District of Columbia Agencies' Compliance with Fiscal Year 2014 Small Business Enterprise Expenditure Goals through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7208. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7209. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Legal Process for the Enforcement of a Tax Levy or Criminal Restitution Order Against a Participant Account.'' (5 CFR Part 1653) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7210. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States'' for the March 2014 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–7211. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC–7212. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Special Home Adaptation Grants for Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans with Certain Vision Impairment'' (RIN2900–AP12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–7213. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Updating Certain Citations in VA Medical Regulations'' (RIN2900–AP04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–7214. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program; Amendment of Procedures and Notification of Request for Referendum'' (AMS–LPS–13–0066) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7215. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Sheep Industry Improvement Center'' (AMS–LPS–14–0028) received during adjournment of the Senate in

the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7216. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modification of the Handling Regulations for Yellow Fleshed and White Types of Potatoes'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–14–0026; FV14–946–1 FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7217. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Modification of Container Requirements'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–14–0046; FV14–945–2 IR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7218. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–14–0051; FV14–915–1 IR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7219. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Importation of Mangoes From Jamaica Into the Continental United States'' ((RIN0579–AD80) (Docket No. APHIS–2013–0018)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7220. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Standard Requirements; Addition of Terminology To Define Veterinary Biologics Test Results'' ((RIN0579–AD86) (Docket No. APHIS–2013–0034)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7221. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Importation of Fresh Bananas From the Philippines Into Hawaii and U.S. Territories'' ((RIN0579–AD82) (Docket No. APHIS–2013–0045)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7222. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Pine Shoot Beetle; Addition of Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles'' (Docket No. APHIS–2010–0031) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7223. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Importation of Cape Gooseberry From Colombia Into the United States; Technical Amendment'' ((RIN0579–AD79) (Docket No. APHIS–2012–0038)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7224. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Expansion of Areas in the Philippines Considered Free of Mango Seed Weevil and Mango Pulp Weevil and Establishment of a Lower Irradiation Dose as a Treatment for Mango Pulp Weevil'' ((RIN0579–AD84) (Docket No. APHIS–2013–0057)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7225. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Program Funds'' (RIN0570–AA30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7226. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Tetraacetylethylenediamine and Its Metabolite, Diacetylethylenediamine; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL No. 9916–44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7227. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fluoxastrobin; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9916–28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7228. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Addition of Nonylphenol Category; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting'' ((RIN2025–AA34) (FRL No. 9915–59–OEI)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7229. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Sulfentrazone; Pesticide Tolerances'' (FRL No. 9915–47) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7230. A communication from the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's 2014 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7231. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Organization; Institution Stockholder Voting Procedures'' (RIN3052–AC85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7232. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Farm Loan Programs; Entity Eligibility'' (RIN0560–AI25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7233. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs'' (RIN0560–AI24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7234. A communication from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Eliminate the 6-Day Reservation Period Requirement for Rural Development Obligations'' (RIN0575–ZA01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–7235. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of funding for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–7236. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that involved fiscal year 2009 and 2010 Operation and Maintenance, Army, and fiscal year 2010 Other Procurement, Army, funds, that occurred at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, and was assigned Army case number 13–05; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–7237. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 report relative to data mining (OSS–2014–1682); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7238. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the EP–3 and Special Projects Aircraft Electronic Intelligence (OSS–2014–1683); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7239. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report authorizing the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security to order the Selected Reserve and certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to active duty to augment the active forces in support of Operation United Assistance; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7240. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Report to Congress on Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2015''; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7241. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7242. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7243. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7244. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7245. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of four (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7246. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Jan-Marc Jouas, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7247. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7248. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation: Ocean Transportation by U.S.-Flag Vessels'' ((RIN0750–AI38) (DFARS Case 2014–D012)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7249. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Clauses with Alternates—Taxes'' ((RIN0750–AI19) (DFARS Case 2013–D025)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7250. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Storage, Treatment, and Disposal of Toxic or Hazardous Materials—Statutory Update'' ((RIN0750–AI07) (DFARS Case 2013–D013)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7251. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Flowdown of Specialty Metals Restrictions'' ((RIN0750–AI30) (DFARS Case 2014–D011)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7252. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Limitation on Use of Cost-reimbursement Line Items'' ((RIN0750–AI16) (DFARS Case 2013–D016)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7253. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Period for Task and Delivery Order Contracts—Deletion of Congressional Reporting Requirement'' ((RIN0750–AI35) (DFARS Case 2014–D018)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7254. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Payment in Local Currency (Afghanistan)'' ((RIN0750–AI14) (DFARS Case 2013–D029)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–7255. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7256. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7257. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7258. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7259. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7260. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2013 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7261. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Flood Elevation Determinations'' ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA–2014–0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7262. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Suspension of Community Eligibility'' ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA–2014–0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7263. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards: Ground Anchor Installations'' (RIN2502–AJ15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7264. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Section 232 Healthcare Facility Insurance Program—Aligning Operator Financial Reports With HUD's Uniform Financial Reporting Standards'' (RIN2502–AJ125) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7265. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Russian Sanctions: Addition of Persons to the Entity List and Restrictions on Certain Military End Uses and Military End Users'' (RIN0694–AG28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7266. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Addition and Modification of Certain Persons on the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List'' (RIN0694–AG21) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7267. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7268. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7269. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Foreign Policy Report entitled ''Report to the Congress: Export and Reexport License Requirements for Integrated Circuits, Seismic Detection Systems, Helicopter Landing System Radars, and Technology for Infrared Up-Conversion Devices''; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7270. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7271. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7272. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7273. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7274. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7275. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Liquidity Coverage Ratio: Liquidity Risk Measurement Standards'' (RIN3064–AE04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–7276. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions and Technical Corrections to Conform the Commission's Regulations to the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013'' (RIN1902–AE93) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7277. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities'' (Docket No. RM05–5–022; Order No. 676–H) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7278. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Concession Contracts'' (RIN1024–AE22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7279. A communication from the Division Chief, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees'' (RIN1004–AE36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7280. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Acquisition Regulation: Access to and Ownership of Records'' (RIN1991–AB85) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7281. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Green Building Certification Systems for Federal Buildings'' (RIN1904–AC13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7282. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revision to the Final Principles of Integrated Resource Planning for Use in Resource Acquisition and Transmission Planning'' (10 CFR Part 905) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7283. A communication from the Designated Federal Official, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States World War One Centennial Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–7284. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Lynnhaven River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Project, Virginia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7285. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment of the Canada Lynx and Revised Distinct Population Segment Boundary'' (RIN1018–AZ77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7286. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Sharpnose Shiner and Smalleye Shiner'' (RIN1018–AZ34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7287. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Sharpnose Shiner and Smalleye Shiner'' (RIN1018–AY55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7288. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for Physaria globosa (Short's bladderpod), Helianthus verticillatus (whorled sunflower), and Leavenworthia crassa (fleshy-fruit gladecress)'' (RIN1018–AZ11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7289. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Physaria globosa (Short's bladderpod), Helianthus verticillatus (whorled sunflower), and Leavenworthia crassa (fleshy-fruit gladecress)'' (RIN1018–AZ60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7290. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for Arabis georgiana (Georgia rockcress)'' (RIN1018–AY72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7291. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Georgia Rockcress'' (RIN1018–AZ55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7292. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding 10 Species to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife'' (RIN1018–BA55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7293. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Florida Leafwing and Bartram's Scrub-Hairstreak Butterflies'' (RIN1018–AZ08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7294. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Florida Leafwing and Bartram's Scrub-Hairstreak Butterflies'' (RIN1018–AZ59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7295. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Brickellia mosieri (Florida Brickell-bush) and Linum carteri var. carteri (Carter's Small-flowered Flax)'' (RIN1018–AZ15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7296. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Agave eggersiana and Gonocalyx concolor, and Threatened Species Status for Varronia rupicola'' (RIN1018–AZ10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7297. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Agave eggersiana, Gonocalyx concolor, and Varronia rupicola'' (RIN1018–AZ79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7298. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for Vandenberg Monkeyflower'' (RIN1018–AY27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7299. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status for Oregon Spotted Frog'' (RIN1018–AZ04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7300. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medical Assessment of Licensed Operators or Applicants for Operator Licenses at Nuclear Power Plants'' (Regulatory Guide 1.134, Revision 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7301. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standard Format and Content for a Specific License Application for an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation or Monitored Retrievable Storage Facility'' (Regulatory Guide 3.50, Revision 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7302. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel'' ((RIN3150–AJ20) (NRC–2012–0246)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7303. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Migratory Bird Hunting; Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands'' (RIN1018–AZ80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7304. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Early-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations'' (RIN1018–AZ80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7305. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2014–15 Early Season'' (RIN1018–AZ80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7306. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone, 2010 NO2, and 2010 SO2 NAAQS'' (FRL No. 9917–60–Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7307. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; State Boards Requirements'' (FRL No. 9917–69–Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7308. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS'' (FRL No. 9917–62–Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7309. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Nevada; Clark County; Stationary Source Permits'' (FRL No. 9917–82–Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Amendments to Gasoline Vapor Recovery Requirements for Illinois.'' (FRL No. 9917–42–Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS'' (FRL No. 9917–61–Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards'' (FRL No. 9917–84-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7313. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Stationary Source Permits'' (FRL No. 9917–81-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate

on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7314. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, California Air Resources Board—Consumer Products'' (FRL No. 9915–53-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7315. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia; Approval of the Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plan of the Washington, DC–MD-VA Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard'' (FRL No. 9917–39-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Las Vegas Valley, Nevada; Redesignation to Attainment for PM10'' (FRL No. 9917–23-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7317. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District'' (FRL No. 9915–37-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7318. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Identification of Nonattainment Classification and Deadlines for Submission of State Implementation Plan (SIP) Provisions for the 1997 Fine Particle (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS; Correction'' (FRL No. 9917–34-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7319. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revision to the Idaho State Implementation Plan; Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: Idaho, Northern Ada County PM10 Second Ten-Year Maintenance Plan and Pinehurst PM10 Contingency Measures'' (FRL No. 9917–38-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7320. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program'' (FRL No. 9916–02-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7321. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries'' (FRL No. 9917–28–OSWER) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7322. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7323. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Recovery Auditing in Medicare for Fiscal Year 2013''; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7324. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA): Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution, 2013''; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7325. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund'' ((RIN1505–AC49) (31 CFR Part 34)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7326. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Technical Amendment to List of User Fee Airports: Addition of John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, California and Renaming of Williams Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport'' (CBP Dec. 14–10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7327. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Investment in group trusts by certain Puerto Rico retirement plans and by certain insurance company separate accounts'' (Rev. Rul. 2014–24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7328. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Applicable Federal Rates—October 2014'' (Rev. Rul. 2014–26) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7329. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Method Changes for Final Disposition Regs'' (Rev. Proc. 2014–54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7330. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Modification of Rev. Proc. 2011–16'' (Rev. Proc. 2014–51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7331. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules Regarding Inversions and Related Transactions'' (Notice 2014–52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7332. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''2014–2015 Special Per Diem Rates'' (Notice 2014–57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7333. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Guidance on Allocation of After-Tax Amounts to Rollovers'' (Notice 2014–54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7334. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Section 1298(f) Reporting Requirements for U.S. Persons that Hold Stock of a Passive Foreign Investment Company that is Marked to Market Under Section 475 or Another Chapter 1 Code Provision Other Than Section 1296'' (Notice 2014–51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7335. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates'' (Notice 2014–50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7336. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Employee Retirement Benefit Plan Returns Required on Magnetic Media'' ((RIN1545–BL54) (TD 9695)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 29, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7337. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Authority for Voluntary Withholding on Other Payments'' ((RIN1545–BL92) (TD 9692)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7338. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Additional Rules Regarding Hybrid Retirement Plans'' ((RIN1545–BI16) (TD 9693)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7339. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''The $500,000 deduction limit for remuneration provided by certain health insurance providers'' ((RIN1545–BK88) (TD 9694)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–7340. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS–2014–1674); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7341. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–023); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7342. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a section of the Arms Export Control Act (RSAT 13–3677); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7343. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–084); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7344. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–111); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7345. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–076); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7346. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–071); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7347. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–037); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7348. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14–062); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7349. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a semiannual report detailing telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba pursuant to Department of the Treasury licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7350. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7351. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report responding to a GAO report entitled ''Combating Terrorism: U.S. Efforts in Northwest Africa Would Be Strengthened by Enhanced Program Management''; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7352. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2014–0123—2014–0128); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–7353. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition to add workers who were employed at Simonds Saw and Steel Co. in Lockport, New York, to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7354. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Update on the Adoption of Health Information Technology and Related Efforts to Facilitate the Electronic Use and Exchange of Health Information''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7355. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget submission for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7356. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Vitamin D3'' (Docket No. FDA–2012–F–0138) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7357. A communication from the Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting , pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Operator Certification'' (RIN1218–AC86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7358. A joint communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Thefts, Losses, or Releases of Select Agents and Toxins for Calendar Year 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–7359. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7360. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7361. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7362. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund is Improving the Lives of District Residents but Additional Oversight Necessary''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7363. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Improved Oversight of the UDC Land Grant Endowment Fund is Required''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7364. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Certification of Revised Fiscal Year 2014 Total Local Source General Fund Revenues (Net of Dedicated Taxes) in Support of the District's Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Series 2014A and 2014B)''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7365. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Metropolitan Police Department First Amendment Investigations Complied with District Law in 2013''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7366. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''District Special Events Processes Can Be Improved''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7367. A communication from the Acting District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''District of Columbia Public Schools' Budget Development and Execution Processes Were Not Sufficient to Avoid Divisional Over- and Under-Spending''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7368. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''NARA Records Subject to FOIA'' (RIN3095–AB73) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7369. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Government Affairs Division, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual submission regarding agency compliance with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and revised Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–123; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7370. A communication from the General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 26, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7371. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 FAIR Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7372. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Fiscal Year 2014 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7373. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Flag Recognition Benefit for Fallen Federal Civilian Employees'' (RIN3206–AM58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7374. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1 , 2013 through September 30, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7375. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Credit Union Administration's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7376. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005–77; Small Entity Compliance Guide'' (FAC 2014–0052) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7377. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Acquisition Regulation; Uniform Procurement Identification'' (RIN9000–AM60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7378. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Acquisition Regulation; Irrevocable Letters of Credit'' (RIN9000–AM53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7379. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Contracting Programs for Minority-Owned and Other Small Businesses'' (RIN9000–AM05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7380. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005–77; Introduction'' (FAC 2005–77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7381. A communication from the Acting Director of the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Branch, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Lead System Integrators (HSAR Case 2009–003)'' (RIN1601–AA49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7382. A communication from the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of four recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 60th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7383. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7384. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board Annual Performance Report for FY 2013 and Annual Performance Plan for FY 2014 (Final) and FY 2015 (Proposed)''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7385. A communication from the Acting Director, Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Occupational Injury and Illness Reporting Requirements—NAICS Update and Reporting Revisions; Final Rule'' (RIN1218–AC50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–7386. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''2014 Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)'' (OSS–2014–1546); to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC–7387. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–7388. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–7389. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, (32) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Justice, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2014; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–7390. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–7391. A communication from the Clerk of Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (United States of America v. P.H. Glatfelter Company and NCR Corporation); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–7392. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Independent Expenditures and Electioneering Communications by Corporations and Labor Organizations'' (Notice 2014–10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC–7393. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Payment or Reimbursement for Certain Medical Expenses for Camp Lejeune Family Members'' (RIN2900–AO79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–7394. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Hospital Care and Medical Services for Camp Lejeune Veterans'' (RIN2900–AO78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–7395. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standard Claims and Appeals Forms'' (RIN2900–AO81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–7396. A communication from the Acting Deputy Chief Counsel (Regulations and Security Standards), Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Cessation of the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee (ASIF)'' (RIN1652–AA018) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22,

2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7397. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Fishery; Framework Adjustment 2'' (RIN0648–BD99) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7398. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States'' (RIN0648–BD93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7399. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Final Listing Determinations on Proposal To List 66 Reef-Building Coral Species and To Reclassify Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals; Final Rule'' (RIN0648–XT12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7400. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 26 and Amendment 29 Supplement'' (RIN0648–BD36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7401. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; North and South Atlantic 2014 Commercial Swordfish Quotas'' (RIN0648–BD96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7402. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Areal American Fisheries Act; Amendment 106'' (RIN0648–BD35) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7403. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Amendment 105'' (RIN0648–BD23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7404. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Fishing Restrictions in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, Whale Shark Conservation Measures'' (RIN0648–BD53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7405. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Telecommunications Relay Services And Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Waivers of iTRS Mandatory Minimum Standards'' (FCC 14–125) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7406. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (McCall, Idaho)'' ((MB Docket No. 14–69) (DA 14–1400)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7407. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Sports Blackout Rules'' ((MB Docket No. 12–3) (FCC 14–141)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7408. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 14–58'' (FCC 14–98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7409. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Modification and Revocation of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Northcentral United States'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0960)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7410. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Establishment of Class E Airspace; Flagstaff, AZ'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0957)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7411. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Modification of Class E Airspace; Hulett, WY'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2013–1016)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7412. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airspace Designations; Incorporation By Reference'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0450)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7413. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Establishment of Class E Airspace; Albuquerque, NM'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0994)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7414. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Modification and Revocation of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes in the Vicinity of Sandusky, OH'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0274)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7415. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Modification of VOR Federal Airway V–298 in the Vicinity of Pasco, WA'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0369)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7416. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Establishment of Class E Airspace; Pine Knot, KY'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0441)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7417. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Establishment of Class D. Airspace and Amendment of Class E Airspace; Blackstone, VA'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0220)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7418. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cynthiana, KY'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2013–1074)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7419. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Modification and Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes;

Western United States'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0271)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7420. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Restricted Areas R–2901A, B, G, H, J, K, L and N; Avon Park, FL'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0703)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7421. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Northeast ME'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0273)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7422. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (118); Amdt. No. 3604'' (RIN2120–AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7423. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (80); Amdt. No. 3603'' (RIN2120–AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7424. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0172)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7425. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0145)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7426. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–1026)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7427. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0588)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7428. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. Turboprop Engines'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0766)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7429. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0794)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7430. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0137)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7431. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0190)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7432. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Technify Motors GmbH Reciprocating Engines'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0179)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7433. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0623)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7434. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Various de Havilland Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0617)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7435. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0298)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7436. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; DASSAULT AVIATION Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0423)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7437. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Helicopters'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0216)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7438. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0929)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7439. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0390)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7440. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0061)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7441. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Rockwell Collins, Inc. Transponders'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0326)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7442. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0464)) received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7443. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP (Type Certificate Previously Held by Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd.) Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7444. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0088)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7445. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; APEX Aircraft Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2014–0647)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7446. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2013–0978)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7447. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Part 95 Instrument Flight Rules; Miscellaneous Amendments 38; Amendment No. 515'' (RIN2120–AA63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7448. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11–153; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10–255'' (FCC 14–118) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7449. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''In the Matter of Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2014, MD Docket No. 14–92, FCC 14–129; Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2013, MD Docket No. 13–140; and Procedures for Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees, MD Docket No. 12–201'' (FCC 14–129) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7450. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program Application Requirements'' (RIN2125–AF50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7451. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Value Engineering'' (RIN2125–AF64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7452. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2015 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2015'' (RIN2127–AL50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7453. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program Application Requirements'' (RIN2132–AB15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7454. A communication from the Procurement Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled ''Organization and Delegation of Powers and Duties in the Transportation Acquisition Regulation'' (RIN2105–AE34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7455. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's decision to enter into a contract with a private security screening company to provide screening services at Roswell International Air Center (ROW); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7456. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Communications, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''NASA Protective Services Enforcement'' (RIN2700–AE10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7457. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper'' (RIN0648–XD386) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7458. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7459. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7460. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area'' (RIN0648–XD520) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7461. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2014 Commercial Fishing for Pacific Bluefin Tuna Closed in the Eastern Pacific Ocean'' (RIN0648–XD448) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7462. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper'' (RIN0648–XD389) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7463. A communication from the Census Bureau Federal Register Liaison Officer, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Reinstatement of Exemptions Related to Temporary Exports, Carnets, and Shipments Under a Temporary Import Bond'' (RIN0607–AA53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7464. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Closure of the 2014 South Atlantic Commercial Sector for Red Snapper'' (RIN0648–XD478) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7465. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area'' (RIN0648–XD480) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7466. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area'' (RIN0648–XD473) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7467. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the 2014 Trimester 2 Directed Longfin Squid Fishery'' (RIN0648–XD378) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7468. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries'' (RIN0648–XD423) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7469. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska'' (RIN0648–XD509) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7470. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure'' (RIN0648–XD514) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7471. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2014 Sub-Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Harvested for Management Area 3'' (RIN0648–XD501) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7472. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts'' (RIN0648–XD486) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 1, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7473. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area'' (RIN0648–XD440) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7474. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area'' (RIN0648–XD439) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7475. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Closure for the Common Pool Fishery'' (RIN0648–XD458) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7476. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Trimester Closure for the Common Pool Fishery'' (RIN0648–XD474) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7477. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rex Sole in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska'' (RIN0648–XD450) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7478. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Kamchatka Flounder in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area'' (RIN0648–XD463) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7479. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries'' (RIN0648–XD456) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7480. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska'' (RIN0648–XD451) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7481. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2014 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Golden Tilefish Hook-and-Lone Component'' (RIN0648–XD352) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7482. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Resources of the South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction'' (RIN0648–XD438) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 18, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7483. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Regulation and Enforcement, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled ''Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Program Implementation Modifications'' (RIN2105–AE08) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 9, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–7484. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Revisions to the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations; Ambient Standards for Nitrogen Oxides and for Ozone'' (FRL No. 9916–43–Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7485. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Infrastructure SIP for the 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide Primary Standards'' (FRL No. 9916–49–Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7486. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Arizona; Redesignation of Phoenix-Mesa Area to Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard'' (FRL No. 9916–12–Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7487. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard'' (FRL No. 9916–50–Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–7488. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2014; ordered to lie on the table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of September 18, 2014, the

following reports of committees were submitted on October 1, 2014:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1622, A bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113–264).

Report to accompany S. 1948, A bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (Rept. No. 113–265).

Report to accompany S. 2299, A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages (Rept. No. 113–266).

Report to accompany S. 2465, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico (Rept. No. 113–267).

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1347. A bill to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences (Rept. No. 113–268).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 1690. A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2646. A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1793. A bill to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113–269).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 1353, A bill to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113–270).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2020.

*Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

*Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2913. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the ''Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2914. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the ''London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2915. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the ''Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 2916. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to promote watershed health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COBURN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2917. A bill to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 2918. A bill to designate Federal election day as a public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2919. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'', and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. REED):

S.J. Res. 45. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 576. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the ''National Day of Writing''; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 577. A resolution permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 234, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the perfiscal year calculation of days of certain active duty or active service used to reduce the minimum age at which a member of a reserve component of the uniformed services may retire for nonregular service.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 398

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms.

HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve the examination of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. WALSH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1011

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. WALSH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1011, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy.

S. 1090

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1090, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate the current education tax incentives into one credit against income tax for higher education expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 1463

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1463, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, and purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or in a manner substantially affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1468

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1468, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Network for Manufacturing Innovation and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

S. 1904

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1904, a bill to amend the eligibility requirements for funding under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1968, a bill to allow States to let Federal funds for the education of disadvantaged children follow low-income children to the accredited or otherwise State-approved public school, private school, or supplemental educational services program they attend.

S. 2298

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2329

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2329, a bill to prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2359

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2359, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 2591, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States

Agency for International Development to provide assistance to support the rights of women and girls in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2622

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2622, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP), and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2646, a bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2679

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2679, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the financing for the Hazardous Substance Superfund, and for other purposes.

S. 2694

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2694, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 2714

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2714, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of World War I.

S. 2742

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2742, a bill to provide for public notice and input prior to the closure, consolidation, or public access limitation of field or hearing offices of the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2746

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2746, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 2746, supra.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2782, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2818

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2818, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, to provide additional assistance to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2851

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2851, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the programs and activities of the National Institutes of Health with respect to Tourette syndrome.

S. 2856

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2856, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production of electricity from renewable resources for certain open-loop biomass and trash facilities placed in service before the date of the enactment of this Act.

S. 2863

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2863, a bill to require the Secretary of Education to complete a data analysis on the impact of the proposed rule on gainful employment prior to issuing a final rule on gainful employment.

S. 2876

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2876, a bill to establish a public education and awareness and access program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 2892

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2892, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and expand Coverdell education savings accounts.

S. RES. 540

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 540, a resolution recognizing September 15, 2014, as the International Day of Democracy, affirming the role of civil society as a cornerstone of democracy, and encouraging all governments to stand with civil society in the face of mounting restrictions on civil society organizations.

S. RES. 561

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 561, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that recently proposed measures that will reduce transparency and public participation at the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) should be disapproved by United States representatives to the IAIS.

S. RES. 573

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 573, a resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3862

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3862 intended to be proposed to S. 2410, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2919. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the definition of ''widow'' and ''widower'', and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, over the past few years we have seen remarkable progress in one of the defining civil rights issues of our era—ensuring that all lawfully married couples are treated equally under the law. In 2011, when I chaired the first Congressional hearing to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act, only five states, including Vermont, recognized same-sex marriage. Following the Supreme Court's historic decision last month to not review decisions from several circuits

striking down same-sex marriage bans as unconstitutional, same-sex couples in 35 States and the District of Columbia are, or will soon be, able to marry. This is welcome progress. In modern America, no person should face discrimination based on the one they love.

Despite this' tremendous progress, there is still more to be done. As I said when the Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, ''All couples who are lawfully married under state law, including in Vermont, should be entitled to the same Federal protections afforded to all other married couples.'' Court challenges will continue in the remaining states that do not recognize marriage equality. In Congress, there are several steps we can take immediately to help ensure our federal laws treat all marriages equally.

Surprisingly, the Copyright Act, which protects our Nation's diverse creative voices, still bears vestiges of discrimination. A provision in the Act grants rights to surviving spouses of copyright owners only if the marriage is recognized in the owner's state of residence at the time he or she dies. This means that a writer who lawfully marries his or her partner in Vermont or California is not a ''spouse'' under the Copyright Act if they move to Florida, Georgia, or one of the other states that do not currently recognize their marriage.

Congress should close this discriminatory loophole to ensure our federal statutes live up to our Nation's promise of equality under the law. It is wrong for the federal government to deny benefits or privileges to couples who have lawfully wed.

Today I am introducing the Copyright and Marriage Equality Act in the Senate to correct this problem. The bill, a version of which was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representatives DEREK KILMER, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, and JARED POLIS, amends the Copyright Act to look simply at whether a couple is lawfully married—not where a married couple happens to live when the copyright owner dies. It will ensure that the rights attached to the works of our Nation's gay and lesbian authors, musicians, painters, photographers, and other creators pass to their widows and widowers. Artists are the creative lifeblood of our Nation, and our laws should protect their families equally.

Statutes like the Copyright Act, or laws governing the Social Security Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs which also contain remnants of discrimination, are no place for inequality in our country. It is time to fix these outdated laws once and for all. I urge the Senate to pass this important piece of legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2919

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Copyright and Marriage Equality Act''.

SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF WIDOW AND WIDOWER IN TITLE 17, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101 of title 17, United States Code, is amended by striking the definition of '' 'widow' or 'widower' '' and inserting the following:

''An individual is the 'widow' or 'widower' of an author if the courts of the State in which the individual and the author were married (or, if the individual and the author were not married in any State but were validly married in another jurisdiction, the courts of any State) would find that the individual and the author were validly married at the time of the author's death, whether or not the spouse has later remarried.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the death of any author that occurs on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 576—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 20, 2014, AS THE ''NATIONAL DAY OF WRITING''

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 576

Whereas people in the 21st century are writing more than ever before for personal, professional, and civic purposes;

Whereas the social nature of writing invites people of every age, profession, and walk of life to create meaning through composing;

Whereas more and more people in every occupation consider writing to be essential and influential in their work;

Whereas writers continue to learn how to write for different purposes, audiences, and occasions throughout their lifetimes;

Whereas developing digital technologies expand the possibilities for composing in multiple media at a faster pace than ever before;

Whereas young people are leading the way in developing new forms of composing by using different forms of digital media;

Whereas effective communication contributes to building a global economy and a global community;

Whereas the National Council of Teachers of English, in conjunction with its many national and local partners, honors and celebrates the importance of writing through the National Day on Writing;

Whereas the National Day on Writing celebrates the foundational place of writing in the personal, professional, and civic lives of the people of the United States;

Whereas the National Day on Writing highlights the importance of writing instruction and practice at every educational level and in every subject area;

Whereas the National Day on Writing emphasizes the lifelong process of learning to write and compose for different audiences, purposes, and occasions;

Whereas the National Day on Writing honors the use of the full range of media for composing, from traditional tools like print, audio, and video to Internet website tools like blogs, wikis, and podcasts; and

Whereas the National Day on Writing encourages all people of the United States to write, enjoy, and learn from the writing of others: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of October 20, 2014, as the ''National Day on Writing'';

(2) strongly affirms the purposes of the National Day on Writing; and

(3) encourages educational institutions, businesses, community and civic associations, and other organizations to celebrate and promote the National Day on Writing.

SENATE RESOLUTION 577—PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS

Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 577

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may collect from another Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate within Senate buildings nonmonetary donations of clothing, toys, food, and housewares for charitable purposes related to serving persons in need or members of the Armed Forces and the families of those members during the holiday season, if the charitable purposes do not otherwise violate any rule or regulation of the Senate or of Federal law; and

(2) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may work with a nonprofit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described under paragraph (1).

(b) EXPIRATION.—The authority provided by this resolution shall expire at the end of the second session of the 113th Congress.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3936. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3937. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3938. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3939. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3940. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3936. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following:

SEC. 332. REPORT ON SUPPORT FOR LAUNCHES IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the requirements and investments needed to modernize Department of Defense space launch facilities and supporting infrastructure at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Vandenberg Air Force Base.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) The results of the investigation into the failure of the radar system supporting the Eastern range in March 2014, including the causes for the failure.

(2) An assessment of each current radar and other system as well as supporting infrastructure required to support the mission requirement of the range, including back-up systems.

(3) An estimate of the annual level of dedicated funding required to maintain and modernize the range infrastructure in adequate condition to meet national security requirements.

(4) A review of requirements to repair, upgrade, and modernize the radars and other mission support systems to current technologies.

(5) A prioritized list of projects, costs, and projected funding schedules needed to carry out the maintenance, repair, and modernization requirements.

SA 3937. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 864. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PRODUCED IN COUNTRIES ALONG A MAJOR ROUTE OF SUPPLY TO AFGHANISTAN.

Section 801(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2399), as most recently amended by section 832(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 814), is amended by striking ''December 31, 2015'' and inserting ''December 31, 2016''.

SA 3938. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1247. STRATEGY FOR THE PROMOTION OF SECURITY AND STABILITY IN CENTRAL ASIA.

(a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State shall jointly develop a strategy for promoting security and stability in Central Asia in support of United States objectives in Afghanistan through enhanced coordination of assistance programs for bordering countries in the Central Asia region.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection (a) shall include mechanisms for efforts by the Department of Defense and Department of State to coordinate assistance programs among Afghanistan and countries that border Afghanistan in Central Asia with respect to areas that include the following:

(1) Counternarcotics.

(2) Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR).

(3) Border security.

(4) The Northern Distribution Network.

(5) Anti-corruption.

(6) Programs conducted under the New Silk Road Initiative.

SA 3939. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1213. PLAN FOR SUPPORT OF INTEGRATION OF AFGHAN LOCAL POLICE PERSONNEL INTO AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE.

(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall develop a plan detailing how the Department of Defense and the Department of State will support efforts to integrate the Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel into the Afghan National Police (ANP).

(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under subsection (a) shall—

(1) catalogue the reports of human rights abuses committed by ALP forces to date;

(2) describe current efforts to train ANP and ALP forces on Afghan human rights laws and international human rights obligations;

(3) describe the constraints associated with integrating the ALP personnel into the ANP;

(4) include a proposed timeline for the integration of ALP personnel;

(5) ensure that any integration of ALP personnel into the ANP does not adversely affect United States interests in Afghanistan.

SA 3940. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division C, add the following:

TITLE XXXVI—VESSEL INCIDENTAL DISCHARGE

SEC. 3601. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Vessel Incidental Discharge Act''.

SEC. 3602. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Beginning with enactment of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships in 1980 (22 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), the United States Coast Guard has been the principal Federal authority charged with administering, enforcing, and prescribing regulations relating to the discharge of pollutants from vessels engaged in maritime commerce and transportation.

(2) The Coast Guard estimates there are approximately 21,560,000 State-registered recreational vessels, 75,000 commercial fishing vessels, and 33,000 freight and tank barges operating in United States waters.

(3) From 1973 to 2005, certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel were exempted by regulation from otherwise applicable permitting requirements.

(4) Over the 32 years during which this regulatory exemption was in effect, Congress enacted statutes on a number of occasions dealing with the regulation of discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, including—

(A) the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) in 1980;

(B) the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.);

(C) the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 4073);

(D) section 415 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 3434) and section 623 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 (33 U.S.C. 1901 note), which established interim and permanent requirements, respectively, for the regulation of vessel discharges of certain bulk cargo residue;

(E) title XIV of division B of Appendix D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (114 Stat. 2763), which prohibited or limited certain vessel discharges in certain areas of Alaska;

(F) section 204 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 1902a), which established requirements for the regulation of vessel discharges of agricultural cargo residue material in the form of hold washings; and

(G) title X of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (33 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), which provided for the implementation of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards and requirements for the management of discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel.

SEC. 3603. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ''Administrator'' means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES.—The term ''aquatic nuisance species'' means a nonindigenous species (including a pathogen)

that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species or the ecological stability of navigable waters or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural, or recreational activities dependent on such waters.

(3) BALLAST WATER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''ballast water'' means any water, including any sediment suspended in such water, taken aboard a vessel—

(i) to control trim, list, draught, stability, or stresses of the vessel; or

(ii) during the cleaning, maintenance, or other operation of a ballast water treatment technology of the vessel.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ''ballast water'' does not include any pollutant that is added to water described in subparagraph (A) that is not directly related to the operation of a properly functioning ballast water treatment technology under this title.

(4) BALLAST WATER PERFORMANCE STANDARD.—The term ''ballast water performance standard'' means the numerical ballast water discharge standard set forth in section 151.2030 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations or section 151.1511 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as applicable, or a revised numerical ballast water performance standard established under subsection (a)(1)(B), (b), or (c) of section 3605.

(5) BALLAST WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY OR TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY.—The term ''ballast water treatment technology'' or ''treatment technology'' means any mechanical, physical, chemical, or biological process used, alone or in combination, to remove, render harmless, or avoid the uptake or discharge of aquatic nuisance species within ballast water.

(6) BIOCIDE.—The term ''biocide'' means a substance or organism, including a virus or fungus, that is introduced into or produced by a ballast water treatment technology to reduce or eliminate aquatic nuisance species as part of the process used to comply with a ballast water performance standard under this title.

(7) DISCHARGE INCIDENTAL TO THE NORMAL OPERATION OF A VESSEL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel'' means—

(i) a discharge into navigable waters from a vessel of—

(I)(aa) ballast water, graywater, bilge water, cooling water, oil water separator effluent, anti-fouling hull coating leachate, boiler or economizer blowdown, byproducts from cathodic protection, controllable pitch propeller and thruster hydraulic fluid, distillation and reverse osmosis brine, elevator pit effluent, firemain system effluent, freshwater layup effluent, gas turbine wash water, motor gasoline and compensating effluent, refrigeration and air condensate effluent, seawater pumping biofouling prevention substances, boat engine wet exhaust, sonar dome effluent, exhaust gas scrubber washwater, or stern tube packing gland effluent; or

(bb) any other pollutant associated with the operation of a marine propulsion system, shipboard maneuvering system, habitability system, or installed major equipment, or from a protective, preservative, or absorptive application to the hull of a vessel;

(II) weather deck runoff, deck wash, aqueous film forming foam effluent, chain locker effluent, non-oily machinery wastewater, underwater ship husbandry effluent, welldeck effluent, or fish hold and fish hold cleaning effluent; or

(III) any effluent from a properly functioning marine engine; or

(ii) a discharge of a pollutant into navigable waters in connection with the testing, maintenance, or repair of a system, equipment, or engine described in subclause (I)(bb) or (III) of clause (i) whenever the vessel is waterborne.

(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ''discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel'' does not include—

(i) a discharge into navigable waters from a vessel of—

(I) rubbish, trash, garbage, incinerator ash, or other such material discharged overboard;

(II) oil or a hazardous substance as those terms are defined in section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321);

(III) sewage as defined in section 312(a)(6) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1322(a)(6)); or

(IV) graywater referred to in section 312(a)(6) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1322(a)(6));

(ii) an emission of an air pollutant resulting from the operation onboard a vessel of a vessel propulsion system, motor driven equipment, or incinerator; or

(iii) a discharge into navigable waters from a vessel when the vessel is operating in a capacity other than as a means of transportation on water.

(8) GEOGRAPHICALLY LIMITED AREA.—The term ''geographically limited area'' means an area—

(A) with a physical limitation, including limitation by physical size and limitation by authorized route, that prevents a vessel from operating outside the area, as determined by the Secretary; or

(B) that is ecologically homogeneous, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the heads of other Federal departments or agencies as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(9) MANUFACTURER.—The term ''manufacturer'' means a person engaged in the manufacture, assemblage, or importation of ballast water treatment technology.

(10) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

(11) VESSEL.—The term ''vessel'' means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or practically or otherwise capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

SEC. 3604. REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, shall establish and implement enforceable uniform national standards and requirements for the regulation of discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel. The standards and requirements shall—

(1) be based upon the best available technology economically achievable; and

(2) supersede any permitting requirement or prohibition on discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel under any other provision of law.

(b) ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary shall administer and enforce the uniform national standards and requirements under this title. Each State may enforce the uniform national standards and requirements under this title.

SEC. 3605. UNIFORM NATIONAL STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGULATION OF DISCHARGES INCIDENTAL TO THE NORMAL OPERATION OF A VESSEL.

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the requirements set forth in the final rule, Standards for Living Organisms in Ships' Ballast Water Discharged in U.S. Waters (77 Fed. Reg. 17254 (March 23, 2012), as corrected at 77 Fed. Reg. 33969 (June 8, 2012)), shall be the management requirements for a ballast water discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel until the Secretary revises the ballast water performance standard under subsection (b) or adopts a more stringent State standard under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(B) ADOPTION OF MORE STRINGENT STATE STANDARD.—If the Secretary makes a determination in favor of a State petition under section 3610, the Secretary shall adopt the more stringent ballast water performance standard specified in the statute or regulation that is the subject of that State petition in lieu of the ballast water performance standard in the final rule described under subparagraph (A).

(2) INITIAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OTHER THAN BALLAST WATER.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, shall issue a final rule establishing best management practices for discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel other than ballast water.

(b) REVISED BALLAST WATER PERFORMANCE STANDARD; 8-YEAR REVIEW.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the feasibility review under paragraph (2), not later than January 1, 2022, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, shall issue a final rule revising the ballast water performance standard under subsection (a)(1) so that a ballast water discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel will contain—

(A) less than 1 living organism per 10 cubic meters that is 50 or more micrometers in minimum dimension;

(B) less than 1 living organism per 10 milliliters that is less than 50 micrometers in minimum dimension and more than 10 micrometers in minimum dimension;

(C) concentrations of indicator microbes that are less than—

(i) 1 colony-forming unit of toxicogenic Vibrio cholera (serotypes O1 and O139) per 100 milliliters or less than 1 colony-forming unit of that microbe per gram of wet weight of zoological samples;

(ii) 126 colony-forming units of escherichia coli per 100 milliliters; and

(iii) 33 colony-forming units of intestinal enterococci per 100 milliliters; and

(D) concentrations of such additional indicator microbes and of viruses as may be specified in regulations issued by the Secretary in consultation with the Administrator and such other Federal agencies as the Secretary and the Administrator consider appropriate.

(2) FEASIBILITY REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 2 years before January 1, 2022, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, shall complete a review to determine the feasibility of achieving the revised ballast water performance standard under paragraph (1).

(B) CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF BALLAST WATER PERFORMANCE STANDARD.—In conducting a review under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall consider whether revising the ballast water performance standard will result in a scientifically demonstrable and substantial reduction in the risk of introduction or establishment of aquatic nuisance species, taking into account—

(i) improvements in the scientific understanding of biological and ecological processes that lead to the introduction or establishment of aquatic nuisance species;

(ii) improvements in ballast water treatment technology, including—

(I) the capability of such treatment technology to achieve a revised ballast water performance standard;

(II) the effectiveness and reliability of such treatment technology in the shipboard environment;

(III) the compatibility of such treatment technology with the design and operation of a vessel by class, type, and size;

(IV) the commercial availability of such treatment technology; and

(V) the safety of such treatment technology;

(iii) improvements in the capabilities to detect, quantify, and assess the viability of aquatic nuisance species at the concentrations under consideration;

(iv) the impact of ballast water treatment technology on water quality; and

(v) the costs, cost-effectiveness, and impacts of—

(I) a revised ballast water performance standard, including the potential impacts on shipping, trade, and other uses of the aquatic environment; and

(II) maintaining the existing ballast water performance standard, including the potential impacts on water-related infrastructure, recreation, propagation of native fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and other uses of navigable waters.

(C) LOWER REVISED PERFORMANCE STANDARD.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, determines on the basis of the feasibility review and after an opportunity for a public hearing that no ballast water treatment technology can be certified under section 3606 to comply with the revised ballast water performance standard under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall require the use of the treatment technology that achieves the performance levels of the best treatment technology available.

(ii) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE.—If the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, determines that the treatment technology under clause (i) cannot be implemented before the implementation deadline under paragraph (3) with respect to a class of vessels, the Secretary shall extend the implementation deadline for that class of vessels for not more than 36 months.

(iii) COMPLIANCE.—If the implementation deadline under paragraph (3) is extended, the Secretary shall recommend action to ensure compliance with the extended implementation deadline under clause (ii).

(D) HIGHER REVISED PERFORMANCE STANDARD.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, determines that ballast water treatment technology exists that exceeds the revised ballast water performance standard under paragraph (1) with respect to a class of vessels, the Secretary shall revise the ballast water performance standard for that class of vessels to incorporate the higher performance standard.

(ii) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE.—If the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, determines that the treatment technology under clause (i) can be implemented before the implementation deadline under paragraph (3) with respect to a class of vessels, the Secretary shall accelerate the implementation deadline for that class of vessels. If the implementation deadline under paragraph (3) is accelerated, the Secretary shall provide not less than 24 months notice before the accelerated deadline takes effect.

(3) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE.—The revised ballast water performance standard under paragraph (1) shall apply to a vessel beginning on the date of the first drydocking of the vessel on or after January 1, 2022, but not later than December 31, 2024.

(4) REVISED PERFORMANCE STANDARD COMPLIANCE DEADLINES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish a compliance deadline for compliance by a vessel (or a class, type, or size of vessel) with a revised ballast water performance standard under this subsection.

(B) PROCESS FOR GRANTING EXTENSIONS.—In issuing regulations under this subsection, the Secretary shall establish a process for an owner or operator to submit a petition to the Secretary for an extension of a compliance deadline with respect to the vessel of the owner or operator.

(C) PERIOD OF EXTENSIONS.—An extension issued under subparagraph (B) may—

(i) apply for a period of not to exceed 18 months from the date of the applicable deadline under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) be renewable for an additional period of not to exceed 18 months.

(D) FACTORS.—In issuing a compliance deadline or reviewing a petition under this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider, with respect to the ability of an owner or operator to meet a compliance deadline, the following factors:

(i) Whether the treatment technology to be installed is available in sufficient quantities to meet the compliance deadline.

(ii) Whether there is sufficient shipyard or other installation facility capacity.

(iii) Whether there is sufficient availability of engineering and design resources.

(iv) Vessel characteristics, such as engine room size, layout, or a lack of installed piping.

(v) Electric power generating capacity aboard the vessel.

(vi) Safety of the vessel and crew.

(E) CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS.—

(i) DETERMINATIONS.—The Secretary shall approve or deny a petition for an extension of a compliance deadline submitted by an owner or operator under this paragraph.

(ii) DEADLINE.—If the Secretary does not approve or deny a petition referred to in clause (i) on or before the last day of the 90-day period beginning on the date of submission of the petition, the petition shall be deemed approved.

(c) FUTURE REVISIONS OF VESSEL INCIDENTAL DISCHARGE STANDARDS; DECENNIAL REVIEWS.—

(1) REVISED BALLAST WATER PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, shall complete a review, 10 years after the issuance of a final rule under subsection (b) and every 10 years thereafter, to determine whether further revision of the ballast water performance standard would result in a scientifically demonstrable and substantial reduction in the risk of the introduction or establishment of aquatic nuisance species.

(2) REVISED STANDARDS FOR DISCHARGES OTHER THAN BALLAST WATER.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, may include in a decennial review under this subsection best management practices for discharges covered by subsection (a)(2). The Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking to revise 1 or more best management practices for such discharges after a decennial review if the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, determines that revising 1 or more of such practices would substantially reduce the impacts on navigable waters of discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel other than ballast water.

(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting a review under paragraph (1), the Secretary, the Administrator, and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies as determined by the Secretary, shall consider the criteria under section 3605(b)(2)(B).

(4) REVISION AFTER DECENNIAL REVIEW.—The Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking to revise the current ballast water performance standard after a decennial review if the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, determines that revising the current ballast water performance standard would result in a scientifically demonstrable and substantial reduction in the risk of the introduction or establishment of aquatic nuisance species.

SEC. 3606. TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION.

(a) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Beginning 60 days after the date that the requirements for testing protocols are issued under subsection (i), no manufacturer of a ballast water treatment technology shall sell, offer for sale, or introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, or import into the United States for sale or resale, a ballast water treatment technology for a vessel unless the treatment technology has been certified under this section.

(b) CERTIFICATION PROCESS.—

(1) EVALUATION.—Upon application of a manufacturer, the Secretary shall evaluate a ballast water treatment technology with respect to—

(A) the effectiveness of the treatment technology in achieving the current ballast water performance standard when installed on a vessel (or a class, type, or size of vessel);

(B) the compatibility with vessel design and operations;

(C) the effect of the treatment technology on vessel safety;

(D) the impact on the environment;

(E) the cost effectiveness; and

(F) any other criteria the Secretary considers appropriate.

(2) APPROVAL.—If after an evaluation under paragraph (1) the Secretary determines that the treatment technology meets the criteria, the Secretary may certify the treatment technology for use on a vessel (or a class, type, or size of vessel).

(3) SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.—The Secretary shall establish, by regulation, a process to suspend or revoke a certification issued under this section.

(c) CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS.—

(1) IMPOSITION OF CONDITIONS.—In certifying a ballast water treatment technology under this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, may impose any condition on the subsequent installation, use, or maintenance of the treatment technology onboard a vessel as is necessary for—

(A) the safety of the vessel, the crew of the vessel, and any passengers aboard the vessel;

(B) the protection of the environment; or

(C) the effective operation of the treatment technology.

(2) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—The failure of an owner or operator to comply with a condition imposed under paragraph (1) shall be considered a violation of this section.

(d) PERIOD FOR USE OF INSTALLED TREATMENT EQUIPMENT.—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this title or any other provision of law, the Secretary shall allow a vessel on which a system is installed and operated to meet a ballast water performance standard under this title to continue to use that system, notwithstanding any revision of a ballast water performance standard occurring after the system is ordered or installed until the expiration of the service life of the system, as determined by the Secretary, so long as the system—

(1) is maintained in proper working condition; and

(2) is maintained and used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and any treatment technology certification conditions imposed by the Secretary under this section.

(e) CERTIFICATES OF TYPE APPROVAL FOR THE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY.—

(1) ISSUANCE.—If the Secretary approves a ballast water treatment technology for certification under subsection (b), the Secretary

shall issue a certificate of type approval for the treatment technology to the manufacturer in such form and manner as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(2) CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS.—A certificate of type approval issued under paragraph (1) shall specify each condition imposed by the Secretary under subsection (c).

(3) OWNERS AND OPERATORS.—A manufacturer that receives a certificate of type approval for the treatment technology under this subsection shall provide a copy of the certificate to each owner and operator of a vessel on which the treatment technology is installed.

(f) INSPECTIONS.—An owner or operator who receives a copy of a certificate under subsection (e)(3) shall retain a copy of the certificate onboard the vessel and make the copy of the certificate available for inspection at all times while the owner or operator is utilizing the treatment technology.

(g) BIOCIDES.—The Secretary may not approve a ballast water treatment technology under subsection (b) if—

(1) it uses a biocide or generates a biocide that is a pesticide, as defined in section 2 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136), unless the biocide is registered under that Act or the Secretary, in consultation with Administrator, has approved the use of the biocide in such treatment technology; or

(2) it uses or generates a biocide the discharge of which causes or contributes to a violation of a water quality standard under section 303 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1313).

(h) PROHIBITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the use of a ballast water treatment technology by an owner or operator of a vessel shall not satisfy the requirements of this title unless it has been approved by the Secretary under subsection (b).

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

(A) COAST GUARD SHIPBOARD TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION PROGRAM.—An owner or operator may use a ballast water treatment technology that has not been certified by the Secretary to comply with the requirements of this section if the technology is being evaluated under the Coast Guard Shipboard Technology Evaluation Program.

(B) BALLAST WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES CERTIFIED BY FOREIGN ENTITIES.—An owner or operator may use a ballast water treatment technology that has not been certified by the Secretary to comply with the requirements of this section if the technology has been certified by a foreign entity and the certification demonstrates performance and safety of the treatment technology equivalent to the requirements of this section, as determined by the Secretary.

(i) TESTING PROTOCOLS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, shall issue requirements for land-based and shipboard testing protocols or criteria for—

(1) certifying the performance of each ballast water treatment technology under this section; and

(2) certifying laboratories to evaluate such treatment technologies.

SEC. 3607. EXEMPTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No permit shall be required or prohibition enforced under any other provision of law for, nor shall any standards regarding a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel under this title apply to—

(1) a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel if the vessel is less than 79 feet in length and engaged in commercial service (as defined in section 2101(5) of title 46, United States Code);

(2) a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel if the vessel is a fishing vessel, including a fish processing vessel and a fish tender vessel, (as defined in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code);

(3) a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel if the vessel is a recreational vessel (as defined in section 2101(25) of title 46, United States Code);

(4) the placement, release, or discharge of equipment, devices, or other material from a vessel for the sole purpose of conducting research on the aquatic environment or its natural resources in accordance with generally recognized scientific methods, principles, or techniques;

(5) any discharge into navigable waters from a vessel authorized by an on-scene coordinator in accordance with part 300 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, or part 153 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations;

(6) any discharge into navigable waters from a vessel that is necessary to secure the safety of the vessel or human life, or to suppress a fire onboard the vessel or at a shoreside facility; or

(7) a vessel of the armed forces of a foreign nation when engaged in noncommercial service.

(b) BALLAST WATER DISCHARGES.—No permit shall be required or prohibition enforced under any other provision of law for, nor shall any ballast water performance standards under this title apply to—

(1) a ballast water discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel determined by the Secretary to—

(A) operate exclusively within a geographically limited area;

(B) take up and discharge ballast water exclusively within 1 Captain of the Port Zone established by the Coast Guard unless the Secretary determines such discharge poses a substantial risk of introduction or establishment of an aquatic nuisance species;

(C) operate pursuant to a geographic restriction issued as a condition under section 3309 of title 46, United States Code, or an equivalent restriction issued by the country of registration of the vessel; or

(D) continuously take on and discharge ballast water in a flow-through system that does not introduce aquatic nuisance species into navigable waters;

(2) a ballast water discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel consisting entirely of water suitable for human consumption; or

(3) a ballast water discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in an alternative compliance program established pursuant to section 3608.

(c) VESSELS WITH PERMANENT BALLAST WATER.—No permit shall be required or prohibition enforced under any other provision of law for, nor shall any ballast water performance standard under this title apply to, a vessel that carries all of its permanent ballast water in sealed tanks that are not subject to discharge.

(d) VESSELS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to apply to a vessel of the Armed Forces, as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

SEC. 3608. ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, may promulgate regulations establishing 1 or more compliance programs as an alternative to ballast water management regulations issued under section 3605 for a vessel that—

(1) has a maximum ballast water capacity of less than 8 cubic meters;

(2) is less than 3 years from the end of the useful life of the vessel, as determined by the Secretary; or

(3) discharges ballast water into a facility for the reception of ballast water that meets standards promulgated by the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary.

(b) PROMULGATION OF FACILITY STANDARDS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, shall promulgate standards for—

(1) the reception of ballast water from a vessel into a reception facility; and

(2) the disposal or treatment of the ballast water under paragraph (1).

SEC. 3609. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—An interested person may file a petition for review of a final regulation promulgated under this title in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

(b) DEADLINE.—A petition shall be filed not later than 120 days after the date that notice of the promulgation appears in the Federal Register.

(c) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), a petition that is based solely on grounds that arise after the deadline to file a petition under subsection (b) has passed may be filed not later than 120 days after the date that the grounds first arise.

SEC. 3610. EFFECT ON STATE AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No State or political subdivision thereof may adopt or enforce any statute or regulation of the State or political subdivision with respect to a discharge incidental to the normal operation of a vessel after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a State or political subdivision thereof may enforce a statute or regulation of the State or political subdivision with respect to ballast water discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel that specifies a ballast water performance standard that is more stringent than the ballast water performance standard under section 3605(a)(1)(A) and is in effect on the date of enactment of this Act if the Secretary, after consultation with the Administrator and any other Federal department or agency the Secretary considers appropriate, makes a determination that—

(1) compliance with any performance standard specified in the statute or regulation can in fact be achieved and detected;

(2) the technology and systems necessary to comply with the statute or regulation are commercially available; and

(3) the statute or regulation is consistent with obligations under relevant international treaties or agreements to which the United States is a party.

(c) PETITION PROCESS.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—The Governor of a State seeking to enforce a statute or regulation under subsection (b) shall submit a petition requesting the Secretary to review the statute or regulation.

(2) CONTENTS; DEADLINE.—A petition shall—

(A) be accompanied by the scientific and technical information on which the petition is based; and

(B) be submitted to the Secretary not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) DETERMINATIONS.—The Secretary shall make a determination on a petition under this subsection not later than 90 days after the date that the petition is received.

SEC. 3611. APPLICATION WITH OTHER STATUTES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this title shall be the exclusive statutory authority for regulation by the Federal Government of discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel to which this

title applies. Except as provided under section 3605(a)(1)(A), any regulation in effect on the date immediately preceding the effective date of this Act relating to any permitting requirement for or prohibition on discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel to which this title applies shall be deemed to be a regulation issued pursuant to the authority of this title and shall remain in full force and effect unless or until superseded by new regulations issued hereunder.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator CHARLES GRASSLEY, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Lourdes Castro Ramirez to be an Assistant Secretary of HUD for the Office of Public and Indian Housing, dated November 12, 2014.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public, that a business meeting has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The business meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 3 p.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Building.

The purpose of the Business Meeting is to consider the following legislation:

1. S. 2638, a bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas. (Mr. Hoeven)

2. S. 2379, a bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, and for other purposes. (Mr. Wyden)

3. S. 1784, a bill to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, and for other purposes. (Mr. Wyden)

4. S. 2602, a bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington. (Ms. Cantwell)

5. S. 182, a bill to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for the purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City. (Ms. Murkowski)

6. S. 776, a bill to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, and for other purposes. (Mr. Udall of New Mexico)

7. S. 841, a bill to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes. (Mr. Bennet)

8. S. 1419, a bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes. (Mr. Wyden)

9. S. 1971, a bill to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, and for other purposes. (Ms. Murkowski).

10. S. 398, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes. (Ms. Collins)

11. S. 2031, a bill to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary to that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes. (Ms. Baldwin)

12. S. 1750, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes. (Mr. Flake)

13. S. 1966, a bill to provide for the restoration of the economic and ecological health of National Forest System land and rural communities, and for other purposes. (Mr. Barrasso)

14. S. 2104, a bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown. (Mr. Flake)

15. H.R. 1526, an Act to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes. (Rep. Hastings)

16. H.R. 885, an Act to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, and for other purposes. (Rep. Doggett)

17. S. 1328, an bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes. (Mr. Kirk and Mr. Durbin)

18. H.R. 1241, an Act to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes. (Rep. Cook)

19. S. 1437, a bill to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agriculture Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon. (Mr. Wyden)

20. S. 2873, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park System. (Mr. Coburn)

Because of the limited time available for the Business Meeting, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the business meeting record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510–6150, or by email to Sam_Fowler@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224–7571.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has scheduled a 2 day hearing entitled, ''Wall Street Bank Involvement With Physical Commodities.'' After a 2 year bipartisan investigation, the subcommittee will hold a hearing examining the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses.

The Subcommittee hearings have been scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014, and Friday, November 21, 2014. The hearing will begin on both days at 9:30 a.m. in room SD–106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. A witness list will be available on Monday, November 17, 2014. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at (202) 224–9505.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2014, at 6:15 pm, to conduct a hearing entitled ''CLOSED/TS/SCI: Countering ISIL in Iraq and Syria.''

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 12, 2014, at 4 p.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON AGING FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2014

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Oliver Kim:									
India	Rupee		1,655.50		457.30				2,112.80
Australia	Dollar		936.11		106.63				1,042.74
Total			2,591.61		563.93				3,155.54

SENATOR BILL NELSON,
Chairman, Committee on Aging, Oct. 28, 2014.

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Senator Richard Shelby:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,530.96						4,530.96
Germany	Euro		2,643.05		1,679.85				4,322.90
Czech Republic	Koruna		985.73		100.16				1,085.89
Austria	Euro		1,446.03						1,446.03
United States	Dollar				21,925.91				21,925.91
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,264.78						3,264.78
United States	Dollar				9,735.00				9,735.00
William D. Duhnke III:									
United Kingdom	Pound		2,973.23						2,973.23
United States	Dollar				12,797.00				12,797.00
Brian Potts:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,405.55						4,405.55
Germany	Euro		2,113.05		1,679.85				3,792.90
Czech Republic	Koruna		985.73		100.15				1,085.88
Austria	Euro		482.84						482.84
United States	Dollar				21,330.31				21,330.31
Jacqueline Russell:									
United Kingdom	Pound		3,477.23						3,477.23
United States	Dollar				9,518.60				9,518.60
Anne Caldwell:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,405.55						4,405.55
United States	Dollar				9,518.60				9,518.60
Van Cato:									
United Kingdom	Pound		4,312.55						4,312.55
United States	Dollar				12,797.00				12,797.00
Stacy McBride:									
Vietnam	Dong		757.00						757.00
Cambodia	Riel		940.00		25.00				965.00
Thailand	Baht		644.00						644.00
United States	Dollar				16,809.50				16,809.50
Carlisle Clarke:									
Vietnam	Dong		757.00						757.00
Cambodia	Riel		940.00		25.00				965.00
Thailand	Baht		498.00						498.00
United States	Dollar				16,809.50				16,809.50
Shannon Hines:									
Thailand	Baht		479.12		94.28				573.40
Cambodia	Riel		704.00						704.00
United States	Dollar				10,400.00				10,400.00
Jennifer Eskra:									
Thailand	Baht		479.12		94.28				573.40
Cambodia	Riel		704.00						704.00
United States	Dollar				17,607.60				17,607.60
Allen Cutler:									
Japan	Yen		1,628.00		1,320.00				2,948.00
United States	Dollar				15,827.20				15,827.20
Adrienne Hallett:									
China	Renminbi		1,478.19		1,123.42				2,601.61
United States	Dollar				18,094.00				18,094.00
Lisa Bernhardt:									
Vietnam	Dong		1,673.60						1,673.60
Thailand	Baht		1,162.98		331.03				1,494.01
United States	Dollar				13,543.00				13,543.00
Laura Friedel:									
Vietnam	Dong		1,673.60						1,673.60
Thailand	Baht		1,162.98		331.03				1,494.01
United States	Dollar				13,543.00				13,543.00
Christina Evans:									
Germany	Euro		595.80						595.80
Romania	Leu		441.57						441.57
Poland	Zloty		541.05						541.05
United Kingdom	Pound		1,658.99						1,658.99
United States	Dollar				12,337.40				12,337.40
Michael Bain:									
Germany	Euro		595.80						595.80
Romania	Leu		441.57						441.57
Poland	Zloty		541.05						541.05
United Kingdom	Pound		1,658.99						1,658.99
United States	Dollar				12,497.40				12,497.40
Patrick Magnuson:									
Germany	Euro		595.80						595.80
Romania	Leu		441.58						441.58
Poland	Zloty		541.05						541.05
United Kingdom	Pound		1,658.99						1,658.99
United States	Dollar				12,337.40				12,337.40

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Paul Grove:									
Singapore	Dollar		906.00		943.52				1,849.52
Cambodia	Riel		1,180.00						1,180.00
United States	Dollar				4,537.12				4,537.12
Alexander Carnes:									
Kenya	Shilling		1,615.00						1,615.00
South Sudan	Pound		125.00						125.00
United States	Dollar				3,751.20				3,751.20
* Delegation Expenses:									
Austria	Euro				1,079.68				1,079.68
Cambodia	Riel						130.70		130.70
China	Renminbi						1,902.76		1,902.76
Germany	Euro						898.54		898.54
Kenya	Shilling						22.57		22.57
Romania	Leu						220.00		220.00
Thailand	Baht						980.39		980.39
United Kingdom	Pound						24,984.08		24,984.08
Vietnam	Dong						1,816.28		1,816.28
Total			65,246.11		274,643.99		30,955.32		370,845.42

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR BARBARA A. MIKULSKI,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Oct. 31, 2014.

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Senator Roger Wicker:									
Azerbaijan	Manat		820.00						820.00
Moldova	Leu		123.00						123.00
Joseph G. Lai:									
Azerbaijan	Manat		820.00						820.00
Moldova	Leu		123.00						123.00
Thomas W. Goffus:									
United States	Dollar				11,992.40				11,992.40
Georgia	Lari		355.00						355.00
Ukraine	Hryvnia		848.00						848.00
Moldova	Leu		272.68						272.68
* Delegation Expenses:									
Georgia	Lari		107.62						107.62
Moldova	Leu				49.79				49.79
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
United States					15,106.35				15,106.35
* Delegation Expenses:									
Qatar	Riyal						599.21		589.21
United Arab Emirates	Dirham						227.71		227.71
Senator John McCain:									
United States	Dollar				21,020.90				21,020.90
Turkey	Lira		676.18						676.18
India	Rupee		238.75						238.75
Afghanistan	Afghani		56.00						56.00
Christian Brose:									
United States	Dollar				21,020.90				21,020.90
Turkey	Lira		421.74						421.74
India	Rupee		510.00						510.00
Afghanistan	Afghani		66.00						66.00
Elizabeth O'Bagy:									
United States	Dollar				21,095.90				21,095.90
Turkey	Lira		560.72						560.72
India	Rupee		493.44						493.44
Afghanistan	Afghani		78.00						78.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Turkey	Lira						1,141.95		1,141.95
India	Rupee						467.41		467.41
United Arab Emirates	Dirham						683.13		683.13
Senator Bill Nelson:									
United States	Dollar				9,744.30				9,744.30
United Kingdom	Pound		2,365.23						2,365.23
Ireland	Euro		2,080.70						2,080.70
Daniel McLaughlin:									
United States	Dollar				9,744.30				9,744.30
United Kingdom	Pound		2,365.23						2,365.23
Ireland	Euro		2,080.70						2,080.70
* Delegation Expenses:									
United Kingdom	Pound				2,498.50		319.60		2,818.10
Ireland	Euro				2,397.93		1,050.80		3,448.73
Senator Carl Levin:									
United States	Dollar				11,498.70				11,498.70
Afghanistan	Afghani		14.00						14.00
Peter K. Levine:									
United States	Dollar				11,584.70				11,584.70
Afghanistan	Afghani		14.00						14.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
United Arab Emirates	Dirham						1,542.20		1,542.20
Senator James M. Inhofe:									
United Kingdom	Pound		207.82		62.07				269.89
Anthony J. Lazarski:									
United Kingdom	Pound		353.92		195.55				549.47
Senator Jeff Sessions:									
United Kingdom	Pound		291.45		63.34				354.79
Sandra Luff:									
United Kingdom	Pound		395.28		239.08				634.36
Senator Roger Wicker:									
United Kingdom	Pound		944.00						944.00
Joseph G. Lai:									
United Kingdom	Pound		944.00						944.00

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* Delegation Expenses:									
United Kingdom	Pound						6,207.93		6,207.93
Jonathan Epstein:									
United States	Dollar				14,949.45		30.00		14,979.45
United Kingdom	Pound		10.28						10.28
Italy	Euro		412.98						412.98
Anthony J. Lazarski:									
United States	Dollar				14,949.55				14,949.55
United Kingdom	Pound		18.86						18.86
Italy	Euro		485.54						485.54
* Delegation Expenses:									
United Kingdom	Pound				920.48				920.48
Italy	Euro						577.48		577.48
Joseph M. Bryan:									
United States	Dollar				1,766.30				1,766.30
United Kingdom	Pound		1,164.49						1,164.49
Jonathan Epstein:									
United States	Dollar				22,922.44				22,922.44
Vietnam	Dong		413.00				26.46		439.46
Thailand	Baht		146.00		269.55		222.64		638.19
Cambodia	Riel		530.00						530.00
Australia	Dollar		1,464.46		375.00				1,839.46
Senator John McCain:									
United States	Dollar				14,201.40				14,201.40
Vietnam	Dong		638.71						638.71
Indonesia	Rupiah		755.52						755.52
Christian Brose:									
United States	Dollar				14,276.40				14,276.40
Vietnam	Dong		790.24						790.24
Indonesia	Rupiah		1,113.00						1,113.00
Elizabeth O'Bagy:									
United States	Dollar				14,281.40				14,281.40
Vietnam	Dong		717.73						717.73
Indonesia	Rupiah		844.54						844.54
* Delegation Expenses:									
Vietnam	Dong						4,124.63		4,124.63
Indonesia	Rupiah						2,315.50		2,315.50
South Korea	Won						133.32		133.32
Daniel Lerner:									
United States	Dollar				22,605.00				22,605.00
South Korea	Won		989.76		1,330.08				2,319.84
Australia	Dollar		846.90		359.00				1,205.90
William K. Sutey:									
United States	Dollar				15,123.50				15,123.50
Australia	Dollar		1,706.87						1,706.87
Singapore	Dollar		1,079.14						1,079.14
South Korea	Won		716.26						716.26
Ambrose R. Hock:									
United States	Dollar				14,978.10				14,978.10
Australia	Dollar		1,811.36						1,811.36
Singapore	Dollar		1,089.77						1,089.77
South Korea	Won		663.41						663.41
Jason W. Maroney:									
United States	Dollar				14,978.10				14,978.10
Australia	Dollar		1,813.47						1,813.47
Singapore	Dollar		1,151.16						1,151.16
South Korea	Won		670.26						670.26
* Delegation Expenses:									
Australia	Dollar						2,628.00		2,628.00
South Korea	Won				1,120.35				1,120.35
Senator Bill Nelson:									
United States	Dollar				7,040.30				7,040.30
Turkey	Lira		200.00						200.00
Ukraine	Hryvnia		721.20						721.20
Lithuania	Litas		560.36						560.36
Norway	Krone		868.73						868.73
Pete Mitchell:									
United States	Dollar				10,931.60				10,931.60
Turkey	Lira		324.65						324.65
Ukraine	Hryvnia		605.86						605.86
Lithuania	Litas		564.34						564.34
Norway	Krone		820.69						820.69
* Delegation Expenses:									
Turkey	Lira						61.77		61.77
Lithuania	Litas						302.11		302.11
William G.P. Monahan:									
United States	Dollar				10,455.00				10,455.00
United Kingdom	Pound		462.00						462.00
Belgium	Euro		353.00		477.31				830.31
Germany	Euro		915.00						915.00
Italy	Euro		306.00						306.00
Netherlands	Euro		350.00						350.00
Adam J. Barker:									
United States	Dollar				14,312.50				14,312.50
United Kingdom	Pound		456.04						456.04
Belgium	Euro		764.03		477.31				1,241.34
Germany	Euro		324.00						324.00
Italy	Euro		350.00						350.00
Netherlands	Euro		793.90						793.90
Michael J. Noblet:									
United States	Dollar				14,524.00				14,524.00
South Korea	Won		677.00						677.00
Germany	Euro		584.00						584.00
United Kingdom	Pound		495.00						495.00
Anthony J. Lazarski:									
United States	Dollar				14,369.09				14,369.09
South Korea	Won		900.45						900.45
Germany	Euro		1,344.26						1,344.26
United Kingdom	Pound		724.01						724.01
Daniel C. Adams:									
United States	Dollar				12,468.39				12,468.39
South Korea	Won		638.20						638.20
Germany	Euro		839.26						839.26
United Kingdom	Pound		624.16						624.16
* Delegation Expenses:									
South Korea	Won				979.75				979.75

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Mazie K. Hirono:									
Italy	Euro		847.52						847.52
Ethiopia	Birr		1,036.84						1,036.84
Tanzania	Shilling		654.16						654.16
Senegal	Franc		411.10						411.10
Jeremy Horan:									
Italy	Euro		847.04						847.04
Ethiopia	Birr		878.36						878.36
Tanzania	Shilling		642.60						642.60
Senegal	Franc		428.31						428.31
* Delegation Expenses:									
Italy	Euro						308.65		308.65
Ethiopia	Birr						5,827.33		5,827.33
Tanzania	Shilling						3,840.49		3,840.49
Senegal	Franc						1,057.82		1,057.82
Senator Carl Levin:									
United States	Dollar				12,116.84				12,116.84
Ukraine	Hryvnia		294.15						294.15
Peter K. Levine:									
United States	Dollar				15,135.70				15,135.70
Ukraine	Hryvnia		284.16						284.16
William G.P. Monahan:									
United States	Dollar				9,973.10				9,973.10
Ukraine	Hryvnia		289.16						289.16
* Delegation Expenses:									
Jordan	Dinar				75.12		127.05		202.17
Germany	Euro						1,308.72		1,308.72
Senator Lindsey Graham:									
Belgium	Euro		567.11						567.11
Italy	Euro		2,382.44						2,382.44
Portugal	Euro		561.65						561.65
Spain	Euro		901.74						901.74
Alice James:									
Belgium	Euro		561.74						561.74
Italy	Euro		2,486.56						2,486.56
Portugal	Euro		573.66						573.66
Spain	Euro		808.34						808.34
* Delegation Expenses:									
Belgium	Euro						746.63		746.63
Italy	Euro						1,306.01		1,306.01
Spain	Euro				1,329.24		394.00		1,723.24
Senator Tim Kaine:									
Tunisia	Dinar		401.92						401.92
Morocco	Dirham		596.30						596.30
Spain	Euro		181.77						181.77
Mike Henry:									
Tunisia	Dinar		437.26						437.26
Morocco	Dirham		631.62						631.62
Spain	Euro		217.11						217.11
Mary Naylor:									
Tunisia	Dinar		428.92						428.92
Morocco	Dirham		629.28						629.28
Spain	Euro		208.79						208.79
* Delegation Expenses:									
Tunisia	Dinar						1,739.99		1,739.99
Morocco	Dirham						4,416.62		4,416.62
Spain	Euro				1,135.13		1,153.28		2,288.41
Senator John McCain:									
United States	Dollar				7,681.30				7,681.30
Ukraine	Hryvnia		258.80						258.80
Italy	Euro		2,572.33						2,572.33
Christian Brose:									
United States	Dollar				7,696.85				7,696.85
Ukraine	Hryvnia		376.09						376.09
Italy	Euro		1,082.76						1,082.76
Elizabeth O'Bagy:									
United States	Dollar				7,698.30				7,698.30
Ukraine	Hryvnia		258.80						258.80
Italy	Euro		1,070.92						1,070.92
* Delegation Expenses:									
Ukraine	Hryvnia						108.74		108.74
Total			82,045.62		456,597.64		44,997.18		583,640.44

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR CARL LEVIN,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Nov. 4, 2014.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Lisa Murkowski:									
Canada	Dollar		486.55						486.55
United States	Dollar				889.52				889.52
Isaac Edwards:									
Canada	Dollar		584.74						584.74
United States	Dollar				2,427.81				2,427.81
* Delegation Expenses:									
Canada	Dollar						185.51		185.51
Total			1,071.29		3,317.33		185.51		4,574.13

SENATOR MARY L. LANDRIEU,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Oct. 14, 2014.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Barbara Boxer:									
United States	Dollar				15,454.80				15,454.80
Denmark	Krone		2,881.39						2,881.39
Netherlands	Euro		5,002.12						5,002.12
Bettina Poirier:									
United States	Dollar				16,204.40				16,204.40
Denmark	Krone		2,881.39						2,881.39
Netherlands	Euro		5,367.59						5,367.59
Christopher Jason Albritton:									
United States	Dollar				11,546.80				11,546.80
Netherlands	Euro		5,333.49						5,333.49
Frederick Illston:									
United States	Dollar				11,534.80				11,534.80
Denmark	Krone		3,084.39						3,084.39
Michal Freedhoff:									
United States	Dollar				13,003.90				13,003.90
Denmark	Krone		2,172.51						2,172.51
* Delegation Expenses:									
Denmark	Krone						1,588.81		1,588.81
* Delegation Expenses:									
Netherlands	Euro						4,442.04		4,442.04
Total			26,722.88		67,744.70		6,030.85		100,498.43

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR BARBARA BOXER,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, Oct. 31, 2014.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Jayme White:									
Vietnam	Dong		537.40						537.40
United States	Dollar				12,125.40				12,125.40
Elissa Alben:									
Vietnam	Dong		783.57						783.57
United States	Dollar				12,125.40				12,125.40
Everett Eissenstat:									
Vietnam	Dong		1,380.26						1,380.26
United States	Dollar				11,076.60				11,076.60
Shane Warren:									
Vietnam	Dong		622.72						622.72
United States	Dollar				14,036.26				14,036.26
* Delegation Expenses									
United States	Dollar						674.08		674.08
Senator Maria Cantwell:									
Senegal	Franc		422.28						422.28
Ethiopia	Birr		769.39						769.39
Tanzania	Shilling		543.09						543.09
Italy	Euro		863.09						863.09
Total			5,921.80		49,363.66		674.08		55,959.54

* Delegation expenses include transportation, embassy overtime, as well as official expenses in accordance with the responsibilities of the host country.

SENATOR RON WYDEN,
Chairman, Committee on Finance, Oct. 29, 2014.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator John Barrasso:									
Belgium	Euro		452.35						452.35
Portugal	Euro		573.66						573.66
Spain	Euro		808.58						808.58
Italy	Euro		2,202.71						2,202.71
* Delegation Expenses:									
Belgium	Euro						118.49		118.49
Portugal	Euro						1,632.50		1,632.50
Spain	Euro						1,667.88		1,667.88
Italy	Euro						2,884.88		2,884.88
Senator Bob Corker:									
Germany	Euro		599.16						599.16
United Kingdom	Pounds		405.97						405.97
United States	Dollar				14,223.90				14,223.90
Todd Womack:									
Germany	Euro		599.82						599.82
United Kingdom	Pounds		432.19						432.19
United States	Dollar				14,223.90				14,223.90
* Delegation Expenses:									
Germany	Euro						823.14		823.14
United Kingdom	Pounds						717.86		717.86
Senator Bob Corker:									
Vietnam	Dong		450.83						450.83
Singapore	Dollar		699.79						699.79
Malaysia	Ringgit		252.89						252.89
Philippines	Peso		593.56						593.56
United States	Dollar				19,102.20				19,102.20

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Lester Munson:									
Vietnam	Dong		450.83						450.83
Singapore	Dollar		743.33						743.33
Malaysia	Ringgit		252.89						252.89
Philippines	Peso		593.49						593.49
United States	Dollar				16,864.60				16,864.60
Todd Womack:									
Philippines	Peso		758.94						758.94
United States	Dollar				15,998.00				15,998.00
Carolyn Leddy:									
Vietnam	Dong		529.67						529.67
Singapore	Dollar		832.20						832.20
Malaysia	Ringgit		252.89						252.89
Philippines	Peso		593.56						593.56
United States	Dollar				15,499.30				15,499.30
Caleb McCarry:									
Philippines	Peso		769.56						769.56
United States	Dollar				13,407.30				13,407.30
* Delegation Expenses:									
Vietnam	Dong						282.24		282.24
Singapore	Dollar						680.28		680.28
Malaysia	Ringgit						150.00		150.00
Senator Robert Menendez:									
Estonia	Euro		160.86						160.86
Poland	Zloty		844.57						844.57
Ukraine	Hryvnia		1,037.42						1,037.42
United States	Dollar				11,583.80				11,583.80
Daniel O'Brien:									
Estonia	Euro		160.86						160.86
Poland	Zloty		844.97						844.97
Ukraine	Hryvnia		1,111.74						1,111.74
United States	Dollar				10,373.00				10,373.00
Jodi Herman:									
Estonia	Euro		160.86						160.86
Poland	Zloty		864.98						864.98
Ukraine	Hryvnia		1,126.19						1,126.19
United States	Dollar				16,281.30				16,281.30
* Delegation Expenses:									
Estonia	Euro						896.89		896.89
Poland	Zloty						253.62		253.62
Ukraine	Hryvnia						501.40		501.40
Sergio Aguirre:									
Tunisia	Dinar		454.16						454.16
Morocco	Dirham		463.13						463.13
Spain	Euro		1,393.31						1,393.31
Margaret Murphy:									
Spain	Euro		1,330.65						1,330.65
United States	Dollar				1,957.50				1,957.50
* Delegation Expenses:									
Tunisia	Dinar						579.99		579.99
Morocco	Dirham						1,656.25		1,656.25
Spain	Euro						1,414.45		1,414.45
Sarah Downs:									
Dem. Republic of the Congo	Franc		1,565.00						1,565.00
United States	Dollar				6,988.90				6,988.90
Jenifer Healy:									
Dem. Republic of the Congo	Franc		1,929.00						1,929.00
United States	Dollar				6,958.90				6,958.90
Jaime Fly:									
Georgia	Lari		533.48						533.48
Ukraine	Hryvnia		635.00						635.00
Moldova	Leu		178.12						178.12
United States	Dollar				2,518.97				2,518.97
* Delegation Expenses:									
Georgia	Lari						215.23		215.23
Moldova	Leu						99.57		99.57
Michael Gallagher:									
Israel	Shekel		1,075.00						1,075.00
Jordan	Dinar		760.82						760.82
Qatar	Riyal		345.04						345.04
United States	Dollar				3,634.32				3,634.32
Jamil Jaffer:									
Israel	Shekel		1,075.00						1,075.00
Jordan	Dinar		1,141.23						1,141.23
United States	Dollar				4,656.30				4,656.30
* Delegation Expenses:									
Israel	Shekel						495.41		495.41
Jordan	Dinar						343.57		343.57
Lebanon	Pound						1,705.43		1,705.43
Qatar	Riyal						181.23		181.23
Kirsten Madison:									
Venezuela	Dollar		1,178.32						1,178.32
United States	Dollar				3,234.70				3,234.70
Caleb McCarry:									
Venezuela	Dollar		1,450.40						1,450.40
United States	Dollar				3,297.30				3,297.30
* Delegation Expenses:									
Venezuela	Dollar						3,571.43		3,571.43
Damian Murphy:									
Kazakhstan	Tenge		1,336.00						1,336.00
Uzbekistan	Som		1,103.00						1,103.00
United States	Dollar				8,660.90				8,660.90
* Delegation Expenses:									
Kazakhstan	Tenge						51.00		51.00
Stacie Oliver:									
Uzbekistan	Som						532.16		532.16
Saudi Arabia	Riyal		1,054.84						1,054.84
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		712.91						712.91
United States	Dollar				3,882.50				3,882.50
* Delegation Expenses:									
Saudi Arabia	Riyal						460.00		460.00
United Arab Emirates	Dirham						1,362.08		1,362.08
Michael Phelan:									
Niger	CFA Franc		448.00						448.00
Ghana	Cedi		326.00						326.00

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
United States	Dollar				4,045.60				4,045.60
Morgan Vina:									
Niger	CFA Franc		336.00						336.00
Ghana	Cedi		326.00						326.00
United States	Dollar				3,795.60				3,795.60
* Delegation Expenses:									
Niger	CFA Franc						1,312.35		1,312.35
Ghana	Cedi						298.08		298.08
Ariana Reks:									
Netherlands	Euro		4,024.94						4,024.94
United States	Dollar				1,549.80				1,549.80
* Delegation Expenses:									
Netherlands	Euro						1,480.67		1,480.67
Michael Schiffer:									
Australia	Dollar		994.90						994.90
Indonesia	Rupiah		290.30						290.30
Singapore	Dollar		133.21						133.21
United States	Dollar				6,343.10				6,343.10
Daniel Vajdich:									
Ukraine	Hryvnia		530.33						530.33
Bulgaria	Lev		296.00						296.00
United States	Dollar						5,500.51		5,500.51
* Delegation Expenses:									
Ukraine	Hryvnia						234.10		234.10
Bulgaria	Lev						31.56		31.56
Debbie Yamada:									
Georgia	Lari		303.46						303.46
Azerbaijan	Manat		634.38						634.38
Moldova	Leu		271.68						271.68
* Delegation Expenses:									
Georgia	Lari						353.14		353.14
Azerbaijan	Manat						1,010.68		1,010.68
Total			48,790.93		214,582.20		27,997.56		291,370.69

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Oct. 31, 2014.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Tom Harkin:									
Georgia	Lari		105.00						105.00
Azerbaijan	Manat		114.00						114.00
China	Yen		357.00						357.00
United States	Dollar				7,477.60				7,477.60
Michael Gamel-McCormick:									
Georgia	Lari		105.00						105.00
Azerbaijan	Manat		114.00						114.00
China	Yen		0.00						0.00
United States	Dollar				7,477.60				7,477.60
Brian Ahlberg:									
Georgia	Lari		105.00						105.00
Azerbaijan	Manat		228.00						228.00
Moldova	Leu		73.00						73.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Georgia	Lari						2,460.28		2,460.28
Azerbaijan	Manat						6,191.68		6,191.68
Moldova	Leu						145.00		145.00
China	Yen						4,835.13		4,835.13
Total			1,201.00		14,955.20		13,632.09		29,788.29

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95–394, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR TOM HARKIN,
Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,
Oct. 31, 2014.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APR. 1 TO JUNE 30, 2014

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Tom Harkin:									
Slovenia	Euro		501.00						501.00
Thomas Buttry:									
Slovenia	Euro		501.00						501.00
* Delegation Expenses:									
Slovenia	Euro						1,261.05		1,261.05
Total			1,002.00		0.00		1,261.05		2,263.05

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR TOM HARKIN,
Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,
Oct. 17, 2014.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2014

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Christian M. Cook	Dollar		682.00						682.00
					9,344.00				9,344.00
Ryan Tully	Dollar		682.00		9,344.00				10,026.00
Paul Matulic	Dollar		646.00						646.00
	Dollar		646.00						646.00
	Dollar				11,903.20				11,903.20
Hayden Milberg	Dollar		646.00						646.00
	Dollar		646.00						646.00
	Dollar				11,903.20				11,903.20
Jon Rosenwasser	Dollar		646.00						646.00
	Dollar		646.00						646.00
	Dollar				11,903.20				11,903.20
Ryan Tully			778.00						778.00
			546.00						546.00
Brian Walsh			778.00						778.00
			546.00						546.00
James Catella	Dinar		159.00						159.00
	Dinar		382.00						382.00
	Riyal		164.00						164.00
	Dinar		326.00						326.00
Nathaniel M. Adler	Dinar		159.00						159.00
	Dinar		382.00						382.00
	Riyal		164.00						164.00
	Dinar		326.00						326.00
Tressa Guenov	Dinar		159.00						159.00
	Dinar		382.00						382.00
	Riyal		164.00						164.00
	Dinar		326.00						326.00
Senator Saxby Chambliss	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		322.00						322.00
	Euro		355.00						355.00
	Euro		984.00						984.00
Teresa Ervin	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		322.00						322.00
	Euro		355.00						355.00
	Euro		948.00						948.00
Tyler Stephens	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		322.00						322.00
	Euro		355.00						355.00
	Euro		948.00						948.00
Martha Scott Poindexter	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		322.00						322.00
	Euro		355.00						355.00
	Euro		948.00						948.00
Brian Miller	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		322.00						322.00
	Euro		355.00						355.00
	Euro		948.00						948.00
Christian Cook	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		322.00						322.00
	Euro		355.00						355.00
	Euro		948.00						948.00
Senator Richard Burr	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		322.00						322.00
	Euro		355.00						355.00
	Euro		948.00						948.00
Senator Dan Coats	Euro		215.00						215.00
	Euro		161.00						161.00
	Euro		161.00						161.00
	Euro		152.00						152.00
	Euro		203.00						203.00
	Euro		228.00						228.00
	Euro		228.00						228.00
	Euro		246.00						246.00
	Euro		246.00						246.00
Total			25,737.00		54,397.60				80,134.60

SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN,
Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Nov. 4, 2014.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2014

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Michael Lueptow:									
United States	Dollar				1,814.20				1,814.20
England	Euro		1,012.24						1,012.24
Total			1,012.24		1,814.20				2,826.44

SENATOR THOMAS R. CARPER,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,
Sept. 22, 2014.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2014

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse:									
Vietnam	Dong		665.72						665.72

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2014—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Indonesia	Rupiah		763.48						763.48
Lacy Dwyer:									
Vietnam	Dong		681.12						681.12
Indonesia	Rupiah		778.88						778.88
* Delegation Expenses:									
Vietnam	Dong						2,749.76		2,749.76
Indonesia	Rupiah						1,543.66		1,543.66
South Korea	Won						53.33		53.33
Total			2,889.20				4,346.75		7,235.95

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Oct. 31, 2014.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2014

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Benjamin Cardin:									
Georgia	Lari		306.07						306.07
Azerbaijan	Manat		724.22						724.22
Moldova	Leu		218.00						218.00
David Killion:									
Georgia	Lari		306.07						306.07
Azerbaijan	Manat		724.22						724.22
Moldova	Leu		218.00						218.00
Poland	Zloty		1,340.10						1,340.10
United States	Dollar				8,995.10				8,995.10
Robert Hand:									
Azerbaijan	Manat		1,911.12						1,911.12
Moldova	Leu		209.54						209.54
United States	Dollar				3,308.70				3,308.70
Shelly Han:									
Georgia	Lari		306.07						306.07
Azerbaijan	Manat		724.22						724.22
Moldova	Leu		218.00						218.00
Kyle Parker:									
Georgia	Lari		306.07						306.07
Azerbaijan	Manat		724.22						724.22
Moldova	Leu		218.00						218.00
Alex Johnson:									
Georgia	Lari		306.07						306.07
Azerbaijan	Manat		724.22						724.22
Moldova	Leu		218.00						218.00
Alex Johnson:									
Austria	Euro		6,204.00						6,204.00
United States	Dollar				1,775.20				1,775.20
Austria	Euro		3,718.29						3,718.29
United States	Dollar				811.60				811.60
Orest Deychakiwsky:									
Poland	Zloty		1,558.52						1,558.52
United States	Dollar				1,853.90				1,853.90
David Kostelancik:									
Poland	Zloty		1,207.57						1,207.57
United States	Dollar				1,744.50				1,744.50
Total			22,390.59		18,489.00				40,879.59

SENATOR BENJAMIN CARDIN,
Chairman, Commission on Security and Cooperation In Europe,
Oct. 10, 2014.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), REPUBLICAN LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2014

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Thomas Hawkins:									
United States	Dollar				16,059.50				16,059.50
Algeria	Dinar		263.00						263.00
Jordan	Dinar		610.82						610.82
Qatar	Riyal		339.83						339.83
Kuwait	Dinar		611.95						611.95
Dr. Brian Monahan:									
Belgium	Dollar		561.00						561.00
Portugal	Dollar		668.00						668.00
Spain	Dollar		829.00						829.00
Italy	Dollar		2,441.00						2,441.00
Total			6,324.60		16,059.50		0.00		22,384.10

SENATOR MITCH McCONNELL,
Republican Leader, Sept. 28, 2014.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it adjourn until 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session, as provided for under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. For the information of all of our colleagues, there will be three rollcall votes at approximately 2:30 p.m. Those votes will be on confirmation of the Moss and May nominations and cloture regarding the child care and development block grant bill. Additional votes remain possible during Thursday's session beyond those three.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2:15 P.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:52 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

N O T I C E

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

JEFFERY S. HALL, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD, FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 13, 2018, VICE LELAND A. STROM, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DAVID J. BERTEAU, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE ALAN F. ESTEVEZ, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

JAY NEAL LERNER, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, VICE JON T. RYMER, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

DAVA J. NEWMAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, VICE LORI GARVER, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

MICHAEL P. O'RIELLY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2014. (REAPPOINTMENT)

NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

MARK SCARANO, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON OF THE NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION, VICE SANDFORD BLITZ, RESIGNING.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

SIM FARAR, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2015. (REAPPOINTMENT)

SIM FARAR, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2018. (REAPPOINTMENT)

WILLIAM JOSEPH HYBL, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2015. (REAPPOINTMENT)

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

LEON ARON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 13, 2016, VICE S. ENDERS WIMBUSH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AZITA RAJI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

ROMONIA S. DIXON, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2018, VICE MATTHEW FRANCIS MCCABE, TERM EXPIRED.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

WALTER A. BARROWS, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2019. (REAPPOINTMENT)

THE JUDICIARY

ROBERT A. SALERNO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE ROBERT ISAAC RICHTER, RETIRED.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

DAVID S. SHAPIRA, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2019, VICE DENNIS J. TONER, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MICHELLE K. LEE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, VICE DAVID J. KAPPOS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

LEIGH A. BRADLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE WILL A. GUNN, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. SHELLEY R. CAMPBELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARK C. NOWLAND

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL MICHAEL G. AMUNDSON
COLONEL CHARLES K. ARIS
COLONEL TOMMY H. BAKER
COLONEL JOE G. BARNARD, JR.
COLONEL BRIAN B. BARRONTINE
COLONEL BARRY K. BEACH
COLONEL MICHAEL R. BERRY
COLONEL THOMAS H. BLACKSTOCK, JR.
COLONEL WILLIAM B. BLAYLOCK II
COLONEL DANIEL J. BOCHICCHIO
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER P. CALLAHAN
COLONEL LLOYD P. CAVINESS, JR.
COLONEL FRED M. CHESBRO
COLONEL DAVID L.G. COLLINS
COLONEL JAMES D. CRAIG
COLONEL THOMAS G. CROYMANS
COLONEL ZACHARY F. DOSER
COLONEL GORDON L. ELLIS
COLONEL WILLIAM J. FREIDEL
COLONEL DANIEL J. FUHR
COLONEL TROY D. GALLOWAY
COLONEL JEFFREY L. GAYLORD
COLONEL DAVID E. GRAETZ
COLONEL MATTHEW J. HEARON
COLONEL WILLIAM J. HERSH
COLONEL THOMAS F. HESLIN, JR.
COLONEL MICHAEL T. HESTON
COLONEL MARK C. JACKSON
COLONEL BERT S. KOZEN
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER F. LAWSON
COLONEL TIM C. LAWSON
COLONEL COLLIER H. LIPPLE
COLONEL JOANE K. MATHEWS
COLONEL KENNETH L. MCCREARY
COLONEL ANTHONY V. MOHATT
COLONEL ADRIAN B. NETTLES
COLONEL TRACY R. NORRIS
COLONEL STEPHEN B. OWENS
COLONEL LAWRENCE R. POWELL
COLONEL JOHN M. PRINE
COLONEL HELEN E. ROGERS
COLONEL PAUL D. ROGERS
COLONEL ROBERT A. SPARING
COLONEL MARK C. STRONG
COLONEL BARRY K. TAYLOR
COLONEL BRIAN R. TRENDA
COLONEL BRYAN A. TUTKO
COLONEL WILLIAM J. WALKER
COLONEL STEVEN H. WARNSTADT
COLONEL RONALD A. WESTFALL
COLONEL CLIFFORD W. WILKINS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DARSIE D. ROGERS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. FREDERICK S. RUDESHEIM

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. EDWARD E. HILDRETH III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. STEPHEN J. HAGER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. EUGENE J. LEBOEUF

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN C. HARRIS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. LEWIS G. IRWIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DAVID E. QUANTOCK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED

WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ANTHONY R. IERARDI

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL R. REGNER

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ADEWALE ADEYEMO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE MARISA LAGO.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DANIEL R. ELLIOTT III, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2018. (REAPPOINTMENT)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MARISA LAGO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE MIRIAM E. SAPIRO, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ANTONIO F. WEISS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE MARY JOHN MILLER.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANTONY BLINKEN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE WILLIAM J. BURNS, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

LAUREN MCGARITY MCFERRAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2019, VICE NANCY JEAN SCHIFFER, TERM EXPIRING.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

DAVID AVREN JONES, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 11, 2018. (REAPPOINTMENT)

MICHAEL D. KENNEDY, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 25, 2018. (REAPPOINTMENT)

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

NICHOLAS J. RASMUSSEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, VICE MATTHEW G. OLSEN, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

LUIS FELIPE RESTREPO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT, VICE ANTHONY J. SCIRICA, RETIRED.

KARA FARNANDEZ STOLL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT, VICE RANDALL R. RADER, RETIRED.

DALE A. DROZD, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE ANTHONY W. ISHII, RETIRED.

LASHANN MOUTIQUE DEARCY HALL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE NICHOLAS G. GARAUFIS, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MICHAEL GRECO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JOSEPH R. GUCCIONE, TERM EXPIRED.

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on November 12, 2014 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

JO ANN ROONEY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, VICE ROBERT O. WORK, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 6, 2014.

MICHAEL G. CARROLL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE DONALD A. GAMBATESA, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 6, 2014.

SHARON BLOCK, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2019, VICE NANCY JEAN SCHIFFER, TERM EXPIRING, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JULY 14, 2014.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAYOR MARIAN DELEON GUERRERO TUDELA

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, June 8, 2014 marked a pivotal moment in the history of the Northern Mariana Islands, when Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela was sworn in not only as the first female mayor of Saipan, but the first female mayor of any of our municipalities. Mayor Tudela assumed this position by operation of law upon the untimely death of Mayor Donald Glenn Flores. Though residing at the time in the mainland United States, she honorably agreed to serve her community through the remainder of his term, and returned to Saipan.

With over 21 years in the private sector and over 10 years in government service, Mayor Tudela has a long and rich professional history. And this is not her first time to answer to the people directly. From 1994 to 1998 and from 2006 to 2008, Mayor Tudela was a member of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council. She has also served on the boards of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

As mayor, Ms. Tudela oversees a staff of approximately 40 hard-working members of our community. Her office undertakes programs and projects that range from improving local infrastructure to fostering better relations with our tourism partner countries. For example, each year, the mayor's office sponsors exchange programs among our high school students and students from Japan and Korea. And on any given day, you can find her employees trimming trees to make our beautiful lagoon more visible to tourists traveling on Beach Road, patching potholes on secondary roads or catching stray dogs that roam the streets. Couples intending to wed visit the mayor's office to obtain their marriage license, and those who do not drive but desire identification cards can receive those through her office. The mayor's office also spearheads the annual Liberation Day festivities on Saipan, which celebrates the freeing of our islands from occupying Japanese forces by the American military in 1944.

Mayor Tudela is now one of the highest-ranking female officials ever to hold office in the Northern Mariana Islands. And as such, she serves as a role model and a reminder to all women that they have come of age in our local political arena. But championing women's issues is nothing new to Mayor Tudela. She formerly served as a Governor's Special Assistant for Women's Affairs, and over the years has participated in numerous symposia addressing issues of import to women in the Pacific region.

Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela's willingness to step into this position so unexpectedly, serve so unassumingly and carry on the fine tradition not only of her predecessor but of the mayors of all our islands should serve as an inspiration for women, but more, should serve as a model for all people who aspire to serve their communities.

A TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES DEREK HILL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Brigadier General James Derek Hill of the Iowa Air National Guard and to congratulate him on his illustrious 29-year military career.

General Hill began his military service in 1985 upon receiving his commission through Direct Appointment. Eighteen years later, General Hill joined the Iowa Air National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel and has faithfully devoted the following decade to guiding our state's men and women in uniform. General Hill retired as the Iowa Air National Guard's Deputy Adjutant General where he served as principal advisor to Iowa's Adjutant General while organizing, manning, equipping, and training more than 1,800 airmen to accomplish missions assigned at both the state and national level. General Hill's unfailing leadership has proven to be instrumental in preparing the men and women of the Iowa Air National Guard for numerous successful deployments in an often chaotic and unpredictable environment.

Throughout nearly three decades of selfless service, General Hill has earned numerous decorations for his consistent leadership and uncompromising standards. Most recently, General Hill was nominated by Iowa's Adjutant General Timothy Orr to receive the hallowed Legion of Merit for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct" as Iowa's Assistant Adjutant General over the past four years. I believe it goes without saying that the Iowa Air National Guard's world-renowned 21st century capabilities would not be possible without the positive and professional guidance expertly offered by General Hill over the past decade.

Mr. Speaker, our country owes Brigadier General James Derek Hill a great debt of gratitude for his decades of selfless service and sacrifice. His unwavering commitment to his country and fellow Americans is a testament to our nation's service members and our great state. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in thanking General Hill and congratulating him on a truly stellar career. In retirement, General Hill leaves behind a grateful state and nation and I wish him, and his wife Rhonda, the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY DANNY OLIVER

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative AMI BERA, Representative DORIS MATSUI, and Representative DOUG LAMALFA, in honor of the service and sacrifice of Sacramento County, California, Sheriff Deputy Danny Oliver.

Danny Oliver grew up in the Del Paso Heights neighborhood of Sacramento, where he graduated from Grant High School. During his youth, Danny experienced parts of the community that he was determined to improve. This drove his desire to work in law enforcement, even though he came from a family of firefighters.

Danny finished the academy at the top of his class and served with the Sheriff's Department for fifteen years. In keeping with the lifelong goal of cleaning up his community, Deputy Oliver worked on a highly competitive team of problem-oriented policing officers.

Tragically, Deputy Oliver was killed in the line of duty on October 24, 2014, during a violent crime spree that would later take the life of another officer, Detective Michael David Davis, Jr. Deputy Oliver died for his love of and devotion to his community.

Danny loved going into his job an hour early every morning, knowing he was putting his life on the line to make a difference in Sacramento County. While his sacrifice is to be honored, this is not his legacy. Rather, Danny's legacy is the memory of the man he lived his life as: a devoted husband to his wife Susan, a father who guided and supported his two children, and a dedicated officer.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Danny Oliver will be deeply and sorely missed not only by his family, but also by the community that he tirelessly worked to better. The State of California is particularly blessed to have such men of character and heroism protecting our citizens.

Danny was known for influencing his children to do what they love, just as he did. We can all learn from his heart and strength of character. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his sacrifice and to honor his memory.

TRIBUTE TO ALEXIS HARDRICK—RECIPIENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alexis Hardrick of Girl Scout Cadette Troop #1677, who recently earned the Girl Scout's prestigious Silver Award.

The Silver Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can earn and was presented to

Alexis for her project on raising awareness about Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Additionally, Alexis also earned the Girl Scout Journey Award and completed over 50 hours of work and planning devoted to this cause.

In the spring of 2013, Alexis began to research CF, a disease her sister has been diagnosed with. Shortly thereafter, she compiled a learning board exhibit which detailed the effects caused by CF.

Over the next several months, Miss Hardrick traveled to various events around Lewisburg, Tennessee, discussing her learning board and arranging activities to promote a greater understanding of CF. Moreover, during the fall of 2013, Alexis enlisted the help of her Girl Scout Troop to host CF Awareness Day and from all accounts was a great success.

On behalf of the people of Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District, I want to congratulate Alexis on receiving the Silver Award and thank her for her dedication and hard work in raising awareness for Cystic Fibrosis.

CONGRATULATING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE CHICAGO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the John F. Kennedy High School Girls Volleyball team. On October 17, the Crusaders won the Chicago Public League Championship and became the first non-selective enrollment school to win in nearly a decade. I appreciate all of the incredibly hard work and dedication everyone on the team puts into their sport and would like to congratulate them on this tremendous achievement.

The 25–21, 22–25, 25–20 win over Whitney Young Magnet School was a monumental victory for neighborhood schools. Coached by Tim Laughlin and Kimberly Thinnes, the Crusaders finished the season with a 16–1 record, securing the top seed in the tournament. To get to the championship, the Crusaders had to get through Young High School and Payton High School, who between them have won 7 city championships. The Crusaders are composed of seniors Grace Jurevis, Nebal Algoleh, Dana Majerczy, Sydney McCarthy, Melissa Mazur, and Morgan Paske, along with freshman Johanna Hoefling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this impressive accomplishment made by the John F. Kennedy High School Girls Volleyball team and to congratulate them on their city championship win.

RECOGNIZING DR. SHAFI AHMED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE GENESEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Shafi Ahmed, President of the Genesee County Medical Society, for his outstanding service and unwavering commitment to community.

Dr. Ahmed lived in several countries before moving to the United States of America, where he now practices internal medicine at Court Street Family Medicine. Dr. Ahmed is a kind-hearted individual who has lived a broad life.

After graduation from medical school, he worked in the capital of Bangladesh and completed two years of surgical residency. He then went to Algeria to practice in a government clinic for four years. He was recruited to Saudi Arabia, Libya and Iran but political chaos eventually landed him in Algeria.

Dr. Ahmed's wife, Ruqsana, became pregnant while the Ahmeds were living in Algeria. She returned to Bangladesh to stay with his parents and joined Dr. Ahmed eight months later in the United States where he had begun studying for Masters in Public Health in Dallas. Dr. Ahmed then switched to a research associate position in a cancer research institute in Dallas for three years. His ''big break,'' as he refers to it, occurred when Dr. Norwood Hill took him under his wing along with a Pakistani oncologist, Dr. Amanullah Khan, helped him get a permanent visa and a residency at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, MI.

Dr. Ahmed decided to stay in Michigan to raise his family and make a living practicing medicine. He is honored to be a resident of Genesee County, and we are grateful to have him. Our community is made better because of people such as him.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Dr. Shafi Ahmed for his resilience, strong leadership, and unwavering commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HENRY ERNEST LOWENSTEIN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of one of Colorado's most respected and honorable residents, Mr. Henry Ernest Lowenstein, who passed away October 7 at age 89. This remarkable man merits both our recognition for decades of work in the theater and gratitude for his unwavering efforts to improve our community. He leaves behind an impressive body of theatrical work as well as his legacy of encouragement and mentorship not just in the arts, but for social justice as well. He made an enormous impact on scores of lives and is widely considered one of the most important people in the shaping of Denver.

Henry Lowenstein was born in Berlin on the 4th of July in 1925, to parents Max and Maria Lowenstein, whose home became a magnet for that city's arts scene. In fact, Henry often told the story of listening to Kurt Weill compose the now classic Three Penny Opera in his parent's apartment. But Berlin in the 1930's was no place to raise a Jewish family. Fearing for the safety of their son following the harrowing Kristallnacht in 1938, Henry would become part of history himself as a child of the Kindertransport program, which saved the lives of thousands of children before the outbreak of World War II. Miraculously, the Lowenstein family was reunited after the war and was able to immigrate to America in 1947. Consistently fighting against discrimination in any form, Henry held a deep compassion for artists and outcasts. This passion, born from the horrors of Nazi Germany, would shape the artist he would become.

After working for years as a foundry man and a gravedigger, Henry joined the U.S. Air Force, where he worked as an illustrator before attending Yale University. While at Yale he studied theatrical design and worked as a stagehand on Broadway. It was during that time he received a call from the Denver Post publisher, Mrs. Helen Bonfils, who was the wife of theater producer George Somnes. That 1956 request to run what would become the nationally recognized Bonfils Theatre changed not only Henry's life but the lives of hundreds of artists over the next five decades. Henry earned the nickname ''Father of Denver Theater.'' The Bonfils Theatre produced more than 400 plays, operas, ballet, children's theater, and touring productions until it closed in 1986 by which time it had been renamed the Lowenstein Theater. It was then that Mr. Lowenstein retired—for the first time. The next stage in Mr. Lowenstein's theatrical life was to found the Denver Civic Theater which he ran until his second retirement in 1995, although Henry never fully retired. He was a prolific scenic and costume designer and contributed designs into the early 2000's.

Mr. Lowenstein's passion for theater was equaled by his commitment to human rights. Henry was a prolific mentor, particularly for women and people of color. His hiring practices, like his theatrical productions, consistently broke down racial and societal barriers. His work was so important to the theatrical community that the Colorado Theater Guild's annual theater awards were renamed ''The Henry's'' in his honor in 2008. In his later years, Mr. Lowenstein was also actively involved in the historical preservation of personal artifacts related to his family's experience in Nazi Germany.

Mr. Lowenstein is survived by his wife, Deborah Goodman Lowenstein and sons David, Daniel and Joshua by his late wife, Doris Brewer, and his granddaughters Sarah and Nyssa.

Please join me in commending Mr. Henry Lowenstein for his leadership in the search for justice, equality and beauty through the vehicle called theater; which dares to show us our humanity. Henry's generosity of spirit, kindness and compassion continues to enhance our lives and builds a better future for us all.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. VERNON H. HUKLE JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Vernon H. Hukle Jr. of Winchester, Kentucky, for his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Hukle served our nation in uniform from October 20, 1942 to November 20, 1945.

As a young man, Mr. Hukle began his service in the United States Marine Corps as a

Corporal within the 2nd Marine Division—8th Regiment—1st Battalion—Company C 182. He entered the war against the Axis Powers by storming the deadly beaches of Okinawa and fought valiantly, sustaining serious injuries during combat.

On June 20, 1945, Mr. Hukle received two separate bullet wounds to his arm and leg. Throughout the heated battle, Mr. Hukle witnessed many of his comrades killed in action including the 10th Army Commander, Lieutenant General Simon Bolivor Buckner Jr. The battled raged on for two more days until Allied Forces were able claim victory in controlling the island on June 22, 1945. Mr. Hukle received two Purple Hearts for being wounded in action by an enemy of the United States.

Mr. Hukle embodies the best of America's ideals, values, and work ethic. He served this nation proudly, answering the call to prevent the Axis Powers threat from arriving on our shores.

Mr. Hukle's bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform protected our American freedoms for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American and an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING CORETHA MACK

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ms. Coretha Mack of Clermont, Florida as she celebrates her 90th birthday on November 14, 2014.

Ms. Mack was born in Orlando where she spent her childhood and graduated from Jones High School in 1946. She then moved to Hartford, Connecticut where she lived and worked for more than 50 years. In Hartford, she was a member of Faith Congregational Church and served on the church's Diaconate Board and Board of Trustees. Ms. Mack returned to Florida in 2002 and has been an active member of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. Her faith and dedication to service have been an inspiration to others, and she continues to cherish her relationships with God, her family and her friends.

I wish Ms. Mack a very happy birthday, and all the best in the future.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

Since its founding in 1889, Holy Trinity has been at the center of the religious life in Delaware County, and the congregation lives its faith of love and charity every day. Members of the Holy Trinity family are well known for their commitment to their community through charitable fundraising and volunteer projects to provide meals to the homeless and clothing to the disadvantaged. Under the leadership of Pastor Gordon Simmons, Holy Trinity's membership has grown and the church community has been strengthened.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, its leadership and its congregants for 125 years of faithful service to our community, and wish them good health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING ST. JANE DE CHANTAL PARISH ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Jane de Chantal Parish on its 60th anniversary as a Catholic community of faith in Chicago, Illinois. St. Jane de Chantal embodies the core pillars of the Roman Catholic Church and its congregation upholds the values and practices of Catholicism through their devotion to charity and spiritual development. From humble beginnings in 1954, Father John Ward organized the first Mass at the Mark Twain Public School, which he rented for $96 on a Sunday. Today, the parish celebrates 60 years of faithful service to God and to the Garfield Ridge community and to the 3rd District of Illinois.

St. Jane de Chantal Parish is currently led by Fr. Ed Cronin, with Fr. Joe Mol in residence and Fr. John Wachala as the Polish Associate. As part of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the parish offers daily masses, community-building events, and countless fundraising and community-outreach events. The Parish hosts blood drives on Saturdays and food drives on the weekends. In November, they run a Hungry and Homeless Turkey Tree program in which families from the Parish sponsor needy families from the community and provide them with Thanksgiving meals.

The Polish Ministry of St. Jane de Chantal supports the Polish community by offering five services a week as well as other special Masses and events. The school, led by Principal Nancy Andrasco, provides a Catholic education for children starting in pre-school up to the eighth grade. Children are taught the Catholic ideals of love, sacrifice, and charity while receiving an outstanding education in a compassionate and supportive environment.

I am happy to join with St. Jane de Chantal Parish and help commemorate its 60th anniversary. I am confident that they will continue to perpetuate Catholic ideals by providing spiritual nourishment through worship and service to their community. Mr. Speaker, St. Jane de Chantal is an exemplary Catholic parish and I ask my colleagues to join me as I extend my blessings to all the parishioners on this significant milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF EDGEWATER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize Edgewater Behavioral Health Services as the organization celebrates its 40th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the organization is hosting a celebratory event on Friday, October 17, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, in Merrillville, Indiana.

The growing need for quality mental health care in the United States led to Congress passing the Community Mental Health Act of 1963. The Gary Community Mental Health Center was one of the original facilities set up in Indiana after the passage of this bill. In 1974, due to the hard work of many leaders in Gary at the time, the center was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. Over the years, the organization continued to grow, expanding its range of services and leadership. Under the direction of current president and chief executive officer, Dr. Danita Johnson Hughes, the center's name was changed to Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Inc. and, in 2014, began doing business under the name Edgewater Behavioral Health Services. Edgewater provides services ranging from crisis intervention and addiction services to day treatment, out-patient programs, and residential services, to name a few. Due to the outstanding leadership of Dr. Johnson Hughes and the entire staff, Edgewater currently provides services for over 30,000 clients each year. The organization also provides over $3 million in services to charity cases.

Edgewater partners with other service providers, groups, and organizations in order to meet the needs of each person that walks through its doors. This year, Edgewater is honoring Dr. Daniel Lowery, Ph.D., president of Calumet College of Saint Joseph, with the Commonweal Award for Personal and Professional Leadership. This award recognizes distinctive contributions made by individuals who hold the value of the common good over personal gain. The Sojourner Truth House, a ministry for women and children in Gary, will be honored with the Commonweal Award for Institutional Leadership. This award recognizes institutional and organizational leadership that promotes the common good within communities faced with long-term, difficult challenges. For their exceptional commitment to the community of Northwest Indiana, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, each recipient is worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Edgewater Behavioral Health Services as the organization celebrates its 40th anniversary. Edgewater has played an important role in enriching the quality of life in Northwest Indiana. As a community we are grateful and proud to have had its support during the past 40 years. For its remarkable leadership, devotion, and compassion shown in its service to so many in need, Edgewater is worthy of the highest praise.

CONGRATULATING JASMINE BABERS FOR RECEIVING USA NETWORK'S CHARACTERS UNITE AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jasmine Babers of Rock Island, Illinois, who is one of ten individuals nationwide to receive the USA Network's Characters Unite award this year.

Jasmine Babers, at a very young age, has shown an amazing amount of dedication, hard work, and drive. She is the founder and publisher of Love, GIRLS, a magazine that strives to build confidence and self-esteem in teenage girls. Jasmine's hard work has paid off as she was able to publish the first issue in 2012. Love, GIRLS has expanded its distribution over the past two years from Illinois to include Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, as well as the District of Columbia, reaching more than 5,000 young girls. Jasmine also has led local events, in conjunction with her magazine, that help bring attention to bullying and the dangerous effects that it can have on our youth.

The Characters Unite award is presented annually to ten individuals who through extraordinary efforts are able to combat hate, intolerance, and discrimination, as well as make significant contributions towards promoting greater tolerance, respect, and acceptance in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to know that individuals like Jasmine Babers are making a difference in our communities. Once again I would like to congratulate her on her momentous achievement and wish her luck with her ongoing efforts, as well as her upcoming collegiate career.

HONORING PARK LABREA NEWS AND BEVERLY PRESS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Park Labrea News and Beverly Press.

Park Labrea News and Beverly Press has been a local paper and critical presence in Miracle Mile, Hancock Park, Hollywood and West Hollywood since 1946. Park Labrea news and Beverly Press have a long and important history in our community. Residents of Park Labrea began distributing a newsletter throughout the apartment complex in 1946 and within a few months ''Parklabrea News'' was born.

In 1948, Joseph Duplain took over the newsletter and converted it into a newspaper. In the 1950s, Nan Dayhoff became editor and ran the paper for the next twenty years, publishing twice a month. In the 1970s veteran TV newsman Charles ''Chuck'' Riley acquired the paper.

In 1990, the newspaper was sold to the current publishers, Michael and Karen Villalpando. By June 1990, the Villalpandos had expanded the paper to a weekly installation that reaches more than 5,000 homes in neighborhoods in Los Angeles. In 1991, the circulation was expanded again and the name Beverly Press was added to the original Park Labrea News masthead.

Michael and Karen Villalpando have been the publishers for the last twenty-five years and have transformed the paper from a 3,000 circulation, bi-weekly newspaper, to a 13,000 paid circulation newspaper, delivered weekly with the Los Angeles Times. The Villalpando's goal has been to provide the best local news coverage to the residents of Park Labrea, Hancock Park, Miracle Mile, the Fairfax District, Hollywood and West Hollywood. They have proved extremely successful in their goal. Local community members look forward to receiving the paper every Thursday and rely on it to get global news and community happenings.

Michael and Karen Villalpando, through the Park Labrea News and Beverly Press, play a key role in sharing national, state, and local news within the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing Michael and Karen and the Park Labrea News and Beverly Press.

IN RECOGNITION OF RALPH LESLIE BUDDY COLE, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ralph Leslie Buddy Cole, Jr. for a noteworthy life dedicated to public service. Mr. Cole passed away at the age of 80, having lived a selfless life as a veteran of the Texas Air National Guard, public servant, and civic leader.

Buddy was born on August 19th, 1934 and grew up picking cotton in Krum, Texas. His commitment to public service and civic leadership started at a young age, notably when he founded the Krum Young Citizens Club and subsequently served as its first president. Buddy's public service career included serving on Pilot Point's City Council, first by election in 1981 and again by appointment in 1986. Additionally, he served as Denton County Judge for 4 years after being elected in 1982 and then served as Denton County Commissioner for Precinct 1 after winning election in 1986. Buddy is deserving of recognition not only for his continuous dedication to civic leadership and public service, but also for the example he demonstrated in his personal life and character. Buddy was regarded throughout the community as a pragmatic problem solver, something that no doubt contributed to his success in public office.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Norma, his sons Alan and Leslie, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. I join his family and the community of lives he touched in celebrating the accomplishments of Buddy Cole. It is my privilege to represent the 26th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to recognize the 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award recipients, presented annually by the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization hosted a celebratory event on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Since 1992, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council has presented the Distinguished Citizen Award to individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the community in Northwest Indiana and across the state. This year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council honored Michael and Jill Schrage.

Michael Schrage, president and chief executive officer of Centier Bank, is a truly innovative business leader. Mike became the fourth generation of his family to own and operate the First Bank of Whiting, which was renamed Centier Bank years later. This family-owned bank has grown throughout the years, and today Centier includes over fifty branches in Indiana. Under Mr. Schrage's leadership, an award winning lender division was established, a financial literacy program was introduced, and the company has been named one of Indiana's best places to work for the past eight years. This is unquestionably due to Mike's value-based work ethic, and the importance he places on Centier's most important resource: its employees. Additionally, Mike gives much of his time and efforts to charitable endeavors, including the Saint Jude House, the American Red Cross, the YMCA, and the Boy Scouts of America, to name a few.

Jill Schrage is a true humanitarian in every sense of the word. She gives selflessly and passionately of her time and efforts to various organizations and civic activities throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond, including the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, TradeWinds, Speaking of Women's Health, the Girl Scouts of America, the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony, Opportunity Enterprises, and the Valparaiso Art Advisory Committee, among others. For her truly exceptional devotion to such worthy causes, Jill serves as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council and its 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award recipients, Michael and Jill Schrage. For their lifetime of leadership and outstanding dedication to serving those in need, Mike and Jill are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE CLASS OF 1964 FROM WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the twenty veterans of the Class of 1964 from Winters High School as they celebrate their 50th class reunion this year.

These twenty men embody a spirit that echoes throughout Texas, a spirit that has made America strong. Their decision to join and serve is a reflection of their love for country and the understanding that everyone has a part to play in making our nation great. Winters High School wishes to honor these proud Blizzards: Kenneth Adams, United States Army; Adolfo Arroyo, United States Air Force (ret.); Glynn Awalt, National Guard; Dickie Bellis, United States Army; Alan Benson, United States Marine Corps; Ricky Boles, United States Army; Ronald Colburn, United States Army; Lynn Cornelius, United States Navy; Earl Green, United States Air Force; William Green, United States Army (ret.); B.M. Grenwelge, Jr., National Guard; Steve Grissom, United States Army; Gary Hester, United States Army and National Guard (ret.); Mike Hill, National Guard; Johnney Hopper, United States Army; Charles Nitsch, United States Army; Mike Mitchell, United States Army; Louis Simpson, United States Marine Corps; Arnold Thormeyer, United States Air Force; Marcelo Torres, United States Army.

These veterans embody the qualities that are necessary to serve a greater good, without which, our nation could not secure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Today, we show our debt of gratitude for these men and women and the displays of greatness that have defined us as a nation.

Colleagues, please join me in honoring these veterans and their families for their dedication and service to our great nation.

IN HONOR OF BEVERLY ANN NEWELL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Beverly Ann Newell, a truly remarkable woman who enriched us all. Beverly's recent death has left her family and friends with a deep sense of grief, though the memory of her life still shines brightly.

Beverly was born in December, 1936 in Albuquerque N.M., the descendant of New Mexico and Colorado pioneers. She moved with her family to Seattle where she grew into a vibrant young woman. Beverly attended the University of Washington where she began her lifetime career in physical therapy. She quickly followed with a masters degree in physical therapy from Stanford University. Then in 1961, she found herself in Switzerland where she met a young traveling American student named Roger Newell.

In 1965, Beverly and Roger married and began a long honeymoon on the Newell family ranch in Big Sur. After living in the San Francisco Bay Area for a few years, they returned to Big Sur to raise their children Mark, Jonathan, and Annika. At the same time, Beverly became an integral part of the Big Sur community. She took active roles with the Big Sur Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Big Sur Historical Society. And in an effort that has had tremendous long term value, Beverly helped co-found the Big Sur Land Trust, which has played a pivotal role in the intervening years in preserving Big Sur's incomparable natural landscape.

As their children entered high school, Beverly and Roger moved up the coast to the Monterey Peninsula. Beverly became active with her church, Mayflower Presbyterian, where her deep faith helped her serve many years as a deacon. As her children grew and moved away, Beverly returned to her professional life as a physical therapist working with elderly patients in local nursing homes as well as people suffering from cerebral palsy. She also devoted herself to the lives of her grandchildren: Kyler, Micaela, Ohanapecosh, and Tole.

Beverly was the sort of person who had a tremendous influence on the lives of the people around her. She was invariably kind and loving. People's lives were enriched from the simple joy of being with her. She was also inexhaustibly creative. She was a phenomenal pianist who could play just about anything from ear. She also loved creating beauty with her hands whether through weaving, sewing, ceramics, gardening, or many other ways.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in offering our condolences to Beverly's family and friends. While we mourn her death, we celebrate the gift that her life was to all of us. The world is a far better place because Beverly lived her life with her own particular style of love and joy.

HONORING DR. FRANCIS X. VAN LIESHOUT

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Francis X. Van Lieshout on his 87th birthday, which he celebrated on October 11, 2014. Dr. Van Lieshout has been an integral member of the Fox Valley community and I am proud to recognize his dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin.

Dr. Van Lieshout was born in Kimberly, Wisconsin on October 11, 1927. After graduating from Kimberly High School in 1945, Dr. Van Lieshout served for three years overseas in the U.S. Navy. Upon returning to the United States, he received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Marquette University.

Dr. Van Lieshout returned to Little Chute with his wife Josephine after graduating from medical school. There, he and his wife raised seven children. He practiced family medicine in Little Chute for 42 years, working long hours at the hospital and making house calls following work. After retiring from medicine, he dedicated his time to volunteering in the community, working at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Bernadette's parish in Appleton, WI.

He has received multiple awards for his service to the community, dedication to Catholic education, and service to the poor. In 1999, Van Lieshout Park was named in his honor in Little Chute.

Today, Dr. Van Lieshout and his wife live in Appleton, where he enjoys volunteering, spending time with his family and friends, and fishing. It is truly an honor to represent an extraordinary citizen who has dedicated his life to serving the people of the Fox River Valley in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 8th district of Wisconsin, I congratulate Dr. Van Lieshout on his 87th birthday and sincerely thank him for his service to Wisconsin.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JEAN BOYD

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of Judge Jean Boyd, who has been a proven leader in Fort Worth, Texas.

Judge Jean Boyd is the presiding judge of the 323rd Family District Court, which serves Tarrant County as its Juvenile Court. Judge Boyd has presided in this Court since 1995, having previously served as its Associate Judge since 1987. She is retiring from the bench in December 2014 after 27 years of judicial service.

Throughout her career, Judge Boyd has worked to serve her community and her profession as a whole. She is the Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, and she has previously served as Chair of the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. She served on the Board of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission from 2005 to 2011. In January 2014, she was appointed by Governor Perry to the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families.

Judge Boyd is a past board member of the Tarrant County Bar Association and a past president of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, the Tarrant County Young Lawyers' Association and the Tarrant County Women Lawyers' Association. Judge Boyd was honored as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Tarrant County in 1988 and received The Professionalism Award from the Tarrant County Bar Association in 2001. In 2011, Judge Boyd became the first woman to receive the Tarrant County Bar Association's prestigious Silver Gavel Award, which is given to jurists who have made a substantial contribution to the bench by exemplifying ability, integrity and courage.

In 2000, Judge Boyd spearheaded the implementation of National Adoption Day in Tarrant County and has participated in every National Adoption Day event since then. She was selected as Judge of the Year by Texas CASA in 1999. In 2002, Judge Boyd received the Judge Scott Moore Award from Child Advocates of Tarrant County. In 2003, she was the recipient of the Angel in Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. She served on the founding boards of CASA of Tarrant County and the Alliance for Children and is currently a member of the board of Gill Children's Services.

Judge Boyd has dedicated her career to making Tarrant County a better place to live, and her contributions to our community are undeniable. I join in congratulating her on her outstanding service and retirement.

HONORING JERRY HANAS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Jerry Hanas and to wish him well upon his retirement as General Manager of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District. Mr. Hanas's many years of service and expertise in his field have been a remarkable asset to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond. In honor of Jerry's retirement, a celebratory reception was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, Indiana.

Northwest Indiana's extensive transportation network earns this region's reputation for being the crossroads of America. Interstates 80, 94, 90, and 65 traverse our landscape, as do the railroad tracks servicing the Norfolk Southern, Canadian National, and CSX rail lines, connecting travelers and business interests alike from the East to West Coasts. Most notably, the South Shore Rail Line, a passenger rail service offered by the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), provides riders access to the environs of Chicago and its $500 billion economy. Under Mr. Hanas's direction, NICTD and the South Shore Rail Line have flourished.

Established in 1908, the South Shore Rail Line provided passenger service to the city of Chicago as well as to the recreational opportunities found in Northwest Indiana, given its proximity to Lake Michigan and South Bend. With the advent of the interstate system, and the newfound ability to travel between neighboring communities with ease, ridership along the South Shore Rail Line began to decline. In order to prevent the complete loss of this asset, the state of Indiana created NICTD for the sole purpose of maintaining and operating the passenger line. Jerry Hanas was hired as the General Manager of NICTD upon its creation in June 1977, and it is here where he has served the railroad for 37 years.

NICTD's success is due to Jerry's competence, hard work, and dedication to a long-term vision in which passenger rail service is improved and expanded throughout the region. He effectively coordinated NICTD's purchase of the South Shore railroad and passenger assets, resulting in a stable and reliable relationship between the passenger and freight services. This acquisition required a steadfast commitment to a series of strategic investments to ensure the line's continuation. To that end, under Jerry's leadership, since 1977, over $500 million has been dedicated to upgrading the rolling stock, stations, track, catenary, bridges, and signals associated with the line in order to enhance safety and to make much needed capacity-related track improvements.

Currently, NICTD is in the process of conducting the appropriate environmental studies as part of its effort to expand services to the suburban areas in Northwest Indiana. This expansion is a key component to capitalizing upon our region's transportation network and maximizing economic development opportunities. Although Jerry Hanas retires this fall, he leaves a completely rebuilt and vibrant South Shore Rail Line to serve as his legacy and a well-established corporate vision to keep the momentum going for future generations.

Jerry's commitment to his career and to the community of Northwest Indiana is exceeded only by his devotion to his family. He and his wonderful wife, Nancy, have a daughter, Melissa, son-in-law, Tom, and one beloved grandson, Donovan. They also have one son, Roger, whose fiancée, Annie, will be joining Jerry's exceptional family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Jerry Hanas for his lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District. Jerry's impact on the region will be evident for generations to come, and he is worthy of the highest praise. I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

IN MEMORY OF DETECTIVE MICHAEL DAVID DAVIS, JR.

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative DOUG LAMALFA, in honor of the service and sacrifice of Placer County, California, Sheriff Detective Michael David Davis, Jr.

A long-time resident of Roseville, Detective Davis was a man of integrity and compassion. He cared about the community and took initiative to protect and better it. Such an example would be when Michael organized a funeral for an abandoned baby.

On October 24th, Detective Davis displayed immense courage and gallantry during a manhunt for the murderer of a fellow officer, Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff Danny Oliver. Detective Davis was killed in the line of duty, just as his father was struck down 26 years prior to the day.

Detective Davis faithfully and honorably served the Placer County community, joining the Sheriff's office in 1996. For the past fifteen years, Michael contributed to his family's legacy of law enforcement, just as his father did before him. Michael tirelessly worked as a homicide investigator, but he will be remembered for much more.

His bravery and kind soul will never be forgotten. He was a family man, devoted to his loving wife and four children. Michael is also survived by his four siblings, mother and stepfather.

Mr. Speaker, Detective Michael David Davis, Jr. will be deeply and sorely missed not only by his family, but also by his community. The State of California, and particularly the Fourth Congressional District, was blessed to have had such a man of character and heroism protecting our citizens.

Michael's legacy will live on in the lives that he touched. Just as he served, he died embodying the virtues that form the foundation of this great nation. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his sacrifice for Placer County and to honor his memory.

CONGRATULATING VIRGINIA T. WOOD ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 12, 2014

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Virginia T. Wood on her 100th birthday. Ms. Wood has led a remarkable life as a lifelong resident of Chicago and has lived in my district for over 60 years.

Virginia Wood has devoted much of her time as a High School Physical Education Teacher for the Chicago Board of Education, teaching at several schools including South Shore High School and Bogan High School. Ms. Wood was then promoted to Coordinator of girl's athletics for the Chicago Board of Education, eventually retiring with over 26 years of service. Even after retirement, she remained an active supporter of girls high school sports.

Ms. Wood has enjoyed a very active life, continuing to swim and bowl until she reached the age of 96. She has never missed voting in an election, and became involved with the neighborhood watch program for the Chicago Police Department. She is a model participant in her community, and we should all try to emulate her outstanding service.

Ms. Wood has led an extraordinary life that has given so much to others. I join her many family members and friends in celebrating this event and I wish her more years of happiness, fulfillment, and health. Congratulations to Ms. Wood on her centennial birthday milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate another stellar achievement by the Marcus High School Marching Band. This is the fifth time the Marcus High School Band has won first place in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) State Marching competition and been crowned state champions! The Marcus High School Marching Band has furthered their already impressive record of four consecutive state marching finals victories, cementing their UIL record.

The Marcus High School Marching Band has a talented and dedicated leadership team, headed by Amanda Drinkwater, Director of Bands, and Associate Directors: Kennan Wylie, Chase Howard, and David Simon as well as Color Guard Director, John Leonard. The student members of the Marauder Band have worked long hours over many months to bring their winning performance ''Imperial Treasures'' to fruition. They have been capably led by Drum Majors Amanda Elmendorf, Hannah Hadden, and Nicholas Kohn. Edward S. Marcus High School is located in Flower Mound, Texas within the Lewisville Independent School District. The school's administrators, teachers and students as well as its

committed booster organization have wholeheartedly supported the band's endeavors and should also be recognized and commended for their contributions to its great success.

I am pleased to join the community in congratulating the Marcus High School Band, winner of the 2014 Class 6A Texas UIL State Marching Band Contest. They have been excellent ambassadors for Flower Mound and the 26th District of Texas. It is my privilege to serve them in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF REGIS GROFF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of one of Denver's most respected residents, former Colorado State Senator Regis Groff, who passed away on October 5 at age 79. This remarkable man merits both our recognition and gratitude for his unwavering efforts to stand for what's right. He leaves behind an impressive record of leadership in social justice and education, and he made an enormous impact on many lives.

Regis Groff wasn't afraid to fight the tough battles when he knew he was standing up for others. He worked to strengthen education and to ensure a fair system for everyone. He was an educator, a state senator and a community servant. We in Colorado are fortunate to have had Mr. Groff laboring for equality in our community. The legacy that he leaves behind should inspire us all to continue his fight with a measure of dedication with which he worked.

Born in a small town in Illinois, Regis Groff first came to Denver while serving in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed at Lowry Air Force Base for several months. He returned to Illinois and attended Western Illinois University earning a BA in 1962. When it came time to settle down and raise a family, he chose to make Denver home. He taught at Smiley and Lake Junior High Schools before starting an African-American history class at East High School. Later he earned a master's in Education from the University of Denver in 1972.

A long-standing interest in politics led him to run for the Colorado State Senate. He was successful in his bid and served from 1974 to 1994. During those twenty years, he demonstrated time and again his willingness to fight for fairness and justice, including an effort to divest Colorado from South Africa's apartheid government. He cites the highlight of his time in the Senate as passing legislation that established a holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr. in Colorado. His colleagues recognized his leadership and elected him the first African-American Minority Leader of the Colorado State Senate. His efforts were also rewarded with numerous awards from the community, including Legislator of the Year from the Associated Press.

Roy Romer appointed Regis as the first Director of the new Youthful Offenders System. His dedication to community service then continued in his role as Executive Director of the Metro Black Church Initiative. He was selfless to the end. As a teacher, Mr. Groff had an impact on countless students. I hope some of them are as inspired by him as I am and will carry on his work to fight the good fight. His talents and perseverance are an example for us all.

Please join me in commending Regis Groff. His leadership in the search for justice and equality enriches our lives and builds a better future for everyone living in Colorado.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ROSCOE R. CASSIDY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the life of an outstanding individual, Mr. Roscoe R. Cassidy of Preston, Kentucky. Mr. Cassidy served our nation in military uniform from June 3, 1942 to October 9, 1945 and recently passed-away at the age of 107.

As a young man, Mr. Cassidy began his service in the United States Army as a Private First Class assigned to Company E, 335th Engineering Regiment, Duty Soldier 188. During the United States' campaign to achieve victory over the Axis Powers, Mr. Cassidy fought his way from Tunisia, Africa, up through southern France, across Italy and did not stop until the Allies achieved victory in Germany.

Mr. Cassidy's valiant performance fighting in four major campaigns earned him great distinction, and for his actions he received the European Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, four Bonze Stars, and a Good Conduct Medal.

After victoriously returning to his home in Preston, Kentucky, Mr. Cassidy began his career of farming and working for the Bath County Road Department. Mr. Cassidy enjoyed life and loved to dance while listening to country and bluegrass music.

Mr. Cassidy's bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform protected our American freedoms for future generations. He was truly an outstanding American, a protector of freedom, and an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING MS. CLARA I. SISSEL

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Clara I. Sissel of Odessa, Texas. Since 2002, Ms. Sissel has sent more than 1,200 care packages to our armed services members stationed overseas. For her efforts, she is being honored by her family, friends, and the members of the Omni Club for her tireless and selfless service to our armed forces.

Ms. Sissel has made her care packages, or love boxes as she prefers to call them, a personal mission to show each service member that someone back home is thinking of them and cares about their well being. Although fourteen years is a long time, her service did not start in 2002. Ms. Sissel started her mission during the Vietnam War. Through the years, she has sent at least one package per week at her own expense. As a token of remembrance, Ms. Sissel has created scrap books containing every letter that she has received from recipients of her care packages.

However, her efforts did not stop at her front door. Ms. Sissel has also led many Odessa organizations to join her mission in showing our armed service members that they are in our thoughts and prayers back home. She has brought together the VFW and local churches to help in running community care package drives. These care package drives allow people to donate goods or their time to help fill care packages for our veterans.

Clara Sissel's selflessness and determined dedication embody the American spirit and has lifted the hearts of thousands of service members worldwide. Her weekly token of appreciation reminds our service members that their daily sacrifices are not taken for granted, and I am sure they are thankful for Ms. Sissel's support. I am honored to recognize her as a true patriot in our community and to share her story with you all today.

IN HONOR OF BOB LEE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bob Lee, a champion for justice who committed his life to public service and worked tirelessly to assure that the Central Coast of California is a safe place to live for all.

Bob launched his career in 1985 as a prosecutor in Monterey County before joining the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office in 1988, where he served as Assistant District Attorney for fourteen years. Bob was a notably gifted trial attorney, having never lost a case in Santa Cruz County.

Bob was elected Santa Cruz District Attorney in 2002. As District Attorney, he made significant structural improvements to the District Attorney's Office. He led efforts in developing and strengthening specialized units that prosecuted gang members, violent criminals, sex offenders, and cases involving environment and consumer protection abuses. Bob also played a pivotal role in establishing the Santa Cruz County Gang Task Force, which centered on the containment of gang activity and prosecution of gang members.

A native of Santa Cruz, Bob was the youngest of four brothers. He earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Public Administration from California State University of Sacramento in 1980. His Juris Doctorate was obtained only four years later from the University of Santa Clara.

After a long and brave battle with cancer, the Central Coast of California mourns the loss of one of its strongest leaders. Bob will be remembered for his incredible achievements in building a safer and more thriving environment in Santa Cruz County. He gave his life to his service and his fervor for justice will forever remain unmatched. The District Attorney's office will certainly cherish Bob's unforgettable dedication and will continue to carry out his resolute spirit in future pursuits. Bob was also an amazing family man, and is survived by his wife, Barbara Lee.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of an accomplished seeker of justice and loving husband, District Attorney Bob Lee. His life, legacy, and service to Santa Cruz County will never be forgotten.

HONORING THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK ON THE VILLAGE'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the residents of the Village of Palos Park as they celebrated the 100th anniversary of the village's incorporation on October 31, 2014.

European settlers first came to the area around the village in 1834. Not long after, the building of the Illinois-Michigan Canal—completed in 1848—brought an influx of laborers, blacksmiths, and woodcutters to join the local farmers. A township was organized in 1850 and named Trenton, but that name was soon changed to Palos by the recommendation of the first Postmaster, M.S. Powell.

In the late 1800s the Wabash Railroad was extended into the area, allowing people to live in along the rail route and commute to work in Chicago. The resulting increase in population led to the incorporation of the Village of Palos Park in 1914. The village attracted many artists, writers, and intellectuals and became known as a country retreat outside of Chicago.

Today, Palos Park, under the leadership of Mayor John Mahoney, has a little over 4800 residents who enjoy a residential area nestled within beautiful forest preserves. One of the special places in Palos Park is the McCord Gallery & Cultural Center, which is a learning center for the arts and cultural history which also showcases artworks of local and regional artists. Among the many special events that occur in the village every year, I especially enjoy participating in the Autumn in the Park Festival and Parade in September.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the residents of Palos Park as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of their village and to wish them continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARGYLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Argyle High School Band from Argyle, Texas for their recent outstanding achievement in winning the 2014 Class 4A UIL Texas State Marching Band Championship.

Argyle High School's Band decisively won the Class 4A crown for the fourth consecutive time. The band's stellar performance of ''Alleluia'' earned the top award and allowed them to retain the state title they have held since 2008. The accomplished members of the Argyle High School Band deserve praise for their hard work and commitment.

I commend the staff and students of Argyle High School for their tremendous support of the Eagle Band under the dedicated leadership of Band Director Kathy Johnson, Associate Band Director Michael Lemish, Superintendent Telena Wright, and Principal Jeff Butts. It is my privilege to represent the administrators, teachers, staff and students that comprise the Argyle Independent School District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND HONOREE BETH WROBEL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which will host its 38th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 15, 2014, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award at the annual banquet.

The Asian American Medical Association has always been a great asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have generously devoted themselves to providing superior medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have always demonstrated exemplary service through their many cultural, academic and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Beth Wrobel. Mrs. Wrobel is to be commended for her exceptional contributions to her field and her community.

In 1979, Beth graduated from Valparaiso University where she majored in Mechanical Engineering. Mrs. Wrobel's engineering career includes twenty years of service with NiSource, Inc. Subsequently, in 2007, she also earned her Healthcare Executive Certificate from the University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson School of Business.

Beth has been the chief executive officer of HealthLinc, Incorporated since 2002. She has since advanced the organization from a free medical clinic serving only adults to a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides medical services to over 4,000 uninsured or underinsured patients, through all life cycles, from prenatal to seniors. HealthLinc provides comprehensive, quality and affordable care that includes medical, dental, optometry and behavioral health services at six locations and one mobile van in Northern Indiana.

In 2013, Beth was honored by Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly as top not-for-profit chief executive officer in Northern Indiana due to her success improving and expanding HealthLinc from a one-location, small organization, known as Hilltop Community Health Center, with a budget of less than $350,000 in 2001, to the multi-location organization that is known today, with a budget of $20 million and a staff of more than 200 employees. Beth has also earned distinction as Porter County Community Foundation's 2012 Outstanding Executive and was honored by Porter County United Way as an Outstanding Agency Professional in 2014.

Among her many accomplishments, Beth is a member of the Indiana Primary Healthcare Association Board and has previously held the position of president. She also serves as an adviser to many medical groups, including Indiana University Northwest Medical School, and has presented at many conferences, both at the national and state level.

Additionally, Beth selflessly gives of her time through her involvement in various organizations and civic activities, such as the Porter County Reading Foundation Board and the City of Valparaiso Human Relations Council. She also serves as president-elect of the Valparaiso Rotary Club and is an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Beth's compassion and dedication to her field and her commitment to charitable endeavors exemplifies the self-driven person that she is and is exceeded only by her devotion to her wonderful family. Beth and her husband, Joe, have three amazing sons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Beth Wrobel, for their outstanding contributions to their community and beyond. Their unwavering commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational.

HONORING THE CAREER OF REAR ADMIRAL GARY W. ROSHOLT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and celebrate the retirement of Rear Admiral Gary W. Rosholt, who has served in the United States Navy for over thirty-four years and, though with the U.S. Embassy at the United Arab Emirates at this time, resides in Irving, Texas.

Rear Admiral Rosholt's decades of service to our nation were notably preceded by his own father's career with the U.S. Air Force. Rosholt himself was commissioned during his years at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he earned a degree in electrical engineering and was enrolled in the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC). In February 1980, he completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training with Class 106.

In his commendable career, Rosholt served multiple tours in Naval Special Warfare, including assigmnents with Underwater Demolition Team 12, SEAL Team One, and Special Boat Unit 20. He also earned his masters of science degree in operations management at the University of Arkansas while on a shore duty assignment with the Chief of Naval Technical Training.

Rosholt served valuable roles in the Reserve component as well. He held a staff position in the Naval Surface Warfare Center,

White Oak, and was a Navy emergency preparedness liaison officer with the Director of Military Support and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense. He also commanded five units in the Navy Reserve: Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Norfolk Detachment 406, Special Boat Unit 20, Naval Special Warfare Unit 4, U.S. Special Operations Command Detachment 108, and Naval Special Warfare Command headquarters.

In October 2008, Gary W. Rosholt earned his promotion to Rear Admiral and returned to active duty in the U.S. Navy. He then served as the deputy commanding general for Special Operations Command in U.S. Central Command. Currently, he serves as the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy at Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Rosholt is a licensed Professional Engineer in Virginia and, in a civilian setting, was also a consultant with a focus on Special Operations, particularly with regard to research, development, and acquisition programs.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in marking the retirement of Rear Admiral Gary W. Rosholt and thanking him for his long career of honorable service to the United States Navy.

HONORING DIGNITY & MERCY ADULT DAYCARE SERVICES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dignity & Mercy Adult Daycare Services.

Tamekia Renix Jackson was born on September 18, 1974 to Albert Black III and Fannie Renix Johnson. Tamekia is the oldest of her seven siblings. She is a graduate of the North Panola High School Class of 1992. She currently resides in Como, MS, where she was born and raised. She attends the First Baptist Church in Como, where she serves faithfully as associate minister, choir president, and youth advisor. She serves on the Board of Directors for Aaron E. Henry Community Health Center and as President of the Mississippi Association of Adult Day Services.

In 1995 Tamekia graduated from the Licensed Practical Nursing Course at Northwest Community College in Senatobia, MS. She decided to further her education by enrolling in the Registered Nurse Curriculum in Senatobia, MS. She graduated in 2005 and passed her NCLEX as a RN.

Tamekia began working at the age of 15 at Wendy's in Senatobia, MS. After passing her LPN NCLEX, she became employed with Golden Living Center in Batesville, MS and remained with the company for three years learning that she really desired the role of RN. After becoming an RN she was gainfully employed with Baptist Desoto Hospital, where she remained for 2 years working in critical care. She later moved on to the position of travel nurse where she traveled extensively and enhanced her skills, gained friends, and encountered remarkable experiences. After becoming home sick, she accepted a position as Director of Nursing for Monette Hospice until it closed in 2009. She was then led to open Dignity & Mercy Adult Day Services, LLC.

During her first year as an entrepreneur, she also gave birth to her first born, Mckenzie Janae Jackson on July 2, 2009. On September 6, 2010 she gave birth to her 2nd born, Cayden Allen Jackson. They are outgoing, intelligent, inquisitive children. She also has a son, Alex Shaw, 17 years old, whom she adopted from a prior marriage.

While working at Monette Hospice, the owner opened an Adult Daycare next door. Tamekia found herself drawn to the participants of this center. She also realized there was no such program at home for the elderly and disabled. She began to research adult daycare and sought information in the community regarding funding, transportation, and other services needed in Panola and the 8 surrounding counties. In August of 2010, Dignity & Mercy Adult Day Services received a provider number for Adult Daycare in the state of MS. Later Dignity & Mercy also received a provider number for Respite and Homemaker Services. In January of 2014 Tamekia felt lead to open a facility in Oxford, MS. On July 1, 2014 Dignity & Mercy received a contract for Non Emergency Transportation with Division of Medicaid via MTM.

Dignity & Mercy is located at 569 Hwy 6 West in Batesville, MS. Dignity & Mercy recently purchased and renovated a 13,000 sq. ft. facility located at 405 Hwy 51 south in Batesville, MS. The date for occupancy is set for Oct. 1, 2014. They are excited about the grace of God affording them such an opportunity.

Dignity & Mercy services 50 to 60 clients per day at the Batesville location and 10 to 15 clients at the Oxford location. Their participants range from 21 years of age to 99 and provide the transportation to and from the center along with breakfast, lunch and a snack before they leave. The participants attend movies monthly, visit schools and nursing homes. The Adult Day Care offers exercise class daily and other activities including shooting pool, reading, cooking, quilting, gardening, basketball, checkers, bowling, wii sports, ring toss, crocheting, coloring, and various arts and crafts.

Dignity & Mercy has faced numerous challenges but God has delivered them from them all. When Tamekia is faced with struggles she takes comfort in the scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dignity & Mercy Adult Daycare Services for their dedication to serving their community and this great state and country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New Brunswick Fire Department as it celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. Since its formation, the New Brunswick Fire Department has upheld its duty to protect and serve the community.

Organized in 1764, the New Brunswick Fire Department has seen many changes and much growth throughout its history. Its equipment has advanced as new technology became available, from buckets to various engines and wagons. During its first 100 years, more than ten companies were organized. Throughout the 1900s, 493 volunteered to serve in the department. On July 1, 1914, the New Brunswick Fire Department was officially installed as a paid department.

Over its long history, a number of qualified leaders have served the New Brunswick Fire Department. Staasts Van Dursen was the first head of the department. James M. Carman served as the first Fire Director over 200 years later. Today, the New Brunswick Fire Department is led by a Director, five Deputy Chiefs, eight Captains, eight Lieutenants, fifty-six firefighters and a secretary and operates out of three companies and its headquarters. Seventy-five percent of the force are also trained Emergency Medical Technicians and certified in defibrillation, a result of a requirement begun in 1989.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the New Brunswick Fire Department on this milestone. Its outstanding service is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

TRIBUTE TO JOSH NELSON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the valiant effort of a friend and colleague, 2nd Lt. Joshua "Josh" Nelson, West Virginia Air National Guard. I have come to know Josh through his service in the West Virginia Legislature, and feel that it is most fitting to acknowledge a recent good deed.

Earlier this year, Josh stopped by his local Wal-Mart, near Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, to pick up some fish hooks for a family trip. This small stop would soon turn out to be an experience that he will, likely, never forget.

The following account is taken from the U.S. Air Force News, written by Joel Langton, 47th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs, published October 24, 2014:

> The West Virginia Air National Guardsman was walking to the Hunting and Fishing section when he heard a woman say, "Stop, put it down!"
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> "I could tell she was stressed and she sounded frightened," said Nelson. "I looked into the aisle, and this young man had a knife to a woman's stomach."
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> According to police reports, the young man was mad at his mother, who he had a knife to, because she wouldn't buy him a gun. Nelson told his wife Brittany to go alert the store manager and call the police.
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> Nelson, who has a concealed weapons permit stepped up beside the woman.
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> "I put my hand on my pistol where he'd notice, and then I stepped in between them," said Nelson. "I kept demanding he hand me the knife. I wanted him to see only one option. As I was standing beside that lady, I felt like I was responsible for her life. I was going to do whatever I had to do to protect her."

Then, according to the police report, Nelson went from trying to stop a murder to trying to stop a suicide when the assailant turned the knife on himself.

Nelson pointed to his training and the Air National Guard and previously in the Marine Corp as helping him talk the young man down.

By this time, several Wal-Mart employees had joined Nelson's effort. ''When he handed me the knife, he turned like he was going to just leave,'' said Nelson. ''We told him he needed to have a seat and wait for the police to arrive.''

''It was the most surreal five minutes of my life while waiting for the police,'' said Nelson. He added that throughout the entire event, he was never scared.

''I just relied on all of the training I've had,'' he said.

This event was just another storied chapter in an almost Hollywoodesque life for Nelson. He's gone from working in coal mines, to the Marine Corp, back to the mines, and today, when he's not refining his flying skills, he serves in the West Virginia legislature as a delegate.

The former Liberty University student body president points to his grandfather for his love of flying and the Founding Fathers for his passion to serve his nation and state . . . When Nelson graduates Oct. 24, he will be serving like the Founding Fathers never dreamed as he flies C–130s around the globe for the WVANG's 130th Airlift Wing.''

The first time I met Josh, I knew he was a smart, caring and capable young man. This is just one instance of Josh's outstanding service to the citizens of this country, whether in uniform or civilian clothes.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to recognize the heroism and selflessness exhibited by 2nd Lt. Joshua "Josh" Nelson, WVANG. He could have easily turned away, but he chose to become involved and save two lives, instead of one. I would also like to thank him for his service to the State of West Virginia and the United States of America. It is indeed an honor to call him friend and fellow West Virginian.

HONORING KIM BENNETT ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my Director of Constituent Services, Kim Bennett, as she prepares to retire from her two decades of public service.

Kim has served the State of Indiana and our country very capably throughout her career. She has headed our team's constituent services operation since my election last year. Kim helped get our district offices up and running so that residents of Indiana's Sixth Congressional District continued to receive the assistance they needed with the federal government, even during the congressional transition. I have heard from many of my constituents about how caring and professionally Kim has served them in matters involving a myriad of federal agencies.

She worked for my predecessor in Congress, Governor Mike Pence, for more than a decade, serving in various roles, including Deputy District Director, Director of Grants, and Director of Economic and Rural Development. She also has coordinated the Sixth District Job Fair since 1997, an event which continues to this day. Kim also worked for Congressman David McIntosh as his Social Security caseworker from 1995 to 2001. Kim always went above and beyond in these various roles. She produced positive results to improve people's lives in a caring and compassionate manner.

Mr. Speaker, hiring Kim was one of the best decisions I made after my election to Congress. I learned very quickly that her stellar reputation among Hoosiers in the Sixth District was well-deserved after watching how diligently she worked on their behalf. I hope she knows how much she has meant to them and to me. I wish her and her husband, Robert, all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION HONORING KAILASH SATYARTHI

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution Congratulating and Honoring Kailash Satyarthi, Recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize.

I am also pleased to be joined by Representatives MCGOVERN, BROWN, WILSON, MEEKS, RANGEL, COHEN, SCOTT, and GABBARD in honoring 2014 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Kailash Satyarthi for his tireless efforts to combat child labor, forced servitude and human trafficking. In his 34 years as a children's rights advocate and social activist, Mr. Satyarthi has saved over 80,000 children from forced labor, has vigorously worked to call international attention to the scourge of same by spearheading global initiatives, and has been instrumental in launching local programs to teach trades to Indian youth and rescue girls sold into abusive forced marriages. His contributions to the protection of children's rights and the promotion of peace are deserving of recognition.

I welcome my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring and congratulating Kailash Satyarthi on receiving the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize by becoming a co-sponsor of this resolution.

HONORING THE STAFF OF MERRICK, INC.

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the staff of Merrick Incorporated, past and present, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Since this private, non-profit organization was founded in 1964, it has served as a shining example of leadership and progressive commitment to advancing the quality of life of those with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Merrick Community Center first opened to serve fifteen young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to supplement the services provided by public schools. As the center grew in size, the volunteers and staff members recognized that these young adults had an interest in working and many skills to offer employers. Merrick Community Center began working tirelessly to partner with businesses and clients to provide valuable employment opportunities for these young adults.

Since it was founded, Merrick Community Center and Daytime Activity Center has grown into a non-profit charitable corporation with two program sites. More than one hundred professional staff are dedicated to providing necessary support for over 375 adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. As Merrick, Inc. has expanded, the community around them has also seen great advances and growth. Through day training and habilitation, adult day services and the Ticket-to-Work program, young adults at Merrick, Inc. build personal and professional relationships, actively engage in their communities, and lead more self-determined lives.

Mr. Speaker, during the last 50 years, Merrick, Inc. has worked towards improving the quality of life for every person who passes through their doors. The families and communities of Minnesota have been empowered and advanced as a result of this remarkable organization. In honor of the 50th anniversary of Merrick, it is a privilege to recognize the great work of the many dedicated employees, as well as those whose lives have been enriched through job skills and career training.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE SUE LANDSKE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous gratitude and the highest respect that I take this time to honor a dear friend and one of Indiana's finest citizens, the Honorable Sue Landske, Indiana State Senator. During her many years of public service and because of her countless efforts toward improving the lives of her fellow Hoosiers, Sue has left an indelible mark as an outstanding public servant, and for this, she is to be commended. Senator Landske will be retiring at the end of this year.

Sue Landske pursued her education at Saint Joseph's College and Indiana University, followed by graduate studies at the University of Chicago. In the years to follow, Sue, through hard work and a spirit for public service, was elected Center Township Assessor in 1978. She was also elected Lake County Republican Vice Chair the same year and maintained that position until 1989, then again from 2001 to 2007. Senator Landske was first elected to the Indiana Legislature in 1984 and has selflessly represented the people of Indiana Senate District 6 for the last thirty years. Throughout her tenure as State Senator, Sue has consistently fought for the rights of the residents of her district and throughout Indiana. In particular, Senator Landske's legislative achievements include authoring Indiana's lemon law, which guards Hoosiers against the sale of defective vehicles, creating living will legislation, which gives Indiana residents better control over their future medical decisions, and spearheading the passage of a bill requiring all Indiana nursing homes to have fire

sprinklers throughout their facilities and smoke detectors in every patient's room. Senator Landske's record speaks for itself. She has passionately devoted herself to improving the lives of Hoosiers and to protecting the interests and well-being of Indiana's most vulnerable citizens. Highlighting her leadership in Northwest Indiana and the Indiana General Assembly, Sue has distinguished herself by serving as the Assistant Pro Tempore in the Indiana State Senate. She has also served on numerous legislative committees including the Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee, as a ranking member of the Civil Law Committee, and as chair of the Elections Committee. Along with her career as a State Senator, Sue is also a retired colonel in the Indiana National Guard and president and owner of All Golfcar, Incorporated.

Senator Landske's exemplary service has been rightfully recognized numerous times during her legislative career. In both 1980 and 1983, she was honored with the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash for her service to the people of Indiana. Following this honor, Sue was awarded the title of Outstanding Republican Senator, as well as the accolade of Business and Professional Woman of the Year. Sue was also recognized as Lake County Republican of the Year in 1988, the Jaycees' Citizen of the Year in 1991, and was named Small Business Champion in 2000 by the National Federation of Independent Business.

Senator Landske's remarkable career is exceeded only by her devotion to her amazing family. Sue and her loving husband of fifty-seven years, Bill, have five children and seven grandchildren.

I have been truly fortunate to call Sue Landske my friend. Throughout the years, she has been an outstanding advocate for the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as for all Hoosiers. She epitomizes what it means to be a public servant, and for her selfless, lifelong commitment to the people of Indiana, she is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Indiana State Senator Sue Landske for her lifetime of leadership and exceptional service to the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the state. Senator Landske's impact will be evident for generations to come, and she serves as an inspiration to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT HUGHES

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert Hughes, a man who broke incredible records in basketball while simultaneously overcoming tremendous obstacles. Robert Hughes paved the way for African American students to have the same opportunities as their counterparts and bridged the divides of a segregated community.

Robert Hughes was born on May 15, 1928, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He was the youngest of five brothers with a successful high school basketball career. After a tour in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Hughes played college basketball at Texas Southern University. In 1955, he was drafted to the Boston Celtics, but ended up playing for Marques Haynes' barnstorming team, the Harlem Magicians. During his time with the Harlem Magicians, he ruptured his Achilles tendon and began his legendary coaching career.

From 1958 to 1973, Hughes coached the Fort Worth I.M. Terrell High School basketball team, with an astonishing record of 378–84. During this time, I.M. Terrell was a segregated high school, placing the team in a specific division called the Prairie View Interscholastic League. The PVIL governed the Texas African American high schools. Hughes won three PVIL championships and came second in two more during his time at Terrell. In 1973, the desegregation of public schools would lead to the closing of Terrell and the beginning of Hughes career at Fort Worth Dunbar High School.

Hughes remained at Fort Worth Dunbar until he retired in 2005 with an astonishing overall career record of 1,333–264. He had the most wins in the entire nation until recently when Leta Andrews passed his record. During his 47 seasons at Dunbar, Hughes brought his team to victory while changing the lives of thousands of students. As a coach, he broke the racial divide and bridged the gap between communities. For 50 years, the Southwest Conference denied entry to black high school athletes. Hughes navigated his way around these policies and created relationships with the Big Ten, Pacific 8 and Missouri Valley Conferences so that all of his players could be offered the same opportunities.

Dallas cinematographer, Ronald Nance and Lindell Singleton, producer of major feature films such as Lone Star and Holy War, are partnering to bring Robert Hughes' story to life in a feature-length documentary called Relentless, which will premiere in February 2015. The film will capture the incredible feats of Hughes and the impact that he had on the Texas basketball community.

In honor of Coach Robert Hughes, a pillar of the Fort Worth and Texas athletic community, this statement will be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

HONORING DR. GERALDINE B. CHANEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Geraldine B. Chaney, M.D., who is a native of Mississippi. She was born into a family of nine children (six girls and three boys), with parents who stressed the importance of strong religious beliefs. Dr. Chaney's parents were not formally educated, but possessed a wealth of knowledge. They taught God first, family and education next.

Dr. Chaney chose to attend Tougaloo College and major in Biology and Chemistry. As tradition would have it, Dr. Chaney's brothers and sisters who had gone to college before her, went to school to become school teachers. All of that changed when she heard some of her classmates talking about going to medical school. At that moment without telling anyone, Dr. Chaney closeted in her mind that she wanted to become a physician. She thought that her idea was a bit farfetched. She had never seen or known a black or white female physician.

However, Tougaloo offered unique experience. Dr. Chaney excelled in her studies and took the exam for entry into medical school. Her score was good enough to get her into her choice of four schools. She chose the University of Mississippi, because she wanted to practice in Mississippi.

Dr. Chaney entered medical school with only five other African Americans. There were five black males, and she was the only black female. It was a very grueling experience, but they all managed to finish. Dr. Chaney admits that she did better in medical school than in college. Probably because she really wanted to be a doctor. It was also important to her that the medical community get to know her and see what she was capable of doing.

When Dr. Chaney completed her residency in 1977, there was only one other black pediatrician in the Jackson area. She knew that she couldn't start a private practice right out of school, because she would be swamped by those looking for a black physician to care for their children. So, she spent the first ten years working at the clinic, the University Medical Center, with another physician, and volunteering. She also worked part-time in public health and consulting.

Dr. Chaney is one of the most prominent pediatricians in the state of Mississippi, serving patients of all races and nationalities.

Dr. Chaney is quick to point out that her husband played a huge part in her success. She left her salaried position at the Health Center to start her own business, and he stood with her 100%. When she began the practice, her earnings were only half of what she had made from the clinic and consulting. But, she knew that was only temporary. In her own words, ''To build a business, there has to be some sacrifice.'' She and her family decided that they could make the sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr Geraldine B. Chaney for her dedication to serving others.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN H. ELMORE

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Stephen H. Elmore who was posthumously selected as the 2014 Farmer of the Year by the Imperial County Farm Bureau and will be presented with the Tenth Annual Jim Kuhn Memorial Farmer of the Year Award as a tribute to his exemplary record of agricultural and community leadership.

Before passing away in 1999, Mr. Elmore was a distinguished agriculturalist who had half a century of experience in agriculture with The Elmore Company, Stephen H. Elmore Company, Desert Sky Farms and Echo II. Under his leadership, they grew numerous amounts of crops of all shapes and sizes such as sweet corn, sugar beets, tomatoes, wheat, onions, melons, potatoes and many more.

Throughout his life, Mr. Elmore was highly respected by his community, employees and family. He was known for his innovative water management practices and active participation with well-regarded organizations such as Imperial County Farm Bureau, Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association, and the Western Growers Association, among others.

Furthermore, Mr. Elmore never hesitated to support local youth activities such as Brawley and Westmorland Little League, Brawley Parks and Recreation Youth Sports, and the Boys and Girls Club of Brawley. He will always be remembered by all those that were lucky enough to experience his goodwill.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUTH HYMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Ruth Hyman on the occasion of her 95th birthday this year. I would like to join with her family and friends in honoring her remarkable accomplishments and philanthropy.

Born and raised in Long Branch, New Jersey, Ruth Hyman continues to give back to the community. At a young age, Ms. Hyman recognized the meaning of generosity and has spent her life working to make a difference in the world. Her achievements are numerous, wide-ranging and noteworthy, from serving in the federal government to opening her own small business. She has been actively involved with various organizations, including the Long Branch Hadassah, Deborah Hospital, Jewish Family and Children's Services, the Jewish Community Center, and Congregation of Brothers of Israel. She is also a life member of Daughters of Miriam and the Central Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged. Ms. Hyman is an esteemed member of the Jewish community and a passionate philanthropist.

Ms. Hyman's impact on the community has not gone unnoticed. The Chabad House at Rutgers University presented her with the Kesser Shem Tov (Crown of a Good Name) award and she was named Philanthropist of the Year from Generations ElderCare Charity, among many other honors.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Ruth Hyman on her 95th birthday. I know that I join with all those who know her in expressing my sincere gratitude for her warm and giving nature and immeasurable contributions to our community. Her leadership and spirit of generosity are truly admirable.

HONORING MR. JOHN P. SINDONI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow Holy Cross alumnus, Mr. John P. Sindoni, Esq., class of 1967. John has served with distinction as a highly effective class chair and co-chair of the Holy Cross Alumni Association since graduation.

Through his dedicated efforts, he has kept his classmates informed, energized and supportive of the Holy Cross mission. He has maintained a strong bond with the College for 47 years since graduation. Since 1967, his engaging and informative class letters to his fellow Crusaders has added to the cohesiveness of our class.

The esprit de corps John has sustained among his classmates and the strong ties he has helped them to maintain with their Alma Mater have led to record levels of participation in annual giving to the Holy Cross Fund from the Class of 1967. Thanks to his work, a majority of our classmates have donated generously for the past thirty years. During reunion years, that number hovers closer to 70 percent.

John has also been a driving force in the Holy Cross Club of Central New York and a leader among a core group of dedicated alumni in the Syracuse area. A frequent organizer, sponsor and host of alumni activities in his hometown, John is a prominent alumnus whose dedication to the College is widely known. John has mentored many young Holy Cross graduates over the years and has fostered interest in Holy Cross among students at the Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, where his decades of work has earned him recognition for distinguished service.

After college, John graduated from Cornell University Law School and is now a partner in the law firm Hiscock & Barclay, LLP He and his lovely wife, Cecilia, live in Cicero, NY, and have six children, including Laura, Holy Cross Class of 2005.

Mr. Speaker, John deserves the recognition of this body for a job well done. His years of service have made our class, college, and our country ever more deserving of our respect and our pride.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 375

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 375 and to acknowledge their persistent endeavor to fairly represent their members.

On February 3, 1914, a dedicated group of seventeen electricians organized into the Local Union 375. Their goal was to obtain better wages and better working conditions. In 1947, LU 375 initiated an apprenticeship program. Now seen as a key function, the apprenticeship program meets the demand for high quality electricians highly skilled in fiber-optics and advanced technologies as well as the traditional delivery modes. That same year, LU 375 joined the National Electrical Contractors Association, which leveraged their bargaining power. The benefits afforded members increased again in 1961, when the Health and Welfare Plan was put in place to provide healthcare and other benefits. Another milestone was reached on June 1, 1990, when LU 375 began to train Telecommunication Technicians as part of the Telephone Interconnect Communications system agreement.

On December 19, 1998, LU 375 moved to their new office and training center at what is now their current headquarters in Allentown. A short eleven years later, in 2009, they hired their first full-time Training Director and expanded the apprenticeship program. Today, they serve up to 150 apprentices in their training center and offer programs to keep veteran members current on the newest techniques and technologies. Although hit by the economic downturn in 2008, they have since seen new opportunities, including those generated by the redevelopment of downtown Allentown through the Neighborhood Improvement Zone awarded in 2013.

As one of the oldest unions in the region, LU 375 has grown to a membership approaching 1100, with ranks continuing to expand thanks to well-planned organizing. After 100 years, the IBEW Local Union 375 has remained true to their mission to provide strong, fair representation and open communication for members, fellow unions, contractors, and the community. It is an honor for me to recognize their 100 years of service and fraternity.

HONORING MR. EUGENE HICKS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Entrepreneur of Clarksdale, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Clarksdale business owner, Eugene Hicks, Sr., continues to receive recognition for his world famous hot tamales. He has been featured on the Food Networks television show, Rachel Ray's, Chile Pepper, Southern Living, Esquire magazines and other national magazines. He has also been featured in the local and national newspapers.

Mr. Hicks has hosted and served quite a few famous people and celebrities from the late, John F. Kennedy Jr., and John Amos, Blues entertainers, Bobbie Rush, Rufus Thomas, Tyrone Davis, and many worldwide tourist travelers. The most exciting historical event hosting and serving President Bill Clinton, Rev. Jessie Jackson, and several Mississippi governors including Governor Ray Mabus, Governor Ronnie Musgrove, and Governor Haley Barbour, and many more distinguished customers.

Mr. Hicks, who is now 70 years old, has been making tamales since age 16 when he was introduced to the cooking craft by the late Angelo Thompson who was the owner of Liberty Super Market in Clarksdale. Mr. Thompson instructed him on how to properly cut meat and how to manage a store and a restaurant. Mr. Hicks started working at the Liberty Super Market at the age of 12 years. He would work after school and worked at local stores doing various types jobs.

During the same time around the age of 12, an older black gentleman named Acy Ware befriended him. Mr. Ware made and sold tamales to the public by push cart and Mr. Hicks would go back and forth to the local grocery stores on his bike to pick up the different spices and shucks that Mr. Ware needed to make his tamales. A couple of years later, Mr. Ware taught Mr. Hicks how to make tamales

and informed him that the skill of making tamales can assist in him becoming an entrepreneur.

Mr. Hicks was drafted into the military at the age of 21 and worked in the mess hall preparing and cooking for the officers and his fellow soldiers. His ability to cook afforded him the opportunity to stay state side and be shipped off to Vietnam. After his military service he went back to work at Liberty Super Market, and at the federal building before opening his own grocery store. He opened Hicks' Superette in 1973, on 109–5th Street at the age of 26 with $52 dollars where he sold groceries and his tamales.

Business was booming and people from all over the world came to eat his tamales. Customers liked his tamales and the word spread that he had the best tamales in the Mississippi Delta and they would request orders to be shipped to them in various parts of the United States and foreign countries.

''The mid–90s were really tough,'' Hicks said. However, he had to close down Hicks' Superette. In 2000 because of high crime and drug usage in that area of down town, people began to move out.

Mr. Hicks moved and opened a restaurant/banquet hall, called Hicks' World Famous Hot Tamales & More on 305 South State Street. He has independently own his business for 41 years now. Hicks is one of the oldest independent black business in Clarksdale.

Mr. Hicks is amazed that these years his business still attracts people from all over the world.

So, what is the secret to Mr. Hick's success? It is the shucks he uses to wrap the tamales in before cooking. Many people use wax paper which is cheaper. It's kind of expensive the way he does it, but it is the way he was taught 50 years ago and it has paid off. He does not believe in cutting comers like most people may.

His wife, Betty, of 44 years has worked in the business for the last 11 years after retiring from the Clarksdale Public School System. She said, ''Eugene has recently contemplated retirement.''

Mr. Hicks stated that his career has been a blessed one, because he has had a chance to meet a lot of people due to his tamales. Mr. Hicks lives by the motto of: ''What you do—do it well.''

Mr. Hicks and his wife are the proud parents of 3 children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing entrepreneur for his dedication and service to his profession.

IN HONOR OF CLARENCE D. BROCKLEBANK, SR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I join with the Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose Company No. 1 in Oceanport, New Jersey in recognizing Clarence D. ''Buddy'' Brocklebank for his 50 years of continuous, active service to the company. Mr. Brocklebank's outstanding record will be honored at the fire company's 37th Annual ''Old Timer's Night'' on October 20, 2014.

As the only member to accomplish this record in the company's 98 year history, Mr. Brocklebank's achievement is truly commendable. At 80 years of age, Mr. Brocklebank continues to maintain active duty at the fire company, fulfilling the Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) requirement to make 50 percent of the company fire calls, meetings and borough functions listed in the program. Mr. Brocklebank has served as Captain, Chief, President and Trustee of the company, and became a life member in 1989.

In addition to his service to Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose Company No. 1, Mr. Brocklebank also joined the Oceanport, Monmouth County and State Relief and Exempt Fireman's Association, the Oceanport Ex-Chiefs Association, the Port-Au-Peck Benevolent Association and the Oceanport Fire Police Unit. He is also a life member of the New Jersey State Fireman's Association.

Mr. Brocklebank was born on July 14, 1934 and has been a resident of Oceanport since 1964, joining the Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose Company No. 1 in April of the same year. He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of Donald, Jr. and Matt and grandparents of 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my great honor to pay tribute to Clarence D. Brocklebank, Sr. for his 50 years of continuous, active service to Port-Au-Peck Chemical Hose Company No. 1. His remarkable dedication and duty to his community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING BOBBY'S PLAYGROUND

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on October 18, 2014 a community in my district teamed up to show that together we can overcome heartbreak.

Over 100 volunteers, local businesses and community leaders worked to complete Bobby's Playground—a new park area at the Lower Bucks Family YMCA's Holland Campground. The playground is named in honor of Robert Edward Osterhout IV of Holland who tragically passed away at just 14 months.

The project, a Kaboom Playground, was completed by the hands of volunteers who dedicated their time and talents to remember the life of Bobby and ensure that generations of kids to come would have a safe place to play, laugh and learn.

It was a pleasure to participate in the event and offer a few words about the amazing work being done in my district by those I represent.

While Bobby's passing is a tragedy, the completion of this playground serves both as a reminder of his memory and a point of community pride.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HIS EXCELLENCY NGUYEN QUOC CUONG, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, His Excellency Nguyen Quoc Cuong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the United States. Ambassador Cuong is more than a friend. He is my brother and, for historical purposes, I wish to pay tribute to him as he completes his term in the United States and returns to Vietnam.

Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was appointed by President Nguyen Minh Triet as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the United States of America in early 2011. He has been accredited to the title of Senior Ambassador—the highest rank for a Vietnamese career diplomat. He presented his Credentials to President Barack Obama in July 2011.

From 2008 to 2011, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of relations of Vietnam with European countries. He was also the chief negotiator in charge of relations between Vietnam and the Vatican.

From 2007 to 2008, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was Director-General, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Foreign Affairs, and was later appointed as the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs.

From 2005 to 2007, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong served as Deputy Director-General, Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Head of Political and Security Section of the APEC Vietnam Secretariat when Vietnam was host of APEC in 2006.

From 1981 to 2005, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was an officer at the China Department and researcher at the Institute of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this time, he also served in the Vietnam People's Army from 1983 to 1985.

During his 30 year career, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was posted twice to Vietnam's missions abroad, as Minister Counselor, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Vietnam in Ottawa, Canada from 2002 to 2005 and as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Vietnam in Beijing, the People's Republic of China from 1990 to 1993.

Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong graduated from the University of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam (1976–1981) and earned an MA in International Relations at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA (1996–1997). Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong also conducted studies on public administration at the Maxwell School of Public Administration, Syracuse University in 1998. He also participated in the Vietnam Executive Leadership Program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2009.

On November 7, 2014, the U.S. Department of State honored Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong by hosting a farewell reception for him

at Blair House, the President's Guest House which serves as a site for American diplomacy in action. Blair House is the official state guest house for the President of the United States and is maintained by the Department of State. An invitation to be hosted at Blair House is an honor of the highest significance. Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong is the first Ambassador from Vietnam to be honored with a farewell reception at the Blair House and this speaks to the significance of his work for and on behalf of strengthening U.S.-Vietnam relations.

As Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, it has been my distinct privilege to work side by side with Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong. Together, we created the first Friends of Vietnam Caucus in the U.S. Congress, and I have every hope that it will grow in importance. We have also worked to improve economic and trade relations and I am pleased that during Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong's service in the United States, the U.S. and Vietnam celebrated 20 years of trade relations.

I commend Vietnam's leadership on the matter of maritime territorial and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) disputes in the South and East China Seas. Vietnam has demonstrated restraint and strength in dealing with China by adopting a strategy that promotes peace and stability in the region and, going forward, I have every reason to believe that Vietnam's influence in the region will be pivotal in resolving further disputes.

On a personal note, I want to publicly thank Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong for all he did on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, of which I am a member. For as long as I live, I will never be able to thank Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong for giving his all to bring about recognition of the interim representative committee of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vietnam.

For their love, support and prayers, I especially express my deepest gratitude to Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong and his very talented and beautiful wife, Madam Hoang Minh Ha. When I was ill, they prayed over me and when I returned to work they stood beside me. They are more than friends. They are family to me, and I hope I am family to them.

We have walked together with faith in every footstep and it is only fitting that I conclude my service in Washington, D.C. at the same time Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong and Madam Ha conclude their service. I wish for the Ambassador and his wife life's sweetest blessings. I wish the same for the Ambassador's daughter and son—Nguyen Huong Chi and Nguyen Quoc Anh—and Madam Ha's niece Mai Hoang Anh. I pray God will be with them, until we meet again.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY EARL (ROBIN) HUDSON, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 3, 2014, funeral services for Bobby Earl (Robin) Hudson, Jr., were held at Lexington Baptist Church, in Lexington, South Carolina. Mr. Hudson, 60, was the founder and owner of Hudson's Smokehouse in Lexington, South Carolina, and is remembered as a kind and generous gentleman of character who dedicated himself to supporting the local civic groups and his fellow citizens.

His obituary in The Lexington County Chronicle of Lexington, South Carolina, contained this tribute:

BOBBY EARL (ROBIN) HUDSON, JR.

LEXINGTON.—Robin Hudson, age 60, died on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Born August 16, 1954 in San Marcos, Texas, Robin was the son of Bobby Earl (Bob) Hudson and Stella H. Kyzer. He moved back to South Carolina in 1958. Robin graduated from Airport High School in 1972 and attended Massey Fashion Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. Shortly thereafter Robin moved to Clemson, South Carolina, and opened up a successful Foosball Parlor/Bar Business. This would prove to be his initial first step into business ownership. From there he went to work for Explorer Van Sales, where he served as the Southeastern Sales Representative. After many successful years with Explorer he went on to open his own Van Business in Columbia, which was known as Buddy Baker Boat and Van World. He later joined his brothers, Darrell and Chuck, opening up Hudson Brothers Truck Accessory Center where he headed up the Truck Accessory Department. Along the way he began cooking BBQ using the recipe from his family heritage back in Warsaw, North Carolina. He began catering on the side and eventually bought a trailer and did mobile catering. From then he went on to open what we all know and love today, Hudson's Smokehouse in 2002, with the help of his wife, Barbara and sons, Clint and Clay. Robin was a creative genius in marketing and he made Hudson's Smokehouse what it is today. He is known for his dependability, his enormous heart and strong work ethic. Robin worked tireless, endless hours to serve the community with whatever need they had. It was truly his heart's desire to serve others.

In addition to his successful restaurant business, he was a beloved son, admired brother, loving husband and devoted father. Robin is survived by his wife, Barbara Kice Hudson, and 4 children, Clinton Garrett Hudson, Clayton Windham Hudson, Jessica Lauren Brown Hudson and Cody Arthur Hudson; father, Bobby Earl (Bob) Hudson and his wife Laura Slade Hudson; mother, Stella H. Kyzer; brothers, Darrell Craig Hudson and his wife, Gay Jewell Hudson, Charles Alan Hudson and his wife, Cindy Momand Hudson; sister, Melinda Hudson Dailey and her husband Gregory Scott Dailey. Robin is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many dear friends who will all miss him terribly.

A Drop-in Celebration was held at 5 p.m., Sunday, November 2, 2014 at Hudson's Smokehouse, 4948 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC. A memorial service was held at noon on Monday, November 3, 2014 at Lexington Baptist Church, 308 E. Main Street, Lexington, SC. The service was officiated by Pastor Mike Turner and longtime friend, Pastor R. V. Brown.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 209 S Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201, and/or Oliver Gospel Mission, 1100 Taylor Street, Columbia, SC 29202.

ANTHONY F. WIENERS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Wieners' leadership and dedication to the law enforcement community and the citizens of New Jersey. To honor his years of commitment, his friends, family, and colleagues joined together in October to celebrate his amazing career.

Anthony F. Wieners is a life-long resident of Belleville, New Jersey. A veteran of the United States Navy, Anthony began his law enforcement career in January of 1980 as a patrolman with the East Orange Police Department, transferring to the Belleville Police Department in September of 1980, where he held the position of Detective until his retirement in July 2014. In 1991, Anthony was elected State Delegate of Belleville Police Benevolent Association (PBA), a position he held until his retirement. Anthony also held the offices of Belleville PBA Local President and Vice President. In addition to holding local offices, Anthony is a past chairman and co-chairman of the Essex County PBA Conference.

Anthony was appointed to the New Jersey State PBA Executive Board in 1993 and on May 1, 1997, he was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President. In 2007, Anthony was elected State President of the New Jersey PBA with a membership of over 33,000 officers. Anthony served as PBA President with distinction until earlier this year when he stepped down to allow for new leadership.

As PBA President, Anthony instituted many new programs within the organization including the NJ PBA COP SHOT program that provides automatic reward money whenever any NJ law enforcement officer is killed or wounded in the line of duty. On the national level, Anthony was a Vice President of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), which represents over 254,000 law enforcement officers from more than 4,000 organizations throughout the United States. Anthony has also been involved in the Police Unity Bike Tour for many years. In 1998, 2006 and 2014, he participated in rides from NJ to Washington, DC and helped raise over $2 million in funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I was proud to have Anthony as a partner on many efforts including our fight to protect the COPS program from budget cuts that would have decimated the program.

Anthony holds memberships in many organizations, including the NJ Police Honor Legion, the Belleville Kiwanis Club, the Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, and the Knights of Columbus in Belleville.

Anthony is married to Julia, and they have two children, Michael and Kaitlin.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Mr. Anthony F. Wieners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Wieners' family, friends, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in

recognizing Anthony Wieners for his dedication to his family and his nation.

TRIBUTE TO ED WALKER AND ''THE BIG BROADCAST''

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to congratulate WAMU 88.5's ''The Big Broadcast'' on its 50th anniversary and to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments and career of my constituent, Ed Walker, one of the most respected radio broadcasters in generations. Mr. Walker's distinguished career spans over 50 years as a broadcaster, most recently as the outstanding host since 1990 of The Big Broadcast.

Through The Big Broadcast, Mr. Walker has kept alive and shared with new generations the classic radio shows of a bygone era—shows like ''The Lone Ranger,'' ''Gunsmoke'' and ''Fibber McGee.'' The art form in these broadcasts was magnificent, of the highest quality, and truly innovative. In addition to entertaining us, they served a unique role in American society by uniting us with imagery that one finds only in radio, featuring the great writing and talent of the performers, and sharing unique perspectives. Families would crowd around the radio listening for the latest episodes and waiting to learn of the latest heroics or antics of their favorite characters. In the Big Broadcast, Mr. Walker not only brought all of this extraordinary material to us week after week, but put it in context and served as our tour guide through decades of American history as portrayed through the wonderful radio broadcasts.

Mr. Walker was appropriately recognized in 2009 by the Radio Hall of Fame for his lifetime of achievements, placed alongside the greats that include Bob Hope and Abbott & Costello. I am pleased and honored to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Walker on his distinguished contributions to radio and to our cultural heritage.

HONORING MR. TIMOTHY CRUDUP

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran and community servant, Mr. Timothy Crudup. Mr. Crudup has shown what can be done through hand work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Timothy Crudup, the fourth child of Mr. Jonas Crudup and Mrs. Tommie Lyles Crudup, was born in Scott County, Forest, Mississippi. He lived in Forest all of his childhood and young adult life, where he attended elementary school and the ninth and tenth grades of high school. While in high school, he was drafted in 1943, to serve in the United States Navy, during WWII. After his tour of duty, Mr. Crudup received an honorable discharge from the United States Navy in January 1946.

In the fall of 1946, having a desire to complete his high school education, he enrolled in the Alcorn Laboratory High School in Lorman, MS. With an interest in furthering his education, after graduating from high school, he enrolled in Alcorn College, with a major in education. Later, he received the Master's degree from Jackson State University in Administration and Supervision.

In 1952, Mr. Crudup began his teaching career in the Madison County School System and remained with this school system until his retirement in 1985. His first position was as a high school teacher at the Farmhaven High School in Farmhaven, MS. After teaching for one year, his leadership abilities were recognized, and he was offered the position of principal of that school. Later the school was relocated to a new school building with the name changed to Luther Branson. He continued to serve as principal in that community for 14 years. Then he was asked to accept the principal position at Rosa Scott High School, in Madison, MS, where he served in that position for 19 years, retiring in 1985.

He married his college sweetheart, Miss Annie Camille Jefferson of Yazoo City, Mississippi. They have one child, Linda Crudup Gladney, and one grandchild, Brian Timothy Gladney.

Although Mr. Crudup's career as an educator was in the Madison County School System, he and his wife made their home in Yazoo City, Mississippi. He was active in both communities. Upon his retirement, he was recognized by the Madison Ridgeland branch of the NAACP for his dedicated service in the field of education and his pivotal role in school desegregation in Mississippi, specifically, in Madison County. Also, he was recognized by Rosa Scott Parent/Teacher Association for his leadership and unceasing efforts to provide quality education for all students of Madison County Schools.

A strong spiritual foundation has always been central in Mr. Crudup's personal and family life. He has been very active in Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Church Treasurer. He dedicated much of his time in service through his church, in whatever capacity needed. The church formally recognized his many years of service in 2005.

In the Yazoo City community, he served on the Board of Trustees for the King's Daughter's Hospital from October, 2002 through March, 2005. Other organizations he was affiliated with are: Masons, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Phi Delta Kappa, Yazoo County Alcorn Alumni Club, American Legion, the Yazoo County Fair and Civic League, Inc. On March 26, 2006, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi and Senator Joseph Thomas, commended the civic and charitable accomplishments of Mr. Crudup and designated that day as ''Timothy Crudup Day'' in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Mr. Crudup has been a role model to many and is spoken highly of by so many citizens of various segments of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Timothy Crudup for his dedication to serving our great Country and his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHERINE GRANT-DAVIS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Katherine Grant-Davis as she retires as President and CEO of the New Jersey Primary Care Association. Her contributions to the health care field are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Ms. Grant-Davis brought a wealth of experience to the New Jersey Primary Care Association. Prior to joining the New Jersey Primary Care Association, Ms. Grant-Davis served as the New Jersey Department of Health Chief of Staff. She also held positions as Director of Payment and Health Care Delivery for the Health Industry Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C., Assistant Director and Acting Director of the New Jersey DRG Hospital Reimbursement Program, Director of the New Jersey WIC Program and Project Director for Title XX Implementation. She also served on Governor Jon Corzine's Department of Health and Senior Services Transition Team and Governor James McGreevey's Department of Human Services Transition Team.

In addition to her professional work, Ms. Grant-Davis is an active member of the community, working with Jack and Jill of America, The Links, Inc., the National Association of Community Health Centers, Capital Link, Inc. and the United States Swimming Association. She has been named one of the 100 Most Influential New Jerseyans by City News and one of the Power 50 in Health Care by NJ Biz. She has also received numerous awards her service and accomplishments, including the National Association of Community Health Centers Leadership Award, the New Jersey Citizen Action Community Service Award and the Shirley Chisholm Catalyst for Change Award, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Katherine Grant-Davis on her retirement and thanking her for her service to the residents of New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO FRIENDS OF KENNA OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT/PLAYGROUND

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the citizens of Jackson County, and the Friends of Kenna on an exciting community development project that has taken place in my district. Kenna Elementary School is the first new school construction in the county in 40 years. The unincorporated community of Kenna, illustrates what is best about America and the State of West Virginia. It is a rural area that believes in hard work and helping ones' neighbor. The geography of the area physically separates its residents, but that does not deter it from making an extra effort at creating community. That's why I think it is

important to recognize the work of the Friends of Kenna, a group of residents, whose work has resulted in a state-of-the-art outdoor learning environment, playground and walking track in Jackson County, as a part of the new Kenna Elementary School. The new school playground and track is available for all of the residents of Jackson County to use and should serve as a shining example of the importance of fitness and health. I would like to applaud all of those who rallied together to bring about this substantive change.

I would like to recognize The Friends of Kenna Association and local residents who are responsible for this extremely worthy project. Special recognition for the effort behind the project should go to Kerynn Sovic, Sonya White, Deanna Cunningham, Jessie Cox, Jessie Thompson, and Melissa Donelson. I would also like to salute the following: Mike Gwinn, John Zimmer, Corky McCorkle, John & Gina Myers family, Larry Thompsons, State Senator Mitch Carmichael, State Delegate Steve Westfall, Steve Wedge, Steve Chancey, Jim & Sally Laine, Amy Mellace, Larry & Terry Hersman, Paul & Aiden Barnette, Erin & Michael Sovic, Lisa Quisenberry, Gale Donelson, Robert & Terri McCloy, Tanna Craigo, Kam Barnette, Patrick Anderson, Robert, Rachel & Sarah White; Christian Walker, John & Patsy Stanley, Lori, Mack & Daney Brookover; Greg, Shannon & Ace Eagle; Jason & Tucker Landis, Steve, Brock & Luke Matson; Steve, Melissa, Michael & Jarrett Lough; Luke Lopez, Brenda & Sammy Brown, Jimmy, Hilary & Joyce Groves; Janice Stump, Mike & Rita Casdorph, Raymon Cunningham, Eduardo & Ellen Goff, Jessie Cox, Dr. Tom Layne, Arden Lantz, Bill Barnette, Donna Spencer, Toby & Christy Scholl, Mrs. Rucker & Children, Jill & Mike McFee, Vernon & Paul Holstine, Todd Games, Tabitha Martin, Dylan Martin, Toby & Denise Hershey, Josie & Clay Eisenhard, Bill Shanklin, Karen Barnette, Crystal, Paige & Johnny Harrison; Karen, Patrick, Everett & Garnet Kish; Sherry Dillard, Rylan & Erin Petry & Grandpa Bird; Krista Baker, Heather, Elliot & Hailey Baria; Juanita Wimmer, Michelle Brotherton, Bob, Terri & Ellie McCloy; Brandi, Trey & Kieren Poff; Kenneth, Kendall & Lucas Allison, Dave Miller, Leslie & Mark Stover; Cardinal Concrete, Atlas Poured Walls, BBU Service, CJ Enterprises, TomKat Construction, Ben's Bobcat & Backhoe Service, Life Tite Metal Products, Dougherty Company, Bobby Bostic Masonry, Jackson County Community Foundation, Highmark Foundation, Action for Healthy Kids, Sisters of St. Joseph Charitable Funds, McDonough Foundation, Little Kanawha Resources Conservation & Development, Jackson County Home Builders Association, Sayre Excavating, Dairy Queen of Ripley, Blosser Concrete, Francis Brothers, Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, EQT, Boy Scout Pack 419, Floyd Bowlby, Brickstreet Insurance and to all who donated and volunteered, for their generous contribution to the construction.

And finally, I would like to acknowledge Blaine Hess, Superintendent of Jackson County Schools for his oversight and commitment to the Friends of Kenna and this very important project.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to congratulate the Friends of Kenna for their investment in the next generation through the construction of the new Kenna Elementary School and its Outdoor Environmental Learning playground and track. Community effort, such as this, makes me proud of my state and proud to be a West Virginian.

HONORING LAUREN HILL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauren Hill for her athletic accomplishments and continued strength in her fight against Pediatric Brain Cancer.

Last year, Lauren was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, an incurable form of Brain Cancer. The disease has made it increasingly difficult for Lauren to fulfill her dream of playing college basketball. Yet, this college freshman at Mount St. Joseph University persevered and scored four points in her college debut earlier this month to help her team defeat Hiram College. Lauren was named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for her performance.

Lauren is a remarkable young woman, not just because of her athletic ability, but for her passion and dedication to live her life to the fullest while raising awareness about Pediatric Brain Cancer. Her grace and dignity has been a source of strength for children and families facing this terrible disease. Lauren has chosen to donate all proceeds from the basketball game to The Cure Starts Now, an organization working to find a cure for Pediatric Brain Cancer. Though Lauren's story has made national headlines, she has remained the same humble and tenacious young woman whose story has inspired our nation.

During the game against Hiram, Lauren said ''I've never felt so good in my entire life. Let's not call it my last game. This is my first collegiate game.'' This positive attitude should serve as a reminder about what we can accomplish even against the most insurmountable odds.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in honoring this outstanding young woman for the way she has lived her life and the courage with which she has bravely fought this disease.

MARGIE SEMLER

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margie Semler's leadership and dedication to the community of Passaic and the citizens of New Jersey. To honor her years of commitment, her friends, family, and colleagues joined together in October to celebrate her amazing career.

Margie Semler, daughter of Max and Riva Orlin, a life-long resident of Passaic, New Jersey, was born on June 22, 1923. In 1941, she moved to Passaic with her husband Mac and for the next eleven years began her career in government, where she took a part-time job at a junkyard run by the city's public works department.

While raising and tending to her two young children along with her fun loving, good natured husband Mac, she decided to run for a seat on the Passaic Board of Education. For the next 6 years while on the Board of Education she began her illustrious career as a public servant in which she earned the respect of the residents in the City of Passaic.

Margie decided to further her career and passion for serving the people of Passaic. For the next sixteen years, she was able to serve the residents while on the Passaic City Council. Her passion to being a public servant drove her ambitions when she was elected as the Mayor of the City of Passaic in 1993. She became the first and only female mayor to serve for eight years during her term from 1993–2001.

In 2005, Margie was indicted into the New Jersey Elected Officials Hall of Fame. She has been and remains to be a vital asset to the City of Passaic. Margie is an active participant in various public and civic organizations. She has a great love for animals and an even greater affection for the city in which she has called her home for nearly her entire life.

Margie continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Passaic Head Start and remains an avid supporter of the families and children in the City of Passaic. As a result of her tireless dedication and commitment to the people of Passaic, the staff, policy council, and the Board of Directors of the Passaic Head Start have renamed their building to the Margie Semler Education Center in her honor.

Margie is married to the late Mac Semler and have two children, Lorrie and Marc.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Ms. Semler.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Ms. Semler's family, friends, and all those whose lives she has touched, and me, in recognizing Margie Semler for her dedication to her family and her nation.

THANKING PATRICK MILLIGAN

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a retiring leader of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Patrick Milligan. Patrick Milligan was born in San Bernardino in 1937. His family started one of the original citrus farms in Rialto. He fondly recalls memories of growing up in Rialto during a time when he and his friends could walk through vacant land shooting bb guns. In 1955, he graduated with honors from San Bernardino High School and later graduated from Stanford University and Stanford Law. He returned to his hometown and began practicing trial law in 1961, starting a law firm in San Bernardino where he continues to practice law. Pat is married to Jean Miller Milligan and has four children, two of whom have followed in his footsteps as attorneys.

In 1964, at the age of 28, Pat was elected to the Board of Directors for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District). He has served on the Board for over 41 years and has served as President

of the Board for 19 of those years, almost half of his tenure. When Pat was elected, Valley District was only 10 years old. So, Pat has been involved in building this new agency from the ground up. He ''hit the ground running'' helping Valley District settle two lawsuits with Orange County Water District and Western Municipal Water District, respectively. The settlements fairly divide water resources providing the downstream agencies with the guaranteed amounts they desired while providing the upstream, Valley District service area, the flexibility they desired. The resulting court judgments are still used to this day to manage water resources. To help reduce the possibility of costly lawsuits in the future by providing a forum where water issues could be discussed, Valley District along with Orange County Water District, Chino Basin Municipal Water District (now Inland Empire Utilities Agency), and Western Municipal Water District formed the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority.

Pat was also instrumental in settling a 40-year legal dispute that involved both the Department of Water Resources and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC). He directed the effort to negotiate with MWDSC which led to a cooperative agreement. Under that agreement, MWDSC has purchased some of Valley District's unused imported water from the State Water Project resulting in substantial revenues used to build facilities and purchase water for storage locally. The agreement also benefited MWDSC when their partially completed Inland Feeder Pipeline was connected to Valley District's Foothill Pipeline allowing MWDSC to fill their newly constructed Diamond Valley Reservoir before their pipeline was complete.

When Pat took office, Valley District had a contract with the State of California to receive up to 98,000 acre-feet of water from the State Water Project but Valley District had no facilities in place to distribute the water. Under his leadership, Valley District built a regional pipeline system that began with the 84,000 foot long, 6.5 foot diameter Foothill Pipeline. The system now spans from Rialto in the west to Yucaipa in the east. To save money, these facilities were built in partnership with other water agencies. Pat shepherded this ambitious project through good and bad economic times, and never lost the vision to complete these regional facilities. Later, Valley District had the foresight to purchase an additional 4,600 acre-feet of entitlement water raising the total annual amount to 102,600 acre-feet. Pat was the innovator and force behind using ''Super Wells'' to lower high groundwater conditions in South San Bernardino to help prevent liquefaction, a new term at that time, during earthquakes. The super wells and accompanying pipeline, known as the Baseline Feeder, pumped the nuisance high groundwater to meet needs in Rialto. On the east end of the valley, additional facilities were added that enabled the transport of local storm water. These facilities, in combination with other local facilities, were used in a creative arrangement to meet supplemental water needs in the Yucaipa area without construction of a pipeline to Yucaipa. The agreement, known as the ''Exchange Plan'', enabled Mill Creek water to be delivered to Yucaipa in exchange for State Water Project (SWP) water.

Pat has always looked out for the Valley in which he grew up. In the early 1970's the United States Army Corps of Engineers unveiled an ambitious flood control plan on the Santa Ana River that included the proposed Mentone Dam that would capture both the Santa Ana River and Mill Creek. While the Mentone Dam made sense as a flood control facility, it did not make sense to people that lived in the valley. The dam would have created an eyesore on the east end of the valley and covered over most of the community of East Highland! Valley District took the lead in encouraging alternate proposals and in 1986, the Army Corps agreed to an alterative that moved the dam into the foothills where it stands today. Under Pat's leadership, the Seven Oaks Dam is being used not only for flood control but also for water supply. Valley District, on behalf of water customers throughout the valley, partnered with the Western Municipal Water District and secured Water Right Permits to capture the newly detained water made available by the construction of the Dam. The capture of this water, which would have historically flowed into the Pacific Ocean, will save the people of the valley hundreds of millions of dollars.

Pat has always understood the value of the investment in the State Water Project. When that value was threatened by the Department of Water Resources and other State Water Contractors, Pat directed litigation to protect the District's contract right to sell any unused imported water at a fair price. Valley District prevailed and the resulting revenue has been used over the years to help fund regional facilities, reducing local costs.

Pat has always believed in good planning backed by solid science. Valley District has been a leader in studying the valley's resources to determine the opportunities and constraints. Through a relationship with the United States Geological Survey that has lasted decades, a groundwater flow model was produced which has proven invaluable to analyze water management scenarios and new projects. This model continues to be enhanced and is used every year to develop a management plan for the valley.

This year, Pat announced that he would be retiring from the Valley District Board. His vision and leadership will be dearly missed by both the Board and the Staff. I commend Pat for his years of leadership and service and wish him all the best.

HONORING MRS. RUBY HUNT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the public service of Ruby Hunt. Mrs. Hunt has dedicated her life to working for the public good. Her efforts were instrumental in leading good governance efforts in both the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Ruby was introduced to the world of public service as a long time and highly active member of the League of Women Voters. Her work with the League led to a leadership position on the Charter Commission where she was instrumental in crafting and passing the Saint Paul City Charter. The new Charter created a strong mayoral form of government, increased accountability for the city budget, and professionalized the operation of city departments. Mrs. Hunt was only the third woman elected to the Saint Paul City Council, serving from 1972 to 1982. During that time, she continued to improve the functions of city government including moving the Housing and Redevelopment Authority under the control of the City Council. In 1983, Mrs. Hunt was elected to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and served until 1995. As a Commissioner, she played a vital role in the establishment of the Ramsey County manager position and the privatization of Regions Hospital through Health Partners. She also had an early role in the development of the Central Corridor/Green Line Light Rail Transit corridor.

Ruby is a quiet leader with a passion for building alliances across lines and working toward social justice. She has dedicated her lifework to the common good and even in retirement continues to make the world a better place. She is committed to mentoring women as public servants and encouraging them to become government leaders.

In recognition of her lifelong commitment to public service and achievements as an elected official for over 20 years, Ruby Hunt was selected by Hamline University as the first recipient of the Women in Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. As a former Saint Paul City Council Member and Ramsey County Commissioner with a passion for good governance and social justice, Mrs. Hunt truly exemplifies the spirit of the award. On November 14, 2014, Hamline University is celebrating the establishment of the Ruby Hunt Endowed Scholarship in Public Administration. Establishing a scholarship devoted to women in Mrs. Hunt's honor is a fitting recognition of her contributions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Ruby Hunt's many substantive and impressive contributions to Minnesota's Capitol City and Ramsey County. Our nation is grateful for the selfless commitment she has made throughout her life supporting and encouraging others.

ON INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION HONORING MALALA YOUSAFZAI

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution Congratulating and Honoring Malala Yousafzai, Recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize.

I am also pleased to be joined by Representatives MCGOVERN, BROWN, WILSON, MEEKS, RANGEL, COHEN, SCOTT, GABBARD, FRANKEL, LOWENTHAL, WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, CLAWSON, and CASTOR in honoring 2014 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Malala Yousafzai for her outstanding contributions to global education equality. As the youngest Nobel laureate in history, Ms. Yousafzai has distinguished herself as a courageous and tireless activist for gender equality in education despite being met with great adversity. After surviving an assassination attempt by Taliban gunmen she has emerged as a leading advocate for gender equality in education in a time when approximately 13 million school age girls in her home country of Pakistan remain deprived of an education and where girls'

schools continue to be targeted by militants. Her strength, determination and accomplishments are deserving of recognition.

I welcome my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring and congratulating Malala Yousafzai on receiving the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize by becoming a co-sponsor of this resolution.

HONORING MS. CARLA ROSS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Professional woman of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Ms. Carla Ross is an effective, skilled and professional community developer. Carla has used her education and work experience to transform her community. She is a native of the Mississippi Delta, having been born and raised in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. She has worked for Mound Bayou Public School District and St. Gabriel Mercy Center. As the Parent Center Coordinator, she supervised daily operations of the center, conducted workshops and seminars, provided educational materials and equipments, and served as a link between home and school to improve parental involvement in the education of their children.

During her time at St. Gabriel Mercy Center, Carla served as the Assistant Director supervising all educational programs, coordinated community service group activities and worked independently to develop methods and procedures to enhance existing programs. She is presently serving on the Board of Trustees for St. Gabriel Mercy Center. Carla previously served as the Regional Coordinator for America Reads Mississippi, the largest AmeriCorps program in the state of Mississippi for the Mississippi Delta Region at Delta State University. During that time she was instrumental in placing individuals from the community in various school districts to tutor students in the area of reading.

Carla is presently employed with Southern Bancorp Community Partners as an Individual Development Accounts (IDA) Program Coordinator. She is helping the Mississippi Delta residents save funds to purchase a home, start a small business or further their education.

Also, teaching financial literacy classes to program participants. Carla has earned a Masters Degree in Community Development from Delta State University and a Bachelors Degree in Family Human and Development from Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi.

Carla is a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated and serves as the Vice President of the Theta Phi Zeta Chapter located in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. The organization focuses on community service, academic achievement and mentorship. Serving to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarship, support charities and promote legislation for social and civic change. Supporting such projects as Breast Cancer Awareness, Prematurity Awareness, Highway Cleanup and Youth Literacy Rallies.

Carla is the daughter of Ms. Carolyn Ross and sister to Mr. Chance Ross of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Carla is the niece to Ms. Portia Burton of Mound Bayou, Mr. Carlton Ross of Conyers, Georgia, Mr. Stanley Burton of Memphis, Tennessee and Mr. Ozzie Ross of Waco, Texas. Carla is the grand-daughter of the late Dorothy Ross Grady and niece to the late Brenda J. Grady and Bruce K. Burton of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Professional for her dedication and service to her profession.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF COMER COTTRELL

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Comer Cottrell, one of Texas' leading African American entrepreneurs and an education philanthropist in the Dallas community. His passing on October 3, 2014, leaves a void in the city of Dallas, and I join with the Texas community in giving our condolences to the Cottrell family.

Comer Cottrell was born on December 7, 1931, in Mobile, Alabama. He was 15 when he graduated from a private high school in 1946 and attended the University of Detroit, a Jesuit college. At age seventeen, Mr. Cottrell joined the United States Air Force and excelled to the the rank of First Sergeant at a very young age. After completing his military service, Cottrell returned to Alabama, where he worked part time for his father's insurance company.

In 1968, Mr. Cottrell recalled his time serving in the U.S. Air Force and the lack of ethnic hair-care products, which sparked his interest in the black hair care business. In 1970, Mr. Cottrell and his brother James Cottrell founded Pro-Line Corporation, an African-American hair care products company in Los Angeles, California. The company's success grew and prompted his move to Dallas, Texas in 1979.

In 1990, Mr. Cottrell purchased and restored the former Bishop College land in southern Dallas to persuade Paul Quinn College to move its campus from Waco to Dallas, Texas. Today, the historically black college continues to provide educational opportunities for the entrepreneurs of tomorrow. In addition to his interest in education philanthropy, Mr. Cottrell became the first African-American to hold a major stake in a professional baseball team. In 1989, he became a part owner, with George W. Bush, of the Texas Rangers.

Mr. Cottrell is survived by his wife, Felisha Starks Cottrell of Dallas; a daughter, Renee Cottrell-Brown of Arlington; four sons, Comer Cottrell III of Dallas, Aaron Cottrell of New York, Bryce Cottrell, a University of Texas at Austin student, and Lance Cottrell, a University of Colorado student; a brother, James Cottrell of Dallas; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In honor of Mr. Comer Cottrell, a pillar of the Dallas business community, this statement will be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE HOUSE GERMAN-AMERICAN CAUCUS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the House German-American Caucus and the work it has done to maintain and strengthen the economic and cultural relationship between the United States and Germany.

The German-American Caucus is an informal, bipartisan group of House Members that was established in 2011. The idea of the Caucus originated with one of my constituents in Pennsylvania's 6th District, Thomas Siedenbuehl, who is a native of Germany and now a proud U.S. citizen. Given the countless contributions that early and recent German émigrés have made to our nation, the formation of a caucus to bridge the historical, cultural and economic ties of the U.S. and Germany was most appropriate.

In total, over 50 million American citizens claim German ancestry. Additionally, Germany is not only the largest economy in the European Union and third largest in the world, but the largest market for U.S. goods in Europe, importing more than $50 billion each year. German-owned companies are investing in America and have created approximately one million jobs in the U.S. Because of these strong economic and cultural ties, the Caucus has worked to build a closer relationship with our European ally to encourage further investment in America.

In addition to the numerous roundtable discussions and dinners between Members of Congress and the German Bundestag, as well as with the German Ambassador and U.S. Ambassador to Germany, the Caucus has helped facilitate various other events that highlight and strengthen German-American ties. These include the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange, the Maifest Dinner, and the annual Oktoberfest celebration. The Caucus also works closely with the German-American Business Council and its executive committee chairman, Uli Gamerdinger, who provides outstanding advice and support for Caucus activity.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the work the Caucus has done to maintain and strengthen the relationship between the United States and Germany, and with the hope of continuing the work it has begun, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the efforts of the German-American Caucus of the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS LIONS CLUB

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club as its members gather to celebrate its 90th anniversary this year. This milestone and its commitment to service is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Founded by local businessmen, the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club was chartered on December 14, 1924. Over its 90 years, the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club has grown in outreach and in membership. Today, its 42 members continue to carry out the mission of Lions Club International, serving its local community, the State of New Jersey, our nation and the world. Its efforts provide a range of assistance, including heath programs, youth programs, environmental programs, and disaster relief. It has also sponsored Lions Clubs in nearby New Jersey communities as well as the local Leo Club, which was one of the first Leo Clubs established in New Jersey.

The Atlantic Highlands Lions Club has been providing active community volunteer work since its inception. Its members promote the Lions Club International mission to improve eye health and sight, providing free eye exams, eye treatments and surgery to local residents. They also uphold the mission to provide disaster relief, supporting recovery efforts in Indonesia, Haiti, Honduras and the United States, including New Jersey and its own community in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. Among many other community service efforts, the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club provides scholarships to local students, has taken part in the Lions Club International project to plant one million trees globally, honored our nation's veterans through the purchase of a state highway construction project that would become a median in their honor (which the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club still maintains and enhances), helped develop the Atlantic Highlands Harbor, and provided evacuation assistance from New York City after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The Atlantic Highlands Lions Club also pays the club membership dues of a member of the United States Coast Guard and encouraged Lions Club International to offer membership discounts to members of the military.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club on its 90th anniversary and thanking its members for their dedication to local, statewide, national and international community service.

GREG KOMESHOK

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg Komeshok's leadership and dedication to the community of Passaic and the citizens of New Jersey. To honor his years of commitment, his friends, family, and colleagues joined together in October to celebrate his amazing career.

Greg Komeshok son of John and Emily Komeshok, a life-long resident of Passaic, New Jersey was born on March 23, 1947. A product of the Passaic School District, Greg graduated from Holy Rosary grammar school and Passaic High School where he played on both the basketball and baseball teams. After high school, Greg went on to further his education where he earned his Bachelor's in Industrial Arts and a Master's in Administration and Supervision from Montclair State University. Upon achieving both of his degrees, Greg became a teacher at Passaic High School, later becoming the Principal at the Learning Center Elementary School in Passaic. Greg also held various administrative positions throughout the Passaic Board of Education, before becoming the Supervisor of Physical Education and Health, and later appointed to become the Director of Athletics.

Greg's achievements and passion in serving his community has led him to hold various leadership roles within his community. After being a lifetime member of the Holy Rosary Young Men's Club, he became its President. Later, he went on to serve as the President of the Passaic Boys and Girls Club. Through his leadership and dedication, he was able to establish the annual outdoor Jimmy Sturr Concert in Passaic which is now in its eleventh year. Greg's devotion to the community and to the youth led him to the Clifton Little League and Babe Ruth League where he served as Coach. Later, he went on to become the General Manager/Coach of the Wayne Post 174 American Legion Baseball League, then becoming the President of the Bergen Area American Legion Baseball League.

His service to his community even led him to pursue public office. In 1968, he became a Member of the Passaic Redevelopment Agency; later in his career in 1972 he was selected to become the Chairman of the Democratic Party in the City of Passaic. Then in 1976, he was a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City. In 1978, Greg was given the opportunity to serve his State when he was appointed to the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, where he served as Commissioner. In 1983 he was elected to the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders and later in 1985 was selected to become the Freeholder Director. In 1984 Greg became a member of the Camp Hope Commission and the Passaic County Community College-Board of School Estimates.

Greg is married to his wife Susan, and they have two sons Kevin and Christopher.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Mr. Greg Komeshok.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Komeshok's family, friends, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing Greg Komeshok for his dedication to his family and his nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE ''JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD POST OFFICE''

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, as you know, here in Washington we have the unique opportunity to work for the citizens of this great nation and provide positive change in the lives of many. Together we work for the good of our communities, and in the process we cross paths with some remarkable leaders.

Today I am introducing a bill that will recognize the life of one of those very special leaders of our time, the late Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, by designating a facility of the United States Postal Service in my district as the ''Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office.

Rep. Millender-McDonald was a pillar in many of the communities I represent. She was a resilient public servant who was deeply loved by her community first as an educator, then as program coordinator for a nonprofit fighting gender issues, and finally as a beloved elected official. Undaunted by the work to be done, Rep. Millender-McDonald took charge of her opportunity to serve and became the first African American woman to be named Chairwoman of the House Committee on Administration. She was also an active member of the Congressional Black Caucus and served over a decade in the House of Representatives.

An exemplary piece of her legacy was her work to better the lives of not just those here at home but internationally as well. Her work to aid victims of genocide and human trafficking serves a testament to her dedication to creating a better world. Millender-McDonald worked tirelessly for her constituents taking only a week of leave before she succumbed to cancer.

By designating a United States Postal Service facility in my district as the ''Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office,'' we honor an exemplary woman with an incredible public service record that I hope will further serve as inspiration for the community which I serve—the same community which so revered her.

TRIBUTE TO THE COLUMBIA CLUB

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute an extraordinary Hoosier institution, The Columbia Club, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. I wish to express my admiration and appreciation for the Club and its members' service to our community, state, and country.

The Columbia Club was originally formed in 1889 by local prominent Republicans as the Harrison Marching Society to support the presidential campaign of the last Hoosier president, Benjamin Harrison. After the election, the Society moved into a clubhouse on Monument Circle and changed its name to the Columbia Club to continue operating as a private club. As its membership grew, the Columbia Club became the premier private club in Indianapolis. No longer a partisan club; the Columbia Club welcomes Hoosiers of all political stripes and affiliations as members to share in fellowship.

The Columbia Club's members can also join associations within the Club. It hosts the Columbian Business Network, Columbian Veteran's Association, Columbia Club Devine Dames—a chapter of the National Red Hat Society, and the Harrison Society—the Club's premier group for young professionals.

In 1925, the current home of the Columbia Club was built on Indianapolis' famed Monument Circle on the very location that the original building was once located. In 1983, the current structure was added to the National

Register of Historic Places. Legend indicates that the founders of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the Indianapolis 500, met at the club to discuss construction of the famed track. It also served as host to discussions that eventually brought the NFL's Colts to Indianapolis.

The Columbia Club has hosted every Republican President since Benjamin Harrison while in office or as a candidate. Thousands of business leaders and politicians have been members of the Club as have famous Hoosiers like musician Hoagy Carmichael and Impressionist T.C. Steele. Each year the Club holds its annual Beefsteak Dinner, of which I had the honor to keynote on October 7, of this year.

Congratulations to the Columbia Club and all of its current and former members for the 125 years of excellence in our Indianapolis community.

HONORING MR. ALBERT A. CURTIS, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man of noble character and determination, Mr. Albert A. Curtis, Jr. of Tallahatchie County. He is the son of Lucille and Albert Curtis, Sr.

As a child: Like his father, Albert A. Curtis, Sr., he was a shrewd manager of a few assets. But here is how he got started. This was during a time when racism was considered acceptable. Albert, Sr. saw no racism in money. And as a little boy Albert, Jr. learned that as he watched his father conduct business with Blacks, Whites and everyone else. Albert Sr. had several mantra's his son would often hear him say like, ''A lil negotiation don't hurt, but don't compromise your beliefs and dignity.'' or ''A bicycle of your own is better than someone else's Cadillac . . . always work hard cause nobody is going to give you anything'' and ''Sometimes you got to lose to win.''

Time to grow-up: Albert, Jr.'s mother, Lucille died suddenly when he was eight (8) years old. But because of his strong belief in family and deep love for his wife, Albert, Sr. felt that was all gone when she died. He was broken hearted and turned to alcohol to escape the reality of that inevitable change. Albert, Jr. saw his father lose his will to live and began losing the businesses he had worked so hard to build. Those businesses also provided the financial support for the family. The family began moving around from place to place until Mattie Curtis took the family in, which is Albert Jr.'s grandmother. The family began to hire out, young Albert, Jr. to work on other farms for money and to work odd jobs. Unfortunately, young Albert remembers how his father would take the money from him to buy alcohol instead of support the family. Rather than defy his father in any way, he simply quit school to increase his work hours, believing he could continue giving his father the ''little'' money and the extra money he would make by increasing his hours, he thought some money would go to the family. This was a life changing decision for a young boy—who didn't truly understand.

His schoolmates started seeing him around and they began to make fun of Albert, Jr. with words like ''He done quit school and ain't gon' mount to nothin' . . . plus he smells like horses and mules.'' Well, Albert just kept on because his father's words and work ethics were deep inside of him, ''Never give up and make people's ideas of you a lie!'' As he grew older, people began to notice him never wavering, never quitting, steadfast, and focused, but they just didn't see anything—material that is.

Time to start a family: In 1964, Albert, Jr. met and married Alma ''Emma'' Jean Blackburn. She was his soul-mate and helpmate—heaven sent. She was strong in areas he was weak. He was hard working and could make money while she was strong minded and book smart (as they called it). Emma managed the books, opened up bank accounts, paid the bills . . . she took care of the family business. Soon the couple had acquired enough money and assets that they were able to purchase their own home and leave Grandma Curtis' home.

Albert, Jr. then with the support of this wife, set out to re-acquire all the land and holding his father had lost. He began buying land back from his family members (e.g., aunts and uncles and anyone who had his daddy's land). He was the only one who had the money to do this. Eventually Albert, Jr. was able to buy back all the property and land his father had owned but two (2) pieces of property.—Now, it's not known of anyone else accomplishing this, but Albert deserves being recognized and applauded.

But wait, this story is not over . . . Remember, Albert, Jr. was never wavering, never quitting, always steadfast and focused, and didn't understand because they just didn't see anything—material that is. Well, by now he managed to acquire a wife, home of his own, money in the bank, all his daddy's previously owned property (but 2 pieces) and now property of his own. Albert continued until he was able to acquire 52 residential properties, commercial properties, more acres of land, several types of businesses of his own (e.g., plumbing, and financing for other small business owners) and work a full-time job for the City of Public Works in the community he lived.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the legacy of Mr. Albert A. Curtis, Jr. of Tallahatchie County, from the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBRA SIPERSTEIN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbra ''Babs'' Siperstein as she is honored with the Stonewall Legacy Award by The Pride Network at their New Jersey Leadership Awards Dinner. It is truly a fitting tribute to recognize Ms. Siperstein as we celebrate LGBT History Month as she has played such a vital role in the LGBT movement.

Born Barry Siperstein, Barbra Siperstein acknowledged her true identity when she was nearly 50 years old. In 2007, she legally changed her name and the following year changed her Hebrew name to Baila Chaya in a ceremony at her synagogue, Congregation Beth Mordecai in Perth Amboy.

Through her own journey, Ms. Siperstein became a pioneer of transgender equality. She is a political activist and a staunch advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) causes. In 2009 she became the first openly transgender member confirmed to the Democratic National Committee (DNC). Additionally, she was appointed to the New Jersey Civil Union Review Commission and served as Vice Chair of Garden State Equality. She has also been a member of the DNC's executive committee, deputy vice chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee and president of the New Jersey Stonewall Democrats.

Ms. Siperstein was married for 34 years to the late Carol Siperstein, who stayed by her side until she lost a sudden battle with cancer in 2001. Together, they had a daughter and two sons. In addition to her activism, Barbra is a United States Army Veteran and a small-business owner.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Barbra Siperstein on receiving the prestigious Stonewall Legacy Award and thanking her for her continuous efforts on behalf of the LGBT community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF EDUARDO POSADA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Eduardo Posada. Born in Puerto Rico on February 8, 1929, his father was a Colombian native and his mother was Puerto Rican. He spent his early years in New York City until 1935, when his family moved back to Puerto Rico. Except for two brief stints back in New York, Ed stayed in Puerto Rico where he obtained his BA from the Polytechnic Institute of Puerto Rico (now Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico) in 1949.

Ed worked for two years in Puerto Rico as a secondary school teacher. He married Urania Feliciano and had a son, Luis. The family then moved to New York, where Ed joined the U.S. Air Force. While serving at Governor's Island, New York, Ed and his wife had a second son, Danny. In June, 1955 Ed was separated from the Air Force as a sergeant and assigned to the U.S. Air Force Reserves. In 1956, he was found unfit for active duty and discharged from the service due to disabilities.

Ed went to work as a secondary school teacher and completed his MA at Hunter College of the City University of New York in 1959. Ed eventually became Assistant Dean for Boys at Theodore Roosevelt High School.

The family next moved to Miami where Ed continued to teach until 1987, when he retired. While in Miami, he had the honor of being part of the newly formed United Teachers of Dade and served as vice president for the group. In 1987, Ed retired from teaching and moved to Orlando with his wife.

Ed has since been an active member of the American Legion, Korean War Veterans, and

the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). He has held leadership positions in all three organizations and, at present, he is a member of the executive board and legislative officer for the local chapter of the DAV. He also volunteers at the VA Medical Center and runs the Bingo event once a month at the VA nursing home in Lake Nona.

I am happy to recognize Eduardo Posada, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his service to our country and the Central Florida community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

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 $17,937,617,036,693.09. We've added $7,310,739,987,780.01 to our debt in 5 years. This is over $7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

BERGEN 350TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the outstanding achievement of the 350th anniversary of New Jersey's statehood. Furthermore, I am proud to celebrate the historic tradition of Bergen County and its many important contributions to the history of New Jersey as part of the Bergen 350 Gala. As one of the first four original counties of New Jersey, I have the honor of being its Representative in the U.S. Congress.

Founded by Dutch settlers in the 17th century, the area of Bergen County was settled as part of the New Netherlands, the 17th century North American colonial province of the Dutch Republic. In 1683, Bergen County received official recognition as an independent county by New Jersey's provincial assembly.

It is clear that Bergen County has played a crucial role in shaping the proud history of the Garden State.

In the Revolutionary War, Bergen County demonstrated its commitment to American independence. In fact, Fort Lee served as a key strategic asset to General Washington and his army.

In the Civil War, Company K of the 22nd Volunteer Infantry Regiment trained at the Civil War Drill Hall Theatre, which still stands in Leonia today. In World War I, Bergen County made use of innovative agricultural knowledge to support the war effort, canning fruits and vegetables and sending them to where they were needed.

After the nation fell into the Great Depression, Bergen County hosted numerous Work Projects Administration projects like the murals that decorate the County Courthouse in Hackensack. At the onset of World War II, Bergen County once again demonstrated its commitment to the nation, with more than 26,000 of its residents enlisting to serve.

In the Civil Rights Era, Teaneck became one of the earliest towns to voluntarily integrate its public schools by busing, doing so in 1964.

I am truly honored to represent Bergen County as part of New Jersey's 9th Congressional District in the United States Congress. As such, I was proud to cosponsor H. Res. 624, to honor the 350th anniversary of the founding of New Jersey and recognize the valuable contributions of people of the Garden State.

As we move forward, I would like to recognize the Bergen County Historical Society and the Bergen 350 Gala on October 15th, 2014 to commemorate the role of Bergen County in light of the state of New Jersey's 350th Anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and the state of New Jersey in recognizing the historic contributions of Bergen County in honor of the 350th anniversary of New Jersey's statehood.

CONGRATULATING COACH JOHN GILLEN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my former coach and dear friend, Mr. John Gillen, for his over 50 years of incredible work at my alma mater, John F. Kennedy High School. His titles were athletic director, coach, and teacher, but those were just labels. Coach Gillen was a role model for me and many other student athletes. He was fair, dedicated, and had a great sense of humor. But most importantly he was able to give us the tough love that was so often needed to instill discipline and resiliency. He would spend countless hours at our school and would ask for so little in return. His joy and fulfillment comes from shaping the minds and spirits of the young people at our school.

I will never forget watching daily as a high school student Mr. G quietly stepping into the school chapel. He took time to pray, meditate, and to thank God for all of his blessings. That stuck with me as I walked my own personal spiritual journey. I have him to thank for, through his modeling and leadership the encouragement to pursue my own personal journey. For that I will be forever grateful as it is the best gift he could have given to me. I treasure my experiences on and off the field with Coach Gillen. He represents the best of Kennedy High School and the best example of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. If those who know him could measure up to be half the person he is we would vastly improve our schools, our community, and our nation in countless ways.

I would like to also submit the following article that appeared in the Tribune Chronicle on August 9, 2014 in his honor.

STILL GOING STRONG GILLEN A LEGEND IN KENNDY HISTORY

WARREN.—John Gillen likes to keep things simple and understated. Nothing displays that more than the tiny office Gillen occupies as the Athletic Director at John F. Kennedy High School. Tucked in behind the ticket office next to the gymnasium that's named after him, the work space can best be described as a cubicle. With a desk, chair and some filing cabinets in place, there's no more than 50 square feet of walking space. To get a view of the outside world, Gillen has to step from the office and peek through the ticket office towards a set of doors. To some it might seem a bit claustrophobic, but to Gillen it's served with the comfort a tree house would to a young boy for decades.

John F. Kennedy athletic director John Gillen is shown in his office at the high school. Gillen has been AD since 1971 and was a part of the first staff when Kennedy opened its doors in 1964. ''I never wanted to move,'' Gillen said as he took a break from work on a late July day. ''They asked me if I wanted to move down close to the main offices. I like it here. It would probably make a great bomb shelter if we ever get attacked; or a hurricane or earthquake; this would be the place to come.'' Gillen moved to the office from a nearby work space that was even smaller. To the best of his recollection, he's been in the current office about 35 years, which was about seven years into what is now his 42nd year as athletic director.

It probably seems like only yesterday to Gillen, who is living proof that the love of work and an active mind can keep a person young at heart. Gillen doesn't show much of his 81 years other than the usual gray hair and perhaps slower walk that are inevitable with the aging process. His mind is sharp, which it has to be to deal with the demands of a job that can be thankless and rewarding at the same time. How he does it when most people his age have given in to retirement or infirmity is remarkable. The phone calls from parents upset about a child's lack of playing time. The constant demands of scheduling at a time when it's become impossible to find an area conference willing to extend JFK an invitation to the club. The secret for Gillen is to keep physically active and tap into the energy of those around him, including his wife Gloria, and an unwavering faith in God. It starts with a workout with light weights every morning. ''Dealing with the kids,'' Gillen said. ''They keep you young. They'll keep you on your toes, I'll tell you.''

Another key to Gillen's longevity is his humility and the accommodating manner in which he's treated those he's worked with all these years. Ask any JFK coach that's had dealings with Gillen, and you won't find one that will say a bad word about him. ''John is a very calm, easy-going guy,'' said Dennis Zolciak, who coached the Eagles' football team from 1977–90. ''The thing is his heart is totally into the school. He wants what's best for the school.'' There are generally two types of athletic directors—ones that want control of everything, including calling a few plays, and ones that take a back seat and try to make life as easy as possible for the coaches. Gillen fits the latter category to the max, always being careful to meet the demands of every coach, even if he might not agree with all the requests. ''He couldn't do enough for you, and then some,'' said Tony Napolet, the football coach from 1970–72 and 1991–2010.

Few people know Gillen better than Napolet, whom Gillen coached in football at St. Mary's Junior High School more than 60 years ago. The two are as much a part of the athletic fabric at JFK as any person ever associated with the school. ''He's the best part of that place,'' Napolet said. ''He's been there 50 years. Since before they opened. He loves it. That place is his life.'' Gillen was raised here and graduated from St. Mary's

High School in 1950. He coached basketball and served as the school's athletic director before moving to JFK High School when it opened in 1964. He taught and coached before replacing Jim McQuaide as athletic director in 1972. Gillen has worked closely with each of JFK's six football coaches prior to this season. From George Landis in 1964 to McQuaide (1965–69), followed by Napolet, Gene Nara (1973–76), Zolciak, Napolet again and Dave Pappada (2011–12). He's begun working this year with first-year coach Jeff Bayuk. Add the coaches of other sports, boys and girls, and you can begin to understand how many lives Gillen has touched.

''When the bricks for the school came together, John was there,'' said Dennis Jasinski, basketball coach from 1978–89. ''He's a solid part of the whole thing. We always got along. He was a pleasure to work with. He's a gentleman and a friend.'' Jasinski recalls a time when Gillen was set to scout a future basketball opponent but at the last minute had to cancel. Jasinski assumed the task of driving to Akron, which led to a surprising moment when he settled into his seat to begin taking notes. ''I went with an assistant coach and a minute before the game started, who comes walking in? I said, 'John, I thought you couldn't scout,' '' Jasinski said. ''He said, 'I told my wife I was going out for a loaf of bread.' That's the type of guy he was. He was always willing to help.'' Gillen doesn't like to talk about himself. He's more comfortable in the background, where he can let others accept the laurels of victory. He allows himself a moment of boastful pride when pointing out that each of his four sons—John, Brian, the late Tom and Jim—played on JFK football teams that made the playoffs. Brian and Tom were on the 1991 team that won the only state championship in school history. All Gillen needs these days to remain happy is morning exercise, daily prayer, the love of friends and family and a cozy seat in his tiny office. The one that sits a few strides from the gymnasium that bears his name.

It will seem strange when the day arrives that Gillen is no longer the athletic director. Life will go on, but not quite the same. ''You're only one part in a machine,'' Zolciak said. ''I've seen guys go, and the wheels keep turning. The great thing about John is he's healthy, he can do things, and he's glad he can do it. When the day comes and he leaves, the place will keep on going. I think he's left a great legacy there.'' Retirement can be a lonely place for those that thrived on work for lengthy periods of time. Some don't handle it well but find a way to cope. Others give in to time and fade away quickly. Gillen has no fears when he contemplates retirement.

''A gentleman told me at one time, and I'll never forget it,'' he said. ''When you retire, you know what you're retiring from, but do you know what you're retiring to? I've thought about that often. What would I do after I retire?'' Exactly how will Gillen live life when that day arrives? ''I won't lay on the couch; I know that,'' he said.

TRIBUTE TO KEN SHAW

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Kenneth ''Ken'' Alden Shaw (Ret.) who passed away Oct. 19, 2014 following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 80 years old and will be missed by many who he touched through his various professional, military and civic affiliations throughout his life.

Ken was a native of my hometown, Charleston and graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from Kansas State University in 1957. Following graduation, Ken moved to Ravenswood and was employed by Kaiser Aluminum as a chemical engineer. Ken worked for Kaiser for 28 years, including his role as Carbon Plant Superintendent with his final post as Environmental Services Superintendent. In this role, he managed the air, water, solid and hazardous waste environmental systems and procedures at the aluminum plant. In 1976, Ken also served as Carbon Plant Superintendent for the Kaiser Aluminum Smelter in Ghana, Africa.

Ken had a long and distinguished military career in the West Virginia Army National Guard. He served in various line, staff and command positions with the Engineer Units of the State, which included Battalion Commander of the 1092nd Engineer Battalion. He further served as the Operations Officer and Commander of the 111th Engineer Group. In 1963 he completed flight training, becoming a fixed wing, rotary wing and instrument qualified pilot. He served on continuous flight status until 1980 and was awarded the Master Aviator badge. Colonel Shaw's military training included 34 specialty schools, including the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Colonel Shaw was placed on active duty in 1986 and appointed the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for West Virginia in Buckhannon.

Ken was an active member of the community and held positions on many organizations in Jackson County, as well as national organizations such as Rotary International, Toastmasters International and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Ken was a longtime member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ravenswood.

Ken is survived by his wife, Gayle Twigger-Shaw; his sisters, Katherine Bowns of Tampa, Fla., and Nancy Burns of Ashville, N.C.; his children: daughters, Janie Frist (Moe) of Morgantown, Juli Seaman (Steve) of Leesburg, Va., and Carolyn Yost (Brian) of Clarksburg; and sons, Jim Spano (Beverly) of Ravenswood, Joe Spano (Donna) of Charleston and Mike Twigger of Charleston. Ken had six grandchildren, Joseph Spano Jr., Samantha Spano, Jessica Spano, Ian Frist, Jillian Frist and Hunter Yost.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia, our communities, and indeed, the United States of America owe Colonel Shaw a debt of gratitude for his many years of distinguished service in his professional, military and personal life. I am honored to have known him and call him a fellow West Virginian.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALEX GORSKY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Mr. Alex Gorsky for his dedication and leadership to CADCA, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. CADCA has honored Mr. Gorsky with the Humanitarian of the Year Award for his advocacy on behalf of CADCA's Drug-Free Kids Campaign.

Mr. Gorsky's efforts with CADCA have had a profound impact on drug abuse prevention efforts in my district. Bucks Promise for Youth and Communities is comprised of a number of Drug Free Communities whose outstanding work to combat the rise of teen drug abuse in our community was recognized last year by CADCA. One of the success stories from the district is the Prescription Drug Take Back Program which has captured more than 19 tons of unused medication since the program began just 4 years ago. The potential for these drugs to harm, addict, and take lives has been extinguished due to the vision and commitment of individuals like Alex Gorsky.

On behalf of the constituents of the Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Alex for his unrelenting support for CADCA's mission—building safe, healthy and drug-free communities around the country and in my home state of Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF KENNETH D. MCCLINTOCK

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Kenneth D. McClintock. McClintock served as the 22nd Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. As Secretary of State, he fulfilled two roles, serving as the head of Puerto Rico's Department of State and, perhaps even more important, serving as lieutenant governor. McClintock also served as Acting Governor whenever the Governor was away from Puerto Rico.

As Secretary of State, he digitalized his department, reducing backlogs and speeding up services, in spite of having lost 60 percent of his employees through early retirements, attrition and involuntary layoffs triggered by the fiscal crisis of 2008 to 2009. Governor Fortuño delegated multiple additional responsibilities to McClintock, such as chairing the Advisory Council on Government Reform and Reorganization. McClintock's government reorganization plans resulted in the streamlining of government services and agencies, the creation of new agencies, such as the Financial Education Institute, and multi-million dollar savings.

McClintock capped a 16-year career as a member of the Puerto Rico Senate, serving as the 13th President of the Senate of Puerto Rico from 2005 to 2009. He also served as the youngest and the first Hispanic chairman of the nationwide Council of State Governments in 1999. In 2000, McClintock served as the second president of the hemispheric-wide Parliamentary Conference of the Americas (COPA).

McClintock is the author of Puerto Rico's Telecommunications Reform Law of 1996 as well as over 100 other laws.

McClintock is an adjunct professor of US Government and Government Management at

Interamerican University's San Juan campus. He coauthored a book with Puerto Rico's State Democratic Chair, Roberto Prats, about the 2008 Clinton presidential campaign in Puerto Rico, which they co-chaired.

The founder of a congressional internship program that has been replicated by nineteen states and territories, he is a longtime board member of a DC-based nonprofit, The Washington Center for Academic Internships and Scholarships. In his spare time, McClintock is an avid coin collector and an active member of the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico.

Born in London, England in 1957, his father, a native of Texas, was an architect, while his mother, born in Puerto Rico, was a college professor. McClintock is the proud father of a Georgetown University sophomore and aspiring actor, Kevin Davison, and a high school senior, Stephanie Marie.

I am happy to honor Kenneth McClintock, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his contributions to the Puerto Rican community.

COMMEMORATING THE SACRIFICES OF AMERICA'S VETERANS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all of the men and women who have worn the uniform of country and risked their lives to keep our nation free and safe.

We come together to celebrate our veterans who have courageously defended our freedom, and honor the memory of those who have borne the battle, including the more than 4,400 American servicemen and women who have died in Iraq and more than 2,200 who have died in Afghanistan.

We also honor the sacrifices of over 50,000 brave troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let us pay tribute to those currently serving around the globe as well as veterans and service men and women who are with us today as they have served our nation with honor and distinction.

Today, I reaffirm my commitment to the nation's more than 2 million troops and reservists, their families, and 22 million veterans, including 32,477 in the 18th Congressional District of Texas, that they will be provided the quality job opportunities they have earned.

A grateful nation cares for its soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, not only when they're abroad, but also upon their return home.

Congress must communicate its wholehearted support for the security of the nation and build upon the historic improvements made in strengthening quality health care for veterans and offering the promise of college to those returning from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, it is our duty to leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day, let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful nation.

HELPING ENCOURAGE REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS

I introduced H.R. 4110, the Transitioning Heroes Act, which amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow employers a business-related $1,000 tax credit for each veteran hired.

ENSURING JOBS IN ENERGY FOR VETERANS

I am proud to have authored legislation amending the Innovation Act (H.R. 3309) to include a provision requiring the PTO Director to evaluate the economic impact of the Innovation Act on the ability of veteran-owned small businesses to secure their right to their inventions and discoveries.

This amendment was critical to our community of veterans and to the strength of our economy because historically veterans have struggled to adjust to life upon returning home.

HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS

The House of Representatives unanimously adopted an amendment I offered to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriation Act for FY 2015, which expresses the sense of Congress that programs designed to assist homeless veterans should receive priority consideration by the Department.

Reducing and eliminating homelessness among veterans, those who risked their lives to protect our freedom, should be one of the nation's highest priorities. My amendment will help ensure that the rate of homelessness among veterans in the United States does not increase.

The Jackson Lee Amendment helps remind us of our obligation to provide our veterans the assistance needed to avoid homelessness, which includes adequate funding for Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) programs that provide case-management services, adequate housing facilities, mental health support, and address other areas that contribute to veteran homelessness.

GUARANTEEING MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS TO MEET THE LONG TERM NEEDS OF OUR ARMED FORCES, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

I am also proud to have succeeded in amending H.R. 1960, the FY2014 National Defense Authorization Act to include my amendment providing qualified and professional mental health care to serve our armed forces members, veterans, and their families.

Without proper mental health services veterans will fall short of full recovery and be less able to function as productive citizens.

INCREASING PTSD FUNDING BY $5,000,000

I succeeded in amending National Defense Appropriations Acts for FY2014 and FY2015 to include my amendments providing $10 million in increased funding to treat veterans suffering from PTSD.

The additional funding is necessary to identify the research needed to combat these diseases that are crippling our men and women in our Armed Services and their respective families.

As we look to PTSD, some of a soldier's wounds are invisible to the naked eye, for these are wounds that should be properly treated.

One of the best ways to increase access to treatment is to increase the number of medical facilities and mental health professionals who are available to serve the needs of men and women currently serving and those who have become veterans.

MAKING SURE OUR DISABLED VETERANS RECEIVE THE HEALTHCARE AND DISABILITY COMPENSATION THEY HAVE EARNED

I co-sponsored the H.R. 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act, which increases veteran's pay and disability compensation and maintains secure, dependable and reliable veterans' programs, especially for disabled veterans is very important.

I also strongly supported and voted to pass H.R. 3202, the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, which expands access to health care for veterans and addresses the shortage of health professionals in the VA.

This legislation also ensures access to care for rural veterans and provides funding to establish 27 new VA clinics, including a new research facility in Houston.

The law also expands access to education for veterans and their families and extends a community-based housing program for veterans.

From 2007 through 2010, when Democrats were the majority in both the House and the Senate, there was no government shutdown—the Congress made historic gains for America's troops, veterans and military families.

That is why the American Legion said "111th Congress Achieves Banner Year on Veterans Legislation."

The real successes were the passage of bills that affected nearly every veteran in America.

For example, the Democratically-led Congress:

Enacted the new Post 9–11 GI Bill to restore the promise of a full, four-year college education, that has already allowed over 700,000 veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars to afford college, just like after World War II, along with tax incentives for hiring to expand job opportunities for returning soldiers.

Strengthened health care for more than 5 million veterans, with a historic commitment—including the largest single increase in the history of the VA—for more doctors and nurses, better access for rural veterans, and expanded efforts to treat the signature injuries of the war, PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury, while enacting a law to guarantee timely and predictable funding for veterans' health care and to address the health care needs of our nearly 2 million female veterans.

Provided troops and veterans the benefits they have earned and resources they need, giving troops a pay raise, restoring military readiness, providing the best training and equipment for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, taking steps to reduce the backlog and wait for veterans trying to access their earned benefits, providing special payments for service members and veterans who were forced to serve under stop-loss orders since 2001, and making headway in ending the Disabled Veterans Tax and the Military Families' Tax.

Strengthened support for military families, building more military child care centers and better military family housing, and enacting landmark legislation to provide much-needed support for family members and other caregivers for wounded veterans.

Added $23 billion for veteran's health care and services, and accomplished a 60% increase in VA discretionary spending between 2007 and 2010.

Secured advance appropriations for the Veterans Administration for the first time—creating an uninterrupted source of funding for medical care for veterans.

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act helped veteran caregivers with training, access to mental health counseling, and 24-hour respite care in veteran's homes.

1. The law helped veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom by allowing them to select a caregiver who would receive a financial stipend along with travel and lodging expenses associated with the veteran's care.

2. This law also expanded and improved services for the then 1.8 million women veterans, and provided for the expected increased number of veterans that would transition from active duty to civilian life.

3. The law authorized the VA to provide healthcare for newborn infants of women veterans.

It is important that we preserve and build upon this record of achievement.

Veteran homelessness was addressed in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 by increasing the VA loan limit which helped veterans with refinancing their homes by making low-interest home loans more available to veterans.

Mr. Speaker, all members of this body were deeply concerned over the troubling disclosures reported in the media regarding conditions as some of the nation's VA facilities.

I am pleased to report that the Department of Veterans Affairs, at the direction of President Obama and mandated by Congress, has made substantial progress in improving the performance of VHA healthcare now, developing a positive service culture, transitioning from ''sick care'' to ''health care'' in the broadest sense, and developing agile business systems and management processes that are efficient, transparent and accountable.

For example, The ''Road to Veterans Day'' initiative, launched on September 8, 2014 by Secretary Robert A. McDonald, has resulted in significant progress for Veterans over the past 3 months

During that time, DVA has taken deliberate actions to improve service delivery for Veterans, rebuild trust, increase accountability and transparency and put the department on the path to long-term excellence and reform.

Secretary McDonald has traveled extensively during his first few months in office, visiting 41 DVA facilities in 21 cities while also making 11 recruiting visits to medical schools.

To improve service delivery, VA has prioritized efforts to accelerate Veterans off of wait lists and into clinics through the Accelerated Care Initiative begun by Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson this summer.

Through this initiative, VA medical centers have increased access to care inside and outside of VA, added more clinic hours and work days, deployed mobile medical units, and shared their best practices from VA's high-performing facilities throughout the organization.

Significant improvements have resulted nationally:

1. Scheduling more than 1.2 million more appointments in the past four months than in the same period last year.

2. In total, VA medical centers have scheduled over 19 million Veteran appointments from June to October 1, 2014.

3. Reducing the national new patient Primary Care wait time by 18 percent.

4. Completing 98 percent of appointments within 30 days of the Veterans' preferred date, or the date determined to be medically necessary by a physician.

5. Authorizing 1.1 million non-VA care authorizations, a 47 percent increase over the same period last year.

Secretary McDonald addressed all employees via Video Teleconference, where he directed each employee to reaffirm the mission and core values of the Department.

A new award program has been initiated to highlight employees who truly embody DVA's ICARE values—Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence. The first nominations for this new incentive program will be accepted in January 2015.

Since June 2014, DVA has proposed disciplinary action against more than 40 employees nationwide related to data manipulation or patient care.

DVA is also working diligently to cooperate with the over 100 investigations currently being undertaken by the VA Inspector General, the Justice Department, and the Office of Special Counsel (OSC).

On October 3, OSC certified DVA under their Whistleblower Protection Certification Program after DVA worked to achieve compliance and protect employees who identify or report problems from unlawful retaliation.

DVA also worked closely with OSC to successfully resolve whistleblower retaliation complaints filed by three individuals from the DVA Phoenix Health Care System.

DVA has posted data online on a regular basis since the beginning of June showing the number of appointments on waiting lists and the average wait times at each medical center across the country.

Additionally, each medical center and benefits office has conducted a town hall with Veterans and the public to collect feedback. These town halls will continue at each facility every three months.

DVA is reviewing options to reorganize the department for success, guided by ideas and initiatives from Veterans, employees, and all of our stakeholders.

This reorganization will be known as ''MyVA'' and is designed to provide Veterans with a seamless, integrated, and responsive customer service experience—whether they arrive at VA digitally, by phone, or in person.

Long-term reform of DVA also means making sure DVA has the medical professionals we need to best care for our patients, which is why Secretary McDonald launched a national recruiting effort in August, visiting medical schools in an effort to bring the best and brightest to work at DVA.

On September 17, DVA announced an increase in the salary pay scale for DVA doctors and dentists to aid in recruiting and retention.

As part of the ''Road to Veterans Day,'' Secretary McDonald has reaffirmed DVA's homelessness program and the Veterans Benefits Administration's Claims Transformation Strategy.

DVA remains committed to working with its federal, state and local partners to end homelessness among Veterans, which has been reduced by 33% since 2010.

With the backlog of disability claims reduced by 60% since its peak in March of 2013, DVA is also on track to eliminate the backlog in 2015 and will continue to expand online claim-submission capability in all programs.

Mr. Speaker, as we honor and remember the sacrifices of the millions of veterans who have served our country throughout its history, let us always remember that the first obligation of a grateful is, as President Lincoln reminded us long ago, ''to care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.''

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN VALOR AT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE AND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PATTON PRAYER CARDS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and remember the bravery of American troops who fought in the Battle of the Bulge and to recall the unique prayer cards General George Patton distributed to his Third Army in December 1944. The prayer, which asked for favorable weather, was printed on the back of a Christmas greeting from General Patton. The troops received these prayer cards prior to the Battle of the Bulge.

The incident of the now famous Patton Prayer commenced with a telephone call to the Third Army Chaplain on the morning of December 8, 1944. After weeks of severe rains that threatened the prospects of victory, General Patton called to ask Msgr. James H. O'Neill if he knew a prayer for good weather. While looking out on the steadily falling rain, the chaplain wrote an original prayer alongside a Christmas greeting, and then had it circulated it to all 250,000 Third Army troops on the eve of the Battle of the Bulge.

The prayer, in part, read: ''Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory . . .''

The Battle of the Bulge, one of World War II's most critical battles, started when Nazi forces launched a major surprise offensive on December 16. Fought among the dense forests bordering Belgium and Luxembourg, it was the bloodiest battle the U.S. encountered during the World War II, with over 18,000 Americans killed and over 65,000 captured or injured. The heavy rains and thick fog eventually subsided, and Allied forces were able to hold off Nazi forces and severely deplete their resource supply. The Battle of the Bulge is symbolic of the resilience and strength of American soldiers, who were unyielding in the face of both enemy fire and debilitating weather. After the Battle, General Patton told Msgr. O'Neill that ''our prayers worked.'' To General Patton, prayer was just as powerful a weapon of war and as defense and attack strategies.

It is an honor for me to commemorate the valor of these American soldiers, the leadership of General Patton, and the ultimate victory of the ''Greatest Generation.''

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE M. LAWSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Honorable Lawrence M. Lawson and congratulate him on his recent retirement as Monmouth Vicinage Assignment Judge. Judge Lawson has served honorably, breaking barriers and serving as an example for younger generations.

Judge Lawson received his undergraduate degree at Bowie State College (now Bowie State University) and his Juris Doctor from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. Prior to enrolling at The Catholic University, Judge Lawson completed the Council in Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Program and earned a 3-year scholarship for law school.

Judge Lawson's judicial experience began after he graduated from law school. In 1972, he worked as a law clerk for the late Honorable Thomas L. Yaccarino in Monmouth County, and was the first black law clerk to work in the Freehold court house. He was nominated as a Monmouth County judge by Governor Tom Kean in 1987 and was appointed to Assignment Judge on April 15, 1993, serving as the first black assignment judge. Early in his career, Judge Lawson served in the Civil Division and the Criminal Division, eventually serving as the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. With this assignment, Judge Lawson became the first black judge of a division of the court system. Judge Lawson retired as Assignment Judge on September 1, 2014.

In addition to his judicial service, Judge Lawson worked for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs State Office of Legal Services, held a general law practice in Asbury Park for 12 years, worked as the Asbury Park Municipal Prosecutor, the Neptune Township Board of Adjustment Attorney and served as a delegate at the 1980 Democratic National Convention and the 1984 Democratic National Convention for Ted Kennedy and Walter Mondale, respectively. Judge Lawson also served on the Neptune Township committee and was elected mayor in 1984, serving as the first black mayor of the township.

Judge Lawson is also an active member of his community. He has coached a midnight basketball team, volunteered as a mentor at Second Baptist Church and worked with the United Fellowship men's program. Through his background and community outreach, Judge Lawson has motivated the community's youth to strive for success.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Honorable Lawrence Lawson on his retirement and thanking him for his service. Judge Lawson dedicated nearly 30 years to the bench and his contributions and achievements are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IZADELI ''IZA'' MONTALVO VÁZQUEZ

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Izadeli ''Iza'' Montalvo Vázquez. Iza was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and was raised in the town of Sabana Grande. From a very early age, she demonstrated a gift for poetry and by the age of seven, she wrote her first poem. Her love for writing was inherited from her uncle, Emilio Forestier Gregory, a lawyer and published poet in Puerto Rico.

Her parents, both public school teachers, encouraged her to get involved in the community. She started writing theatrical plays for her school to bring awareness to different topics and to raise funds for student clubs. In middle school, she founded the student's newspaper, ''Eco Estudiantil.'' Iza was an honor student throughout her school years. At the age of 14, she started playing professional volleyball. In her senior year of high school, she was offered a scholarship to play for the InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico's volleyball team. The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation also signed her to join Las Leonas de Ponce.

In college, Iza continued to follow her passion for writing by joining the José Gautier Benítez literature club, where she received numerous awards for her poetry. She also earned third place in a poetry competition where film director, Jacobo Morales, served as the judge.

In 1998, Iza moved to New York City. She continued her undergraduate studies at St. John's University in Queens, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism in 2001. During that time, she interned at Univisión 41 in New Jersey and at El Diario La Prensa, where she was hired to work as reporter. She has reported about the protests at the United Nations against the Navy's presence on the island of Vieques, protests in Times Square against the War in Iraq, the World Economic Forum, the aftermath of September 11th, Abner Louima and Amadou Diallo's police brutality cases, and dozens of homicides.

In 2004, Iza moved to Orlando to work as a reporter for El Nuevo Día Orlando, part of Puerto Rico's largest daily newspaper. Her work has been published in newspapers including Caribbean Business, El Nuevo Día in Puerto Rico, La Prensa in Panamá, La Opinión, La Raza and El Mensajero.

Iza has also worked as a reporter for The Ledger, a company owned at the time by The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group. There she covered immigration and other topics of interest to the Hispanic community. In Florida, Iza reported on the 2004 Atlantic Hurricane Season, the NBA's All-Star Game in Orlando, and the 2012 presidential and local elections, among other stories. Iza has conducted many interviews, including one with Jose Mélendez Pérez, the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Protection Inspector at the Orlando International Airport who became a key national figure when he refused entry to a terrorist involved in planning the 9/11 attacks. As a TV producer, she arranged an exclusive interview with Joseph Acaba, the first person of Puerto Rican heritage to be named as a NASA astronaut candidate.

Iza's professional experience also includes working as a producer for Univisión WVEN TV 26 in Altamonte Springs and as my press secretary during 2013. She has been a member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) since 2001, and she was recently named honorary godmother of the International Association of Writers and Poets (AIPEH). At age 39, Iza became the editor in chief of La Prensa, Central Florida's oldest Spanish language newspaper. La Prensa is owned by ImpreMedia, the leading Hispanic news and information company in the U.S.

I am happy to recognize Iza Montalvo Vázquez, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

HONORING DR. TALMADGE WILLIAMS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Dr. Talmadge Williams. He was a man of consequence who forever strived to restore balance to the scales of justice, whether it was ensuring that our government committed to telling the full story, or making sure someone he knew had a fair shot at success. And he was my friend.

I am not exactly sure when our paths first crossed, but Talmadge had a way of growing on you. As a local elected official, particularly in my early years of service, I was out almost every night at a different event, connecting with communities and constituents I represented, first at City Hall in Alexandria and subsequently in Congress.

Somewhere among the meetings and events I saw Talmadge as a familiar face and in a short while we would seek each other out and discuss local issues of concern. His quiet demeanor and keen insight made him an indispensable ally and a trusted friend.

He always seemed to know more about a local issue than what was common knowledge, and in sharing it with me, he opened my eyes to a narrative and a perspective that was largely unknown.

It was more than just folklore; it was history that was still unwritten but needed to be. And, there was often a reason it went unrecorded and remained unwritten. It was part of a painful truth that too many, particularly those in power, found inconvenient or uncomfortable to acknowledge.

Well, Talmadge's sense of justice wouldn't let it stand and a great deal of his life was devoted to finding ways to tell the full story.

One monumental way he found to tell the full story was when he conceived the idea of building in Arlington The Black Heritage Museum. It was a vision I am pleased to be associated with through congressional legislation I helped pass that reserved a segment of the Navy Annex site for the future museum.

But, Talmadge was not one to pass up on other opportunities and I was proud to join with him in restoring the surviving slave quarters at Robert E. Lee's Arlington House. You

see, before Talmadge made it an issue, the Park Service was using the two surviving slave quarters as a storage facility, erasing the significance of these two buildings and the story of slavery at Arlington House.

It is not uncommon to find some of Virginia's historic plantations beautifully restored, but with all traces of its slave history removed, as if that peculiar institution never existed. We could not undo what these owners did to erase the vestiges of slavery from their grounds, but we were not going to let the National Park Service get away with it.

I made sure the Park Service had the funds and the instructions from Congress to restore the slave quarters.

Today, Talmadge's work is now on display at Arlington House. When Talmadge made his point, it had a lasting effect.

While I was on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee I made sure the history of the U.S. Capitol acknowledged the sweat and blood of the slaves who built it. Today, in the Capitol's new visitor center there is a memorial dedicated to the slaves who built the nation's house of democracy. For me, this memorial also honors my friend Talmadge Williams.

While we have faced some setbacks on acquiring the land for the Black Heritage Museum, I have no doubt it will be built.

You see, Talmadge is recruiting new allies in heaven to aid the cause. Though I am saddened by his death, I rejoice in knowing that Talmadge has transformed those around him directing us to a better, more just tomorrow.

He is a man who dared to make a difference, and I am so ever grateful I am among those he touched.

HONORING MS. CHERISSE MARSHALL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Entrepreneur Ms. Cherisse Marshall from Lexington, Mississippi.

Cherisse Marshall was born in Chicago, IL and at an early age her parents moved to Flint, Michigan along with her other five siblings. She was raised in Flint, MI where she attended school. After graduating from high school, she later attended Ferris State University where she studied journalism. After graduating from Ferris State University, she later entered into the corporate world in an administrative support role that would be the beginning of a long rewarding career in administration.

After a few years of working at home in Flint, MI, she decided to relocate to Atlanta, Georgia where she continued to tune and develop her administrative expertise.

As a detail-oriented, results-oriented professional, she has effectively utilized her diverse skills to benefit companies in the engineering, financial, insurance, information technology, and advertising industries. Throughout her corporate career that spans over 17 years, she has provided diverse administrative support in the areas of office administration, customer support, contract administration, problem resolution, information technology, project management, as well as everyday administrative support.

She later relocated to Lexington, Mississippi where she created OfficeStar Administrative Consulting, LLC to provide the same administrative expertise to entrepreneurs and small businesses to help them focus on growing their business instead of worrying about everyday administrative tasks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing entrepreneur for her dedication and service to her profession.

RECOGNIZING MR. BERNARD MAZZOCCHI ON HIS BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to acknowledge the many contributions of Bucks County businessman and entrepreneur, Bernard Mazzocchi, on the occasion of his birthday. As an entrepreneur, he has developed small businesses and properties, and revitalized aging buildings that have added to the economy and the quality of life in the Lower Bucks County community. Additionally, he uses his energy and drive as a volunteer on the local level. In this way, Bernard Mazzocchi represents American enterprise at its best, having worked his way up the ladder to success and always willing to give back. With a generous spirit, he contributes the benefit of his experience to civic, educational and charitable causes. In so doing, he has set an example of what it means to be a successful businessman and a good neighbor. We wish him continued success with our appreciation for his good work. Happy birthday and many more.

THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR SARAI MARTIN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Sarai Martin on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of service in the United States Army.

Major Martin's distinguished military career began as a Private at Fort Benning, Georgia when he was only 17 years old. He served assignments throughout the United States and abroad as an enlisted Soldier, Non-Commissioned Officer and Commissioned Officer as well as enduring deployments to both Bosnia and Iraq.

Throughout his career, Major Martin continued to improve himself and rise through the ranks. After earning a college degree, Major Martin was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He served in positions as varied as Company Commander for an Ordinance Company, a Military Transition Team advisor in Iraq, and eventually rose to become the Mobilization Chief in the Logistics Division of the National Guard Bureau's G4 department.

We owe Major Martin a debt of gratitude for his selfless devotion and years of service to our nation. It is my true honor and privilege to recognize Major Sarai Martin for his distinguished career, and I offer him my best wishes for continued good health and success in the years to come.

HONORABLE PATRICK J. ROMA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, Jr.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Patrick J. Roma who was celebrated in October for his retirement from judicial service by his friends, family, and coworkers. He retires after a long career in which he faithfully upheld New Jersey's Constitution.

The Honorable Patrick J. Roma received his undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University in 1971. He later received his law degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in 1975 and his L.L.M. Degree from New York University School of Law in 1981.

Early in Judge Roma's legal career, he worked as the late Judge John J. Cariddi's Law Secretary in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Judge Roma then went on to work at Friedman, Pearlman & Roma, P.C. where he worked as an attorney for over two decades. During this time, he also served as Prosecutor for the Boroughs of Palisades Park, Fairview, Little Ferry, Saddle Brook, Haworth, and Leonia.

During his time as Partner at Friedman, Pearlman & Roma, P.C., Judge Roma was elected as Council President and Police Commissioner for the Borough of Palisades Park. He served from January 1985 through December 1987. Thereafter, Judge Roma was elected as New Jersey's District 38 General Assemblyman from 1988 through 1997 during which time he served as Assistant Minority Whip and Assistant Minority Leader.

As an Assemblyman, Judge Roma received a number of awards. He was awarded Legislator of the Year by Local 518 the Motor Vehicle Employees Union in 1993, and Shelter Our Sisters and the Italian American Police Society both in 1994, as well as, Man of the Year by New Jersey AFL–CIO in 1995 and Parole Officers Association in 1991.

Judge Roma received a Distinguished Service Award presented by Consul General Franco Mistretta, on behalf of the Italian Government, in recognition of his outstanding contribution and dedicated service to the Italian-American community from Ambassador Boris Biancheri, Ambassador of Italy to the United States.

Judge Roma was appointed in 1997 to the Superior Court of New Jersey by Governor Christie Todd Whitman and reappointed with tenure in 2003 by Governor James McGreevy. He has served on the bench in the Criminal Division of the Bergen Vicinage.

Having served alongside Judge Roma in the State Assembly, I know personally of his dedicated and hardworking nature. Judge Roma has made an outstanding mark on Bergen County with his compassionate nature and passion for upholding justice.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating

the achievements of individuals like the Honorable Patrick J. Roma.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Judge Roma's family, friends, coworkers, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the Honorable Patrick J. Roma.

HONORING FRED T. NOLAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Fred T. Nolan, a native of Dyer, Tennessee, but raised in Paducah, Kentucky, and has lived in Jackson, Mississippi since his graduation from Tougaloo College in the early 1960s.

One of his early career choices was teaching in the Jackson Public School District (JPS). Mr. Nolan taught two years at the then Brinkley High School located on Livingston Road and was a ninth grade teacher of Social Studies and Mathematics. He left JPS to pursue other career options and worked briefly for the Urban League of Jackson as director. The majority of his career spanned 25 years as the executive director of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, a division of Housing Urban Development (HUD).

After fully retiring from HUD in 1996, Mr. Nolan rejoined the JPS family as a substitute and limited service teacher. He worked three years in a limited service capacity at Siwell Middle, Lanier High, and Forest Hill High schools.

Mr. Fred Nolan is married to Mrs. Kisiah Nolan, a former JPS Board member and president. His son, Fredrick Nolan, is coordinator of the JPS WATCH D.O.G.S. program. The Nolan's also have two daughters: Renee Nolan Johnson of Huntsville, Alabama, and Adrienne Nolan Colar of Smyrna, Georgia. All three of their children are graduates of the Jackson Public School District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Fred T. Nolan for his dedication to serving others.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF BENNY G. BENAVIDEZ

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Chief Benny G. Benavidez for his outstanding and invaluable service to the Imperial County community and to congratulate him on his retirement. Throughout his 37-year public service career, Chief Benavidez exhibited dedication to the Imperial County Probation Department's staff and clients, while keeping a steadfast commitment to improving services in Imperial County.

Chief Benavidez began his career in Imperial County Probation as a Juvenile Hall Officer in the 1970s. During his career, he served in many capacities for the Imperial County Probation Department and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. In his leadership position at the Imperial County Probation Department, Chief Benavidez practiced and preached ethical conduct, professionalism, knowledge, loyalty and evidence-based practices. He also created a new mission statement that embodies the driving force and tempo for all officers, enhanced officer training, established the Day Reporting Center, a one stop shop for services and referrals, improved Juvenile Hall Medical Services and brought a wealth of resources to the area through his collaborative efforts.

Chief Benavidez was heavily involved in the community he served. He routinely attended Imperial County Board of Supervisors meetings, Law Enforcement Coordination Council meetings, Community Corrections Partnership meetings and local events designed to bring awareness to the resources available in the community to reduce recidivism, motivate behavioral change and advocate for victims. With a degree in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University, Chief Benavidez continues to be a valuable asset to the Imperial Valley College faculty as a Correctional Science instructor.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Georgia Military College as it celebrates its 135th anniversary. I take great pride in representing this historic institution, comprised of a junior college and a separate preparatory school, located in scenic Milledgeville, Georgia.

Once the site of the Georgia state capitol, GMC now is one of only five United States Military Junior Colleges. At the center of its main campus stands the Old Capitol Building where the Georgia General Assembly met from 1807 until 1868 before the capital was moved to Atlanta. As President Emeritus Major General Peter J. Boylan has highlighted, "It was on the parade on the east plaza that every soldier from Georgia marched before going off to defend our values in war . . . the War of 1812, the Indian Wars, the War with Mexico, and, of course, the Civil War." In light of this rich history, it is fitting that the institution's core values are that of Duty, Honor, and Country.

What began in 1879 as Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College with just 219 students has flourished into an institution with more than 12,000 students enrolled online or at one of its nine campus locations. Nationally recognized as one of the best community colleges, GMC is producing accomplished and well-rounded individuals. It has a highly regarded junior college cadet program that culminates at the end of two years of study with a select few men and women being commissioned as officers in the United States Army. Additionally, it boasts such prestigious graduates as Georgia Governor George Busbee, Coach Bill Yoast of "Remember the Titans," U.S. Secretary of Labor W.J. Usery, and comedian and actor Oliver Hardy. Its alumni include judges, artists, educators, inventors, doctors, aviation pioneers, and thousands of men and women who have served in uniform.

For this reason, and on the occasion of its anniversary, it is my honor to acknowledge the educational leadership of this remarkable institution, under the direction of Lieutenant General William B. Caldwell, IV. Furthermore, I extend my sincere appreciation to the entire Georgia Military College community—students, staff, faculty, alumni, and supporters—for the contributions they have made for more than a century to Georgia and beyond.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROHIBIT TAX-EXEMPT STATUS TO PROFESSIONAL SPORTS LEAGUES THAT PROMOTE THE USE OF THE TERM REDSKINS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would amend section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit tax-exempt status to professional sports leagues that promote or allow a member club or franchise connected to that league to promote the use of the term "Redskins." Senator MARIA CANTWELL has introduced the same bill in the Senate.

Currently, the National Football League (NFL) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) "business league" organization that receives tax-exempt status. It is the nation's largest sports franchise, generating almost $10 billion annually. Unlike some of its counterparts—the National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball, for example—it operates as a nonprofit, which allows for its profits to trickle down to its 32 teams, including the Washington football team.

Over 300 tribes and two million Native Americans, as well as religious and human rights organizations, have called on NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Daniel Snyder, the Washington football team owner, to change the name of the Washington football team because the name and mascot insult native people. In addition, several media outlets around the country no longer print or use the term "Redskins" when referring to the Washington football team because the term is offensive.

On June 18, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in a landmark decision (Blackhorse v. Pro Football, Inc.), found the name used by the Washington football team to be disparaging to Native Americans and not deserving of trademark protection, and cancelled federal trademark protection for the "Redskins" trademarks. While the ruling did not persuade Daniel Snyder or Roger Goodell to change the name, the ruling has the potential to affect the profits received from the sale of the team's merchandise.

American taxpayers have been subsidizing a multibillion dollar league that promotes what has now been officially found to be a racial slur for profitable gain. Relief from taxes should no longer be given to a league that profits from the continued use of a racial slur, which degrades some Americans. As an organization that enjoys tax-exempt benefits, the NFL also has a duty to American taxpayers to

ensure that its teams are not promoting or benefitting from a racial slur. This bill would revoke the tax-exempt status of professional sports leagues that choose to continue to use the offensive and derogatory term ''Redskins.''

Because this bill only revokes the tax-exempt status of leagues that promote the use of the term ''Redskins,'' it would not affect other leagues that fall under the same 501(c)(6) tax exemption such as the Professional Golfers Association and the National Hockey League.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

REMEMBERING PAUL G. (JERRY) GOFORTH

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Paul G. (Jerry) Goforth who passed away on October 3, 2014. Jerry, a family man, United States Marine, and a horseman will be remembered as a compassionate and respectful man who provided unconditionally for his family.

Jerry enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Second Division, in 1943 and served over two years in the Pacific Theatre.

After leaving the USMC, Jerry made Southern California home where he fell in love with his wife Barbara (Bobbie) Baylis. Together they married in 1948 and raised a family.

Jerry was a distinguished member of the Long Beach Police Department as a motor officer. After an accident that prematurely ended Jerry's career, he joined the team at State Farm in Costa Mesa as a claims superintendent.

Retiring after twenty-five years, Jerry and Bobbie built their dream home and moved to my hometown of Yucca Valley.

I can remember Jerry and Bobbie traveling at every opportunity they had. Either abroad or in their motor-home, they loved the chance to see old friends and make new ones. Jerry raised Arabian horses, leather tooled, and restored antique factors.

Jerry was a member of the California Chapter of the Second Marine Division Association. He was devoted to promoting the tenets of the association and served as both President of the California and National Associations.

''Once a Marine, Always a Marine''

Semper Fi

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIONVILLE NATURAL PHARMACY OF CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lionville Natural Pharmacy of Chester County, Pennsylvania on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary.

After graduating from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1973, Ben Briggs, RPh, CNC, IACP, began his career as a retail pharmacist and founded Lionville Pharmacy in 1979. While the store was originally located in the Medical Arts Building on Route 100, it moved in 1987 to a larger location on Route 113 and Whitford Road, and then finally to its current location in 1992 at Route 113 and Gordon Drive. In 1996, the store was renamed Lionville Natural Pharmacy and Health Food Store. In 1999, upon his graduation from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Ben's son, Michael, Pharm.D., CNC, also joined the practice.

Over the years, Lionville Natural Pharmacy added a compounding pharmacy lab and a holistic health center offering therapeutic massage, acupuncture, shiatsu, and more. Throughout its long and storied history, Lionville Natural Pharmacy has been featured in numerous newspaper and magazine articles, including Best of the Main Line in Main Line Today from 2006 to 2014.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of its 35 years of faithful service to its patients and customers, along with its outstanding history of commitment to the life and health of the Chester County community and its citizens, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Lionville Natural Pharmacy of Chester County, Pennsylvania on the occasion of its 35th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE COVENANT OF PEACE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 175th anniversary of the Temple Covenant of Peace. They are the third oldest Temple in Pennsylvania and the tenth oldest in the United States. Committed to a mission of cultivating a love and understanding of Jewish heritage and to inspiring fellowship in the Jewish Community, they have offered many avenues for service to the larger community. Their history is intertwined with the history of the City of Easton, Pennsylvania.

Founded on August 26, 1839, the Congregation Brith Sholom (Covenant of Peace) held their services in a rented space on Third and Bank Street in Easton. As they grew, they endeavored to build a synagogue on Sixth Street between Pine and Ferry. Its façade mirrored that of a great synagogue in Florence, Italy. Until 1959, it was the oldest synagogue in continuous use, for 117 years, in the United States. In 1954, the Covenant of Peace purchased property to build a new synagogue for their growing congregation. This synagogue was dedicated on November 20, 1959. The synagogue was built with no work performed on the Sabbath or on Jewish holidays. The Temple Covenant of Peace has what is believed to be one of the first free-standing monuments to the victims of the Holocaust.

Through the years, members of the Temple Covenant of Peace have served the Easton community well. The Rabbis and members have served on the boards of community nonprofits and similar organizations. They have organized food drives and participated in community dialogues on faith and the ethical issues of our day. They have stood with members of the community to help them grieve times of loss and to offer courage in times of change.

It is my honor to commend the Temple Covenant of Peace and their commitment to cultivating a love and understanding of the Jewish heritage and to inspiring fellowship in the Jewish Community as well as service in the broader community in the Easton area.

HONORING COLONEL ANDREW J. FRANK

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel Andrew J. Frank who retired after 36 years of faithful service in the United States Army on September 30, 2014. As a fitting finale to his long and distinguished career, on July 28, 2014, Colonel Frank was awarded the National Intelligence Medal for Valor in recognition of his extraordinary heroism while serving in Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. As the Intelligence Community's second highest award, the National Intelligence Medal for Valor recognizes only the most exceptional acts of courage in the pursuit of intelligence community and national security objectives.

On the occasion of Colonel Frank's retirement to my home-state of Wisconsin, I would like to take a moment to underscore his heroic actions to the House.

On March 20, 2008, while serving as the Defense Intelligence Agency's Chief of the Defense Intelligence Support Organization in Afghanistan, Colonel Frank displayed unflinching leadership and bravery leading security activities for an inter-agency intelligence task force. Caught in an ambush by a numerically superior enemy force with a marked tactical advantage, Colonel Frank courageously disregarded his own safety, maneuvering through multiple kill zones over open terrain, on no less than seven occasions, to save the lives of his teammates, coalition soldiers, and civilian bystanders. He personally led the fire and maneuver of his team, rallied the Afghan National Police (ANP) to engage enemy forces, and heroically retrieved a critical resupply of ammunition desperately needed by his team. Colonel Frank's uncommon valor and determined leadership allowed his three-member team, trapped in two ambushes for over two and one half hours, to neutralize the enemy without a single loss of U.S. or ANP life. Colonel Frank's bravery under fire is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the United States Intelligence Community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Andrew and his family for their many years of faithful service and a job very well done. I wish them years of good fortune as they enjoy their retirement from military service in Wisconsin.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) 103RD NATIONAL DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Taiwan's 103rd National Day on October 10, 2014. This event marks the anniversary of the 1911 uprising that led to the establishment of the Republic of China.

As my colleagues know, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship is a warm one, cemented by our shared commitments to democracy and free enterprise. This stands in contrast to Taiwan's unique political status in the international community, which too often leaves it shut out of the world's deliberations. All across the globe today, we see new and emerging threats of rare complexity, the solutions to which would benefit greatly from Taiwan's participation at the negotiating table.

I ask that my colleagues join me in redoubling our efforts to secure meaningful participation, wherever possible, for Taiwan in the work of international and multilateral organizations. As we work toward that end, I once again join my colleagues in wishing our Taiwanese friends all the best as they commemorate this momentous day.

RECOGNIZING DR. AHMED MAZAHERI

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to proudly acknowledge the many accomplishments of Ahmed Mazaheri, M.D. and his contributions to the local and global community. He recently was recognized by Rotary Club International and the Rotary Club of Doylestown with its "50 Years of Service Award." Dr. Mazaheri retired from medical practice in 1994 and, with his generous spirit, devoted his time to community and international service, particularly through the Rotary Club of Doylestown and service on various county health and educational associations. Dr. Mazaheri, a native of Iran, left his country at age 18 to study medicine at the University of Bonn and the University of London and later, medical residencies at Georgetown University and Pennsylvania Hospital. Prior to 1961, he was a medical liaison for the U.S. Army in Germany. We sincerely congratulate him for selfless dedication and devotion to the health and well-being of the greater community and grateful that he has reached out to so many others. In so doing, Dr. Mazaheri has set an outstanding example for others to follow.

CELEBRATING VIVIAN L. WOOD

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary service of Williamson County Treasurer Vivian L. Wood as she begins the next exciting chapter of her life. Recognizing the importance of allowing a new generation of leaders a chance to make a positive impact, Vivian is stepping down from her two decades of dedication to making Williamson County a great place to live and work.

Under Vivian's stewardship, Williamson County has enjoyed tremendous population and job growth while the rest of the nation was still recovering from recent economic challenges. As the fastest growing county in the USA from 2010 through 2012, Williamson County is home to Dell Computers, cutting edge medical centers, and thriving small businesses. Vivian's forward-thinking financial management has been critical to the county's continuing success.

Widely admired and respected for her leadership, Vivian has been a treasurer both her colleagues and constituents could rely upon. Her commitment to public service doesn't end when she leaves the office. Vivian has served in all offices of the County Treasurers Association of Texas since 1996 and has received numerous awards for her dedication to excellence.

Vivian's extraordinary commitment to service reflects the best values of Central Texas. She's positively impacted the lives of thousands and there's no doubt that Williamson County is a better place because of her.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I commend Vivian Wood for her selfless service to her beloved community and wish her only the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING SAVE MART SUPERMARKETS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Save Mart Supermarkets, who will be inducted as a member of the Stanislaus County Ag Hall of Fame's "Legends in Agriculture" during a ceremony in Modesto, California, on November 13, 2014.

Save Mart Supermarkets, a California corporation, owns and operates 221 stores in Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada under the Save Mart, S-Mart Foods, Lucky, and FoodMaxx banners. A privately-owned retail food company, it is sustained by a familial corporate culture. The company has always believed in supporting local suppliers and producers, and is actively engaged with the charities and causes of the communities where its stores do business.

Their long history began when the first Save Mart opened in Modesto, California on January 17, 1952. Over the next four decades, many changes took place. Long known for innovation, Save Mart was one of the first supermarkets to offer customers pre-packaged meats, yard and garden supplies, plants, fresh-cut flowers and gift items, all creative concepts for the 1950s, and relatively unheard of for the area until Save Mart introduced them. In 1984, major growth occurred for Save Mart Supermarkets with the opening of eight new stores and a new partnership established to produce Sunnyside Farms dairy products. The company expanded throughout the 1980s including the acquisition of twenty-seven Fry's supermarkets located in the East Bay area in 1989; 1997 saw the acquisition of 10 Lucky stores in the Central Valley.

With their success, the company developed its own warehouse concept under the name FoodMaxx, which it owns independently. In 2003, Save Mart Supermarkets acquired 25 Food 4 Less stores and rebranded them FoodMaxx. The FoodMaxx division is now 50 stores strong.

Still growing, in 2007 Save Mart Supermarkets acquired Albertsons stores in the Metro Sacramento area, San Francisco Bay Area, and Northern Nevada, and converted them to Lucky and Save Mart stores. Today, the company operates stores throughout the Central Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, and Northern Nevada.

Save Mart Supermarkets is committed to being a responsible corporate citizen—conducting business ethically and giving back to the communities that it serves. The company has partnered with a number of organizations and established giving programs that can deliver both tangible and intangible benefits to the communities served by Save Mart Supermarkets' stores. Some of the partners include American Heart Association, City of Hope, Children's Hospitals: Madera, Oakland, San Francisco, and Sacramento and local food banks.

One event that the company has made its own is the Toyota/Save Mart 350. Ranked as one of the top ten annual NASCAR races by Maxim magazine, the Toyota/Save Mart 350 is a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event held every year in June at Sonoma Raceway. Save Mart Supermarkets has sponsored this race since 1989, when it attracted only 20,000 spectators. The annual event now draws a crowd of approximately 110,000 and raises money for the company's charities and Save Mart CARES.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Save Mart Supermarkets for their significant contributions to agriculture and to the people of our local community.

RECOGNIZING DR. LARRY SCHMITZER

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to proudly acknowledge the many accomplishments of Dr. Larry Schmitzer and his legacy of kindness and commitment to the well-being of others. Prior to serving individuals and families in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Dr. Schmitzer served our country as a flight surgeon in Vietnam.

Dr. Schmitzer started his medical practice along with Dr. Mark Radbill. As their practice grew, they saw the need to expand in order to better serve our community. Along with other individuals, Drs. Schmitzer and Radbill helped establish the Delaware Valley Medical Center. Eventually, the organization joined Aria and is now known as Aria Health-Bucks County.

Although an esteemed medical practitioner, the hallmark of Dr. Schmitzer's career was his effort to form the Warminster Chapter of Gilda's Club. Dr. Schmitzer was among the 12 original founders and deemed the driving force. Named after comedian Gilda Radner who died from ovarian cancer in 1989, the organization provides emotional and social support for people living with cancer and the families that love them. They have been particularly attentive to the needs of children impacted by family members battling this horrible disease.

On behalf of the constituents of Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, I offer Dr. Schmitzer my gratitude for a career marked with selfless dedication and compassion for our friends, neighbors and loved ones. Thank you, Dr. Schmitzer.

GAETANO ARMANDO FORMICA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gaetano Armando Formica who selflessly served as a U.S. Army soldier during World War II and is celebrating his 100th birthday. His family and friends will join together this Sunday to celebrate and wish him continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

Gaetano Armando Formica, also known as Al, was born September 4, 1914. Al worked in the family bakery and then went on to work for Federal Leather. With his experience there, Al eventually went on to open his own shop where he recovered chairs and furniture.

Al married his wife Anna in 1943. Soon thereafter, he was drafted into the Army and served in several European countries during World War II. His services in World War II deserve special recognition.

Al was on Utah Beach, the westernmost part of the Allied landing beach on D-Day, the Invasion of Normandy. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge toward the end of World War II.

Al helped to liberate the Buchenwald Concentration Camp. It was one of the first and largest concentration camps on German soil where over 55,000 innocent souls lost their lives. Today, the remains of Buchenwald serve as a memorial and permanent exhibition and museum.

Al returned to civilian life after being injured during the war. For many years, he served as commander in the Disabled American Veterans Post 38. He was also the Grand Marshall in the Memorial Parade in 2009.

Al and his wife Anna have been blessed with three children, Armand, Gary, and Roberta as well as six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Sadly, his son Gary was killed in 1970 while serving his nation in the Vietnam War. Truly the Formica family has given of itself in service of our great nation.

Al and Anna currently reside in Bloomfield, NJ. Al keeps busy with gardening work, playing the guitar, and cooking. He also takes care of Anna who is wheelchair bound.

As his friend, I am very pleased to have the great fortune of being able to honor such a marvelous member of our community. I sincerely wish Mr. Gaetano Armando Formica and his entire family the best.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Mr. Gaetano Armando Formica.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Formica's family, friends, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing Gaetano Armando Formica for one hundred years of life dedicated to family and nation.

HONORING FRANCHESTER COLEMAN EASON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a self-motivated leader and innovator of the community, Mrs. Franchester Coleman Eason, who is the owner of Franchester's Salon.

Franchester was born January 3, 1969 to the late Eddie and Henrietta Coleman. She along with her 13 siblings was raised south of Rolling Fork, MS in a small rural community called Edgermount. Franchester is a graduate of Rolling Fork High School and holds an AA degree from Hinds Community College in the field of Cosmetology. She has worked as a cosmetologist since earning a license from the MS State Board of Cosmetology in 1990.

Franchester began her career working for the late Minnie Pearl Brown at the Rolling Fork Beauty Charm. After working at Rolling Fork Beauty Charm for several years Franchester decided to work for Lee's Hair Care, for the late Mrs. Letha Lee. Upon the passing of Mrs. Lee, Franchester managed the shop as her own for many years. In 2009 she and her husband, Frank, were blessed with the opportunity to buy the business. The beauty shop is now called Franchester's Salon and is located at 153 North 2nd Street; opens at 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday. Franchester's Salon offers a wide variety of hair care techniques.

Franchester is a member of the National Beautician Association. She is also a member of Mt. Ollie M. B. Church in Edgermount.

Franchester and her husband, Frank, are the proud parents of Catina, Mariesha, Jeremy and Frank III.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Franchester Coleman Eason for giving back to the community in which she was born and reared.

HONORING VINCE CALLAHAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Virginia Delegate Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., who passed away on September 20th, 2014, at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Virginia.

Vince represented Virginia's 34th District in the Virginia General Assembly for nearly four decades. During his tenure on the Appropriations Committee, he worked tirelessly on important regional projects for his constituents in McLean and Arlington. He was always willing to work across the aisle to find compromise and get things done.

Vince's many legislative accomplishments include supporting the growth of George Mason University and the Dulles Corridor, as well as securing state funds for public spaces, like Wolf Trap. The northern Virginia we know today would not exist if it were not for Vince and his outstanding statesmanship in the Virginia General Assembly. The region owes him a debt of gratitude for his faithful and effective service.

Vince was a man of strong convictions and the highest moral character. He was a true Virginia gentleman, family man and a loyal friend; he will be sorely missed by his family, friends and community. Vince is survived by his wife Yvonne, eight children, 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

I respectfully submit Vince's obituary from The Fairfax Times and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Vince's life and achievements.

[From FairfaxTimes.com, Sept. 26, 2014]

CALLAHAN'S LEGACY BURNS BRIGHT

Fairfax County lost one of its true statesmen—and untold amounts of institutional knowledge—when longtime state legislator Vince Callahan died last Saturday from complications related to West Nile virus.

Callahan, who represented McLean in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1967 to 2008, will best be remembered as someone who cared deeply about Northern Virginia and spent more than half his life fighting for his district, his constituents and for Virginia.

It's hard to travel through Fairfax County today and not see Callahan's fingerprints on many key institutions and roadways. He was critical in drumming up dollars and support for George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College; many Fairfax residents could locate either school on a map. He championed Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts when many others viewed the project as a waste of money and land. He was instrumental in establishing Georgetown Pike as a scenic byway, fending off intense pressure to four-lane the road through Great Falls and parts of McLean.

He also played a lead role in establishing the Dulles Toll Road, erecting sound walls along Interstate 495 and sparking commercial development on the Dulles corridor.

Callahan's list of accomplishments goes on and on, fueled mostly by a calm, inclusive leadership style rarely seen in today's General Assembly.

In an era of partisan bickering and political gamesmanship, Callahan built his career on putting people ahead of party and solving old problems rather than creating new ones.

He was keenly aware that he worked at the behest of those in the 34th House district—not the other way around. A lifelong Republican, he went to Richmond each winter focused on improving the lives of his constituents in McLean, Arlington and other parts of Virginia. That often meant crossing the aisle and working with Democrats to pass critical legislation. It also meant standing up to lawmakers in his own party when they were pushing policy harmful to his district.

In the midst of yet another expensive, attack-oriented election cycle, Vince Callahan's passing should serve as a reminder that there's always going to be a place for people with firm spines, positive ideas and good intentions.

RECOGNIZING THE COLLINSWORTH FAMILY AS THE 2014 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Collinsworth family of Westville, Florida, for being selected as the 2014 Walton County Farm Family of the Year.

The Collinsworth family traces its Northwest Florida roots to 1894, where their ancestors settled near the small community of Gaskin, Florida. Today, about 25 miles southeast of Gaskin, the Collinsworth family farm, owned by Bobby and Hazel Collinsworth, comprises three generations of farmers, including their son-in-law and grandchildren of the Currid family, each of whom play an integral role in the family's farming operations.

Since 1924, Bobby and Hazel Collinsworth have worked tirelessly to cultivate their farm to the successful operation it is today. What originally produced corn, soybeans, cotton, peanuts and consisted of hogs and cattle has flourished into 320 acres owned and 240 acres leased to raise 129 crossbred cows and 16 registered Simmental cows.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Walton County Farm Family of the Year Award is a true reflection of the Collinsworth's family dedication to family and farming and their shared passion for ranching and caring for the land for future generations to come. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Collinsworth family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

CONGRATULATING CALVIN L. JOHNSON, SR.

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Calvin L. Johnson, Sr. as he completes his time as the Worthy Grand Joshua, of the Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Inc., Prince Hall PHA of Pennsylvania.

The Prince Hall Freemasonry is a collection of predominately African American jurisdictions in North America with a rich history dating back to before the Revolutionary War. In the 1700s, upon receiving rejection by over a dozen colonial Freemasonries, a freed slave by the name of Prince Hall, along with fourteen other freed slaves, created a chapter through the Grand Lodge of England, the original source of Freemasonry. The position of Worthy Grand Joshua is one of the highest honors within the Prince Hall Freemasonry. During the past two years, Mr. Johnson's duties have involved a demanding schedule of visits to many lodges throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and participation in countless ceremonies and events.

A lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnson was born in Harrisburg and spent his formative years in Steelton. He graduated from Steelton-Highspire High. After completing high school, Mr. Johnson entered the U.S. Army and was able to retire as a Chief Warrant Officer 3, as a Criminal Investigator for the Department of the Army.

His career after the military includes working for the Department of Environmental Resources, the Office of the Attorney, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Most recently, after four years as a Security Investigator, Mr. Johnson left to pursue part-time work as a private investigator, constable, and tax preparer. It is during this time that he became the Worthy Grand Joshua, of the Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Inc., PHA. He has served in this capacity for two years, performing his duties professionally and never without a smile.

Outside of his current role as Worthy Grand Joshua, Mr. Johnson also serves on the Executive Board of Steelton Youth in Action (S.Y.I.A.) as the Financial Secretary. Even with his many commitments, he finds time in his schedule to drive a school bus for Steelton-Highspire, McDevitt, and Central Dauphin students.

George Washington, a notable Mason, once shared: ''To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.''

Mr. Speaker, upon the completion of his duties as Worthy Grand Joshua, I thank Mr. Johnson for all that he has done for our area and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORING DR. DEBRA STAKES

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Dr. Debra Stakes, President of the Cuesta College Federation of Teachers, AFT 4909. Throughout her career, Dr. Stakes has been a committed individual to the advancement of high-quality education and scientific research. She has been a champion in moving forward these principles all while being a staunch advocate for faculty concerns and promoting community engagement, organizing, and political activism.

Dr. Stakes prestigious career in the sciences is a product of her academic tenacity and achievements. She is a graduate of Rice University and received her doctorate in Oceanography from Oregon State University. Dr. Stakes' prominent postgraduate work included research appointments at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology, as well as a year at the National Science Foundation. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Stakes was the first woman to participate in a range of groundbreaking discoveries such as the seafloor hot vents.

Later, Dr. Stakes taught at the University of South Carolina for almost eight years, where she was the only woman on a faculty of twenty-five in the Department of Geology. During her time at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Stakes promoted the management of large educational programs to support students to excel and succeed in the fields of mathematics and science.

Dr. Stakes continued her work and research in scientific and oceanic developments during the decade she worked as the only female scientist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

In 2006, Dr. Stakes began teaching at Cuesta College in the fields of Geology and Oceanography, where she became involved in the faculty union as a Division Representative and later as the Committee on Political Education (COPE) Chair. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Stakes became the Vice President and took on the role of the organization's Chief Negotiator.

Dr. Stakes' passion for the sciences is evident throughout the trajectory of her career. She has been a trailblazer for women in her field and has continuously shown outstanding dedication towards the value of people's work and has stood against the injustice to deny anyone acknowledgement of their contributions.

As the current Chief Negotiator for Cuesta College's faculty union, Dr. Stakes continues to strive for the progress and enhancement of our education system, as well as the lives of educators. Dr. Stakes has encouraged and cultivated a strong bond of partnership between Cuesta College and the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council, which has benefitted many people throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

For these reasons, I am pleased to join the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council in honoring Dr. Debra Stakes for her unwavering dedication and tireless efforts to expand the role of women in the workforce, the education sector and our community.

HONORING PETER ANDREAS SZEGO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congress members ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA, to recognize the impact of Mr. Peter Andreas Szego's lifelong involvement in the life of our community. We would like to express our deep sadness over his passing on September 28, 2014, in San Jose at the age of 89.

To escape Hitler's Germany, Mr. Szego immigrated to the United States with his family in 1934. After he started his studies at Stanford University, his education was interrupted in 1944 when he entered the U.S. Army to serve in Europe as a dental technician until 1946. After WWII, Mr. Szego returned to the United States to finish college, undertake course work toward a Ph.D., and teach at Rice University, Houston, Texas, and Santa Clara University.

Around this time, Mr. Szego began his lifelong activism for civil rights, justice, peace, and many political campaigns for candidates who stood for these causes. After doing research for over a decade and while continuing to work and publish in applied mathematics, Mr. Szego left engineering to join the staff to Mr. Dan McCorquodale, the Santa Clara County Supervisor at the time. Among other things, in 1963, Mr. Szego joined an interracial group to take part in the March on Washington. Additionally, Mr. Szego served as an advisor to U.S. Representative Phil Burton on the issue of drafting fair political districts long before computer programs were used to draw boundaries.

After his retirement from the Legislature in 1991, Mr. Szego continued to work even harder to improve the lives of people of all races, backgrounds and ages, both on the local and national levels. In fact, in recognition of his numerous years of dedicated volunteer service, Mr. Szego received the AARP's highest state honor, the California Percy Andrus Award for Community Service. Deservedly, in May, 2014, Mr. Szego received the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Don Edwards Lifetime Achievement Award.

We join Mr. Szego's family, colleagues, and our community to express our heartfelt sense of loss. Mr. Szego's service leaves our world a better place, and he will be dearly missed.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF SARDAR GANGA SINGH DHILLON

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the distinguished life of Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon, who passed away on September 24, 2014 at the age of 86.

Ganga Singh Dhillon was born in the Sheikhupura area of West Punjab. He received his early education at Chak 19 and the Guru Nanak Khalsa High School Nanakana Sahib. He later joined the Sikh National College Lahore.

This was a time of great political and religious turmoil throughout the Indian sub-continent. The region was on the verge of being divided, and the interests of the Sikh community were not being addressed. S. Dhillon became one of the foremost original leaders of the Sikh struggle. In 1947 he was arrested in Lahore along with several other students for promoting Khalistan, a Sikh nation. That same year, his father was shot and killed by the Pakistani army while trying to resolve an issue between the Sikhs and Muslims.

Ganga Singh Dhillon then moved with his family to India where he was mentored by S. Joginder Singh Mann, an old family friend. While in India, S. Dhillon began his battle to preserve Sikh holy sites, especially the birthplace of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev, and to allow Sikh pilgrims the right to visit these sites. However, his cause was considered far too radical, and he was taken into custody and held in the Nabha jail for a year and a half. It would take fifty years for this battle to be won; in 1999 the President of Pakistan finally granted the Pakistan Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee the right to maintain Sikh shrines and began granting more visas so that Sikhs abroad can visit them.

With the help of S. Mann, Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon moved to the United States in the 1960s where he continued his advocacy on behalf of Sikh concerns. S. Dhillon was committed to improving relationships and understanding between Sikhs and other cultures and religions. He discussed issues with patience, logic, and advocacy for peaceful solutions, even with his most bitter adversaries. In 1965, S. Dhillon founded the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hockey Tournament. The core mission of this tournament was to build friendship and stronger bonds through sport, and to develop better understanding and mutual respect for people of all countries, rich and poor, through competition and sportsmanship. This tournament is now one of the largest international hockey tournaments in the United States.

In 1981, S. Dhillon returned to India to deliver a Presidential Address entitled "Sikhs Are a Nation" at the 54th All India Sikh Educational Conference. Reaction to his speech was overwhelmingly hostile, forcing him to leave India immediately. He was banned from ever travelling to India as a result.

S. Dhillon was also a leader on other issues of importance to the international Sikh community. He along with others established the Nanakana Sahib Foundation, the purpose of which was to bridge the gap between Sikhs and their Pakistani Muslim brothers. This foundation is jointly funded and run by Muslim and Sikh private individuals, and houses a library, a guest house, and hospital where free medical care is provided to the poor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating and celebrating the life of my friend, Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon and in expressing sincere condolences to his family. Sadar Ganga Singh Dhillon rightfully belongs in a select group of very rare individuals who, through peaceful means, have truly changed the world. His efforts on behalf of the international Sikh community and in improvement of relationships between cultures will leave a lasting legacy.

RAINN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), one of our Nation's most effective victims' organizations.

Founded by Scott Berkowitz in 1994, RAINN is the Nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

Their cutting edge work has changed the outcome for victims of sexual violence for years.

They have made the country more aware of the evil of sexual assault and have aided millions of victims.

RAINN created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline, which provides victims of sexual assault with free, confidential services around the clock and has served over 1.5 million people since 1994.

The hotline expanded its services going online in 2007 helping to reach even more victims.

In addition, RAINN operates the DOD Safe Helpline to aid victims of sexual violence in our military.

Beyond the hotline and other direct victim services, RAINN advocates for policies that change the lives of victims of sexual assault and engages the public to advocate on behalf of victims' rights bills.

They were vital in the passage of the Debbie Smith Act, its subsequent reauthorizations, the DNA Fingerprint Act, and the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act, and the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting Act.

I worked with RAINN on SAFER for years along with Congresswoman MALONEY and Senator CORNYN.

SAFER provides grants to states and localities with existing funds to audit their rape kit backlog and makes this information available to the public.

SAFER also mandates that more current funds go directly to test rape kits.

Despite the various barriers we encountered throughout the years since this idea was brought to me by RAINN, Scott Berkowitz and the incredible staff at RAINN never gave up.

They persevered because they knew it was right.

They knew that SAFER would bring justice to victims and put perpetrators where they belong, behind bars.

Scott's spirit is like that of a Texan, even though he's from New Jersey, but we won't hold that against him.

That is why we work together so well.

Congratulations on 20 years of making a true difference in victims' lives.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN CUNDIFF AS THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Susan Cundiff as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2014. Ms. Cundiff was among three educators selected throughout Northwest Florida for her inspiring efforts to bolster her students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, and I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

Ms. Cundiff joins the ranks of teachers previously bestowed this honor for her more than three decades of service as an educator at Gulf Breeze High School and her service to the Gulf Coast community. Since 1983, she

has witnessed and has played an integral role in the growth of some of the finest minds of our Nation's youth. Through her passion for teaching, which has helped spark her students' sense of wonder and interest in the world around them, Ms. Cundiff's contributions to producing the next generation of active participants in our society, and perhaps future scientists and engineers, cannot be overstated.

Her tireless efforts and innovative techniques have brought unique hands-on learning opportunities into the classroom. As a result of this practical learning, her students gain a working knowledge of wireless computer integration and electronics construction. Today, her students can also be found researching, building, wiring, programming and testing robots on a specified task.

Her dedication to the community, however, is not confined within the classroom. Ms. Cundiff is active in Hurlburt AFA Chapter's aerospace educational programs, devoting her time and energy to assist in planning and organizing events. She also utilizes her considerable experience and success in the classroom to assist in the professional development of other educators throughout the area at the Chapter's Teacher Workshops, sharing best practices and stimulating lessons that can be brought back to their respective classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Cundiff on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2014 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Cundiff all the best for continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2014 ELLY DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the honorees of the 2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award, the Elly Doyle Special Recognition Award, the Eakin Philanthropy Award, the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award, the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award as well as the 2014 Student Honoree. These awards, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board, recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to our environment and public park system.

Fairfax County is regarded as one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and our nationally-recognized park system has played a key role in that distinction. Our community has a strong commitment to promoting and preserving our environment, including our public parks and outdoor spaces. Each year thousands of volunteers donate their talents and time to protect our natural and cultural resources and enhance public educational and recreational services.

The Elly Doyle Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. In addition, recipients also have been selected for the 2014 Eakin Philanthropy Award, named in honor of the family that donated the first parcels of parkland to the Park Authority more than 50 years ago, the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship, named in honor of a celebrated local historian and military veteran, and the 2014 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named in honor of a local champion of environmental education and protection. I congratulate each of the following recipients of these prestigious awards and proudly enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award Recipients: James "Curly" Anderko, Bob Dinse, Alan Figgatt.

Elly Doyle Special Recognition: Mona Enquist-Johnston, John Eltzroth, Fairfax County Farmers Markets Market Masters, Donn Grover, REI.

Student Honoree: Matthew Baker.Eakin Philanthropy Award Recipients: Mike Rolband, Transurban—Fluor.

Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award: Bob Lundegard.

Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award Recipient: Diane Hoffman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking these honorees for their demonstrated commitment to our open spaces and public parks. Fairfax County is able to enjoy a high quality of life because of the efforts of these individuals and they are deserving of our praise and appreciation.

RECOGNIZING PASCO L. SCHIAVO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Pasco L. Schiavo, who has been selected as the 2014 UNICO Hazleton, Pennsylvania Chapter's Italian American of the Year.

A lifelong resident of Hazleton, Mr. Schiavo served our country honorably as a first lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves. In 1962, after completing his military service, he established a law practice in Hazleton and began teaching at the local Penn State Hazleton Campus. Mr. Schiavo generously donated not only his time, but also his financial support to the school, establishing multiple scholarships in memory of his parents.

Along with his commitment to higher education and learning, Mr. Schiavo has held many leadership positions in the community. He served as Assistant District Attorney of Luzerne County, was President of the County Commission on Economic Opportunity, and was appointed to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Additionally, he served as solicitor for the Hazleton Area School District, Hazleton Housing Authority, Hazle Township Municipality, and the Hazleton City Authority. He continues to give back to the community through his support of the Hazleton Public Library, Hazleton Kiwanis, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and the Serento Gardens Drug and Alcohol Services.

He has taught at and held many leadership roles at Penn State Hazleton. The plaque on the side of Pasco L. Schiavo Hall says it all: "A lawyer, author, educator, community leader, and philanthropist. The only title missing is Proud Italian American."

Mr. Speaker, for his exemplary service to the Italian American community and the greater Hazleton Area, I commend and thank Mr. Schiavo and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. STEVE HALL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Dr. Steve Hall, President and Chief Negotiator for the Ventura County Federation of College Teachers, AFT Local 1828, who has successfully worked with labor and community groups throughout Ventura County to promote high-quality education and academic excellence for all students throughout the region.

Throughout his life, Dr. Hall has followed his passion for teaching, but more importantly helping others attain their highest potential. With this in mind, he pursued a Doctor of Education Degree with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership at Pepperdine University, and has since dedicated his career to the fields of education and teaching.

For several years, Dr. Hall has been an esteemed and respected member of the Oxnard College faculty. After only two years at Oxnard College, Dr. Hall was recognized for his excellence in teaching when he was voted "Teacher of the Year" and delivered the commencement address in 1998.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Hall has also served as the Dean of Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Athletics, and Health Sciences at Oxnard Community College for six and a half years. Dr. Hall was the lead administrator responsible for starting an array of programs at Oxnard College that have immensely helped numerous students over the years. These programs have included the Oxnard College Dental Assistant Certificate Program, the "Proyecto Access" program, and the Oxnard College Marine Education Center. Dr. Hall has diligently worked alongside fellow faculty, staff, and community partners to make these milestones for Oxnard College students a possibility.

In 2010, Dr. Hall began serving as the President and Chief Negotiator for the Ventura County Federation of College Teachers, AFT Local 1828. In this role, Dr. Hall worked in partnership with faculty and colleagues to secure a successful three year contract that provided stability for the teachers and students of the Ventura County Community College District.

In November 2012, Dr. Hall was elected by the communities of Oxnard, Camarillo, and Port Hueneme to the Oxnard Union High School District School Board. Following his election, Dr. Hall continued his steadfast and outspoken advocacy for teachers and students. He has worked diligently to raise awareness about the necessity in reducing class sizes, raising pay for teachers and staff, and reducing expulsions. Dr. Hall has truly been a champion for Ventura County's students and teachers.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID L. MCKEEHAN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David L. McKeehan, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce (NCMCC). After 30 years of dedicated service, Dave will be retiring from the Chamber of Commerce on December 31, 2014.

Dave formed the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce by merging the Fitchburg and Leominster Chambers of Commerce, along with smaller business groups. Over the course of his tenure, he procured over $4.5 million in private sector funding and over $1 million in government grants for economic development programming in the region. Under his leadership, the Chamber of Commerce has grown a community of business memberships reaching over 1,000 member firms that employ upward of 25,000 individuals in the cities of Leominster and Fitchburg and surrounding towns. Dave was instrumental in the creation as well as saving of jobs within North Central Massachusetts during his years at the Chamber.

Dave is a true leader within the community and Chambers across the country. His hard work and dedication was recognized when he was awarded the ''Service Above Self Award'' by Mount Wachusett Community College for his contribution to the school as well as the 29 surrounding cities. Dave was also recognized by Fitchburg State University as being one of the ''100 Most Influential People in the Last 100 Years.'' When David officially retires, the Chamber of Commerce will lose a remarkable president and asset to their organization.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating David McKeehan on his retirement and wishing him the very best with his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF WILLIAM B. WILKINS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to honor Mr. William B. Wilkins on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

Mr. Wilkins was born October 31, 1919 in Anniston, Alabama and was married to Ms. Eunice B. Wilkins for 72 years. He served in the United States Air Force for two years spending 18 months in Europe during World War II.

Mr. Wilkins resides at Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home and enjoys spending time with his fellow Veterans

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Wilkins for his selfless service to our country and celebrating his 95th birthday today.

RECOGNIZING PENNY MOORE AS THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Penny Moore as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2014. Ms. Moore was among three educators selected throughout Northwest Florida for her inspiring efforts to bolster her students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, and I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

The never-ending yearning to help others is the foundation on which Ms. Moore has built her success as an educator. Prior to moving to Northwest Florida, Ms. Moore worked as a special needs teacher inspiring students at Churchill Academy in Montgomery, Alabama. She has since spent the last decade of her professional career teaching at Avalon Middle School in Milton, Florida. Her willingness and constant ability to adapt to the ever-changing needs of her students is a challenge that Ms. Moore embraces and is furthermore evidence of her passion to mold and enlighten the minds of our Nation's youth.

While she holds high expectations for her students and works diligently with them to master theory and practice, she also inspires and motivates her students to rise to the occasion and put theory into practice. Under her leadership and guidance as the school's science, technology, engineering, activity and math (STEAM) team, nearly 100 students from all grade levels have competed in boosting engineering, science, and technology (BEST) robotics competitions and the Science Olympiad and have represented Northwest Florida at state and national competitions. Furthermore, Ms. Moore recognizes the importance for her students to experience science and technology outside of the classroom and affords them the unique opportunity to visit the Flight Adventure Deck and the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, where students complete preparatory lessons and apply their knowledge of what they have learned through hands-on activities at the Adventure Deck.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Moore on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2014 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Moore all the best for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 15, I missed a rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea'' on No. 497.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 74TH ANNUAL ANNANDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET AND INSTALLATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department and to congratulate the 2014 award recipients and incoming 2015 officers and board members.

The Annandale Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department is one of 12 volunteer fire departments in Fairfax County, and since its founding in 1940, it has provided lifesaving, fire suppression/prevention, and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of the Annandale area and the surrounding community. The AVFD owns two stations, Station 8 on Columbia Pike and Station 23 on Little River Turnpike, and its front line fleet includes two ambulances, a medic, two engines, and one canteen unit. The Department also provides opportunities for professional growth and development of the membership.

The most valuable assets of the AVFD are the volunteers who donate their time and resources in service to our community. Last year alone, these highly skilled and committed volunteers contributed in excess of 15,000 hours responding to emergency incidents, attending training, and fundraising. Each year the AVFD recognizes those volunteers who have excelled in service and commitment, and it is my honor to enter the following names of the 2014 Annandale Volunteer Fire Department award recipients into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Outstanding Service Award (4 recipients): Kathleen Hinman, Richard Mitchell, Jason Pavelko, William 'Bill' Richmond.

Highest Administrative Hours Award: Shirley Binsky.

Admin Member of the Year: Walter Ferrebee and Diana Phan.

Rookie Members of the Year (two recipients): Nicole Dellinger and Kelly Kardos.

Most Training Hours: Yuan Yao.

Most Riding Hours: Chessy Dintruff.

Support Member of the Year: Fran Carfaro.

President's Award: Anthony 'Tony' Ruth.

Chief's Award: Laura Dye.

EMS Provider of the Year: Sean Bhatty and James Tuttle.

Firefighter of the Year: Robert Melgar.

Additionally, I wish to congratulate and thank the following men and women who have agreed to assume additional responsibilities as officers and board members for 2015:

Chief: Roger Waller.

President: Gary Moore.

Vice President: Sean Bhatty.

Treasurer: Ronald Waller.

Secretary: Diana Phan.

Directors: Shirley Binsky, Michael Hassan, and Peter Snitzer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2014 award recipients and in commending the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department for 74 years of service. I thank the brave volunteers whose dedication to public safety is deserving of our highest praise, and to each of these men and women I say: ''Stay safe.''

HONORING CONSTABLE MARTIN RODRIGUEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Constable Martin Rodriguez. Constable Rodriguez has faithfully served the people of South Texas in many capacities, and he honorably served his country in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Martiniano Rodriguez was born in San Antonio, Texas on December 8, 1944. The second of eight children, Martin graduated from C.W. Fox High School in 1965. Upon graduating from high school, Martin joined the Navy and served two tours of duty in the waters of Vietnam. After completing his Navy service, Martin started work at Kelly Air Force base, where he worked in the civil service for 18 years. He concurrently took classes at San Antonio College and graduated in 1977. In 1985, Martin decided to change careers, and began work at the Bexar County Constable's Department as an investigator. In 1993, Martin began working for the Wilson County Sheriff's Department and retired in 2006. Then in 2009, Martin ran for the office of Wilson County Constable, and has served in this role to this day.

In addition to a lifelong career of service to his country and his community, Constable Rodriguez will celebrate his 50th anniversary with his wife Belinda this coming January. Together, they have four children, ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Further, Constable Rodriguez has been a member and Officer of the Board of both the San Antonio and Wilson County Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), served as a life member of the Wilson County Housing Foundation, and served as a member of the Knights of Columbus of Wilson County.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Constable Martin Rodriguez for a lifetime of service to his family, his community, and his country.

HONORING THE CITY OF CAMARILLO

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the City of Camarillo as it celebrates 50 years as a thriving and prosperous community in the heart of Ventura County, California. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the City of Camarillo, along with its residents, on this historic milestone.

The City of Camarillo was incorporated on October 22, 1964, and was named after Adolfo and Juan Camarillo, the proprietors of Rancho Calleguas. At the time of the city's incorporation, a population of approximately 10,500 residents covered the 5.2 square miles of the municipality. Today, Camarillo boasts an appealing mixture of rural and suburban lifestyles to its over 66,000 residents covering a region that spans an estimated 19.5 square miles.

Located in the Pleasant Valley at the eastern end of the Oxnard Plain, Camarillo has developed into a flourishing community since its incorporation. The city has become known for its outstanding high-tech retail stores, specialty businesses, and modern buildings. Additionally, Camarillo has been ranked as one of the safest communities in Ventura County, an ideal and premiere city to raise a family, live, and work.

Furthermore, the City of Camarillo is home to an exceptional educated workforce, with a premiere four-year public university. California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) was established in 2002 and has been a phenomenal addition to the fabric of the city and surrounding community.

Throughout the years, Camarillo has maintained a balance between modernity and history. While providing modern amenities to its residents, the city is peppered with significant cultural and historic landmarks, such as the Camarillo Ranch House, the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum, and Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Since 1964, the City of Camarillo has defined itself as a distinguished community, with a wealth of history, culture, and innovation. Camarillo takes pride in its unparalleled quality of life and the many attributes of the community that have lasted throughout the years. For these reasons, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate the City of Camarillo on their 50th Anniversary.

CONGRESSWOMAN HONORS MS. LAURA LAWTON-FORSYTH, RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 NAOMI BERBER MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Laura Lawton-Forsyth of Spokane, Washington for receiving the Printing Industries of America's 2014 Naomi Berber Memorial Award. I am pleased to recognize her contributions as a business leader who works diligently to support Eastern Washington's economy as well as providing employment opportunities for citizens in Eastern Washington.

Founded in 1940 by Frank A. and Frank H. Lawton, Laura's grandfather and great-grandfather, Lawton Printing Inc. has remained a family business for more than seven decades. Through the years, Lawton Printing Inc. has been dedicated to serving the needs of its clients, enabling them to grow and diversify their business offerings.

Joining the company in 1991, Ms. Lawton-Forsyth held a variety of positions before being named president in October of 2001—the fourth generation of her family to hold that position. In 2012, Laura served as Chair of the Board of the Printing Industries of America, overseeing the direction and activities of the world's largest graphic arts trade association, representing an industry of more than 900,000 employees. As such, she became the second woman to be elected to the position since its founding in 1887. Leadership on a national level runs in the Lawton family. Her father, Ray, was also Chair of the Printing Industries of America, making the Lawtons the only father-daughter pair to serve in that role.

In presenting the 2014 Naomi Berber Memorial Award to Ms. Lawton-Forsyth, the Printing Industries of America honors this outstanding woman in the graphic communications industry for her exceptional record of accomplishments, contributions to the development of the graphic communications industry and for furthering the industry's interests. She has served on their Executive Committee since 2004 and on numerous other committees, including Research and Development, Finance, Marketing, and Government Affairs.

So today, I rise to acknowledge and thank Ms. Laura Lawton-Forsyth for her years of dedication and hard work. I also want to congratulate her, as leader of Lawton Printing Inc. and File-Ez Folder Inc., for receiving the 2014 Naomi Berber Memorial Award. I applaud her dedication to the printing industry and her contributions to the success of the economy in Eastern Washington.

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIA BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Julia Bancroft Elementary School.

Julia Bancroft Elementary School, located in Auburn, Massachusetts, was recently named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Julia Bancroft prides itself on the ability to prepare its students to succeed in a dynamic and fast-paced world. With a student body of approximately 285 third through fifth graders, Julia Bancroft Elementary focuses on its students at an individual level. Under the leadership of Principal Susan M. Lopez, teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a rigorous yet inviting environment where students are valued and differences are celebrated. The Julia Bancroft pledge, ''I believe, I will achieve, and I will succeed,'' encompasses Julia Bancroft Elementary School's tenets to help each student reach their potential.

To encourage students to become leaders and give back to their community, Julia Bancroft Elementary promotes numerous Community Service Learning Projects. Through fundraising, volunteer work, and reading programs, these projects have instilled in the students the importance of ''giving back.'' Other programs that contribute to student development while simultaneously benefiting the community include the Inventors' Fair, Turkey Trot, C.A.R.E. program, Literacy Night, Math Night, annual Community Reading Day, the Festival of the Arts, and various food drives.

Additionally, Julia Bancroft Elementary has strived to close academic gaps between students. Through the implementation of planned Intervention Blocks, Professional Learning Community discussions, and consistent differentiated instruction, teachers have targeted high-achievers and developed specific targeted instruction. This has resulted in the closing of gaps in the low income and special needs subgroups.

None of this would be possible without the talented educators and staff members of Julia

Bancroft Elementary School. Principal Susan M. Lopez has demonstrated a deep passion for the success of her students, as well as a commitment to creating a warm and welcoming learning environment. The tireless efforts of educators and staff at Julia Bancroft Elementary School have earned them the ''Level I School'' status for the past two years.

I'm so proud to represent the faculty, students, and staff of Julia Bancroft Elementary School, and I cannot wait to hear about their future successes. I ask you to join me in congratulating Julia Bancroft Elementary School for being selected as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School.

RECOGNIZING SARAH MASON AS THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Ms. Sarah Mason as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Elementary School and the esteemed Overall Teacher of the Year for 2014. Ms. Mason was among three educators selected throughout Northwest Florida for her inspiring efforts to bolster her students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education, and I am pleased to honor her outstanding achievements.

Though Ms. Mason has been teaching for ten years, she was keenly aware of her passion for putting others before herself long before she stepped foot in a classroom as an educator. Her teaching aspirations took flight in high school, when she joined the Gold Seal Quality Care program her junior year, which afforded her the opportunity to inspire the young minds of local elementary school students. Ms. Mason built on this positive experience and pursued a Bachelor of Education at the University of West Florida. She has spent the last seven years of her decade of teaching at Blue Angels Elementary School in Pensacola, Florida.

Ms. Mason credits her family for igniting in her curiosity and passion for science, which indirectly led to the chemical reaction rocket experiments in her backyard as a child that have helped her cultivate tomorrow's scientists and engineers as an adult. She brings science to life in her classroom through hands-on activities, like the pegboard ''engineering wall'' that allows students to engineer their own creations using pegs, rubber bands, and pipes and the building and analyzing of marble roller coasters to understand mathematical, scientific and engineering concepts through real world applications.

Ms. Mason also welcomes the latest technology in her classroom, including iPads loaded with STEM applications that stimulate student interest in outer space through the engineering of models of irregular galaxies and discovering the complex motions of the planets of our solar system, as well as constructing motors. In addition, Northwest Florida is home to some of the world's finest engineers, and Ms. Mason has partnered with Gulf Power Company making it possible for her students to engage its engineers in the developing of their classroom robots.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Ms. Mason on this well-earned achievement of Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Elementary School and the esteemed Overall Teacher of the Year for 2014 and thank her for her commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Mason all the best for continued success.

HONORING NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH AND SACRIFICES MADE BY NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Trickster Art Gallery for its presentation of Native American Veteran artwork in honor of Native Heritage Month and Veterans Day.

During the month of November, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of Native Americans, as their contributions have been and continue to be instrumental in the development of our great Nation. Native Americans have helped shape American conservation policy, enriched American culture and have fought gallantly for our country.

From the Revolutionary War to current combat missions, American Indians have played a vital role in the United States Military. In World War II, for example, over 375 Navajo Marines were trained as Code Talkers and famously saved countless lives with their unbreakable codes.

Native Americans continue to serve honorably on behalf of our Nation. According to the Department of Defense, American Indians and Alaska Natives have a greater proportion of Veterans than the general United States population. As a Veteran myself, I understand the great sacrifice and courage of the Native American Veteran community.

I am proud to represent the Eighth Congressional District where the diverse cultures of our great Nation are celebrated.

COMMENDING THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY ON ITS NEW JEAN R. PACKARD CENTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority on the ground breaking for the new Jean R. Packard Occoquan Center. Work on this multi-purpose facility will kick-off of a major rejuvenation effort throughout Occoquan Regional Park, which sits in Fairfax County just across the Occoquan River from the Town of Occoquan in Prince William County.

The 400 acre park is popular with families, boaters, and fisherman with its easy access to the river, athletic fields, picnic areas, and connections to multiple regional trails, including the Gerald E. Connolly Cross County Trail and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. The modernization of this regional park will feature a new entrance with greater roadside visibility, a loop trail traversing the entire park, a landscaped waterfront plaza, and other infrastructure improvements.

A new focal point of the park will be the Jean R. Packard Center, named in honor of my good friend and mentor. Jean recently retired from the Regional Park Board after 24 years of dedicated service. It is difficult to overstate the tremendous environmental legacy Jean has cultivated here in Northern Virginia. A veteran of the Women's Army Corps during World War II, Jean moved to Fairfax in 1951 and got her start in public service much the same way I did as president of her neighborhood civic association. Thus began five decades of civic engagement, particularly focused on environmental stewardship and protection.

She was the first woman elected as chairman the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1972 and was an unabashed environmentalist before it became trendy. During my 14 years on the County Board starting in 1995, Jean was a member of my trusted kitchen cabinet and helped shape our award-winning environmental agenda. After her tenure on the Board of Supervisors, Jean became the first woman elected to the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Though not continuous, she has served on the Board multiple times over the past 40 years, and she is in the midst of her most recent term at the age of 91!

She was a founding member of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, which recently renamed its lifetime achievement award in Jean's honor, and she has served on the national board of the Sierra Club. She has been recognized as Fairfax County's Citizen of the Year and Fairfax County Conservationist of the Year. I was proud to present Jean with the Fairfax County Park Authority's Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, which is named in memory of our dear friend and fellow community leader.

Fittingly, the new center that will bear Jean's name will include a robust educational component on our local history and the environment. It will tie in with the nearby Suffragist memorial within the park, and it will feature an interpretive collection showcasing the native flora and fauna of Northern Virginia at the time of John Smith's historic expedition in 1608. From its perch overlooking the river, the Jean R. Packard Center will put on full display the beauty of our local parks and demonstrate the value of protecting environmental treasures like the Occoquan for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for undertaking this grand park renewal and for its stewardship of its many other properties throughout the region, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the immeasurable contributions of Jean Packard a true environmental champion, who has dedicated her life to protecting and improving the natural resources that make our community such a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

TRIBUTE TO JIM XINIS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and recognize Jim Xinis and his twenty-five years at the helm of Calvert Memorial Hospital. Jim has been a tireless fighter to ensure the best service for the people of Calvert County and throughout southern Maryland.

Jim is an honest, confident, creative, and inspiring leader. He's been an effective manager and a visionary. His twenty-five years leading Calvert Memorial Hospital have been a period of growth and change that have increased quality, efficiency, and innovation for the benefit of patients and their families.

I will never forget how, in the summer of 2009, when the nation was engaged in a heated debate over passage of the Affordable Care Act, I asked Jim to facilitate a town hall meeting at North Point High School so I could hear from residents of the Fifth Congressional District on this important issue. It was quite a meeting with over 1,500 in attendance—and Jim displayed such grace and tact in keeping the meeting focused over several hours on the issues at hand and making sure everyone had a chance to weigh in. It was no easy task.

But Jim has never been one for easy tasks. Recognizing the challenge of rising health care costs and affordability, Jim created Calvert Healthcare Solutions, which serves the uninsured throughout the county. And under his leadership, Calvert Memorial Hospital has been the lowest cost hospital in Maryland for twenty consecutive years, with a reputation for providing a full range of services at a very high quality of care. At the same time, he has worked to preserve its warm community spirit, where patients can feel comfortable, cared for, and empowered. Jim's good humor and positive attitude have surely contributed to his effective leadership and his reputation for excellence.

I wish him well in retirement and thank him for his extraordinary service to Calvert County, to Maryland, and to our nation.

RECOGNIZING STAYUNITED

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize StayUNITED, a nonprofit organization based in Rockland County, New York, and its founders, Mark and Ismini Svensson.

StayUNITED is devoted to improving the quality of life for children and youth across the country and throughout the world. Their recent initiative, "50 Acts of Giving Back," promotes volunteerism while highlighting the power of social media to promote good causes. Mark and Ismini Svensson, both constituents of the New York 17th District, are traveling across the country, visiting all 50 states, to perform 50 acts of kindness. At the same time, they are using social media platforms to inspire others to become active members of their communities by performing their own acts of kindness.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mark and Ismini Svensson for their hard work and devotion to improving the lives of children across the globe. Their charitable journey is an inspiration for others and, through their hard work and kindness, has made the world a better place.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND HONORABLE SERVICE OF COLONEL JUSTIN McCARTHY "MAC" MILLER, USMC (RET.)

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a member of the Greatest Generation, Colonel Justin McCarthy "Mac" Miller, United States Marine Corps Retired, upon the occasion of his 100th birthday. Colonel Miller has dedicated his life to service to his community, his family, and to our great Nation, and I am humbled to honor him and his remarkable achievements today.

Born in 1914, aviation has always been a stronghold in Colonel Miller's life. As a young man, he admired the pursuit pilots, or fighter pilots, of the Allied Forces. From his early encounters with comic books and magazine covers depicting the Lafayette Escadrille, to his application to the United States Naval Academy, Colonel Miller knew his life's destiny was to become a fighter pilot.

While at the Naval Academy, he resigned as a midshipmen and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as an aviation cadet in 1940 before receiving his wings in 1941. His first assignment was as an Instructor Pilot in Pensacola, Florida, where he would return later in life. He then was assigned to Staff and Command school at United States Marine Corps Base, Quantico. Though these two assignments were perhaps not the most ideal for someone just pinning on wings eager to enter theater, shortly after the beginning of World War II, not only would Colonel Miller be presented with the opportunity to fly in combat, but he would be assigned as the Commanding Officer and take on the role of Executive Officer of the newly-established fighter squadron VMF 217, training in the F4F Wildcat. In 1943, the squadron embarked on the USS BARNES (CVE–20) deployed to the South Pacific, transitioned aircraft to the F4U Corsair, and flew combat missions over the Solomon Islands. In 1944, the squad embarked on the USS SANTEE (CVE–29) and deployed to Guam, where they commenced strikes against the island of Rota. In October 1944, Colonel Miller took Command of VMF–321 until 1945, when the squadron returned to the United States. Throughout his tour in the Pacific Theater, Colonel Miller commanded two fighter squadrons. He then joined the Reserves in 1948 after the end of the war, where he continued his career in flight while also proving to be a successful businessman, as evidenced by his ownership of many radio stations, including WCOA Pensacola.

Amongst his vast array of accolades and contributions lay a century's worth of anecdotes, including being taught to fly his favorite aircraft, the F4U Corsair, by the legendary Charles Lindbergh himself. Amazingly, throughout his remarkable career, Colonel Miller flew 140 combat missions in 31 different aircraft, and received three Distinguished Flying Crosses, 11 Air Medals, and four Battle Stars, amidst an interminable list of decorations, honors, and awards for his distinguished service in World War II.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Justin McCarthy "Mac" Miller is a valued member of our community and national history. He is a true "American Patriot" and an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of being a part of his exemplary life. My wife Vicki and I wish him a happy birthday as he turns 100 years young, and we wish him and his entire family all the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNITED STATES NAVY SEAL LIEUTENANT MICHAEL MURPHY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a fallen American hero, United States Navy SEAL Lieutenant Michael Murphy with a tribute to his most heroic life. On October 22, 2007 The Medal of Honor was presented to his family by President George W. Bush at The White House. This Veterans Day let us remember all of the Fallen like Lt. Murphy who have given That Last Full Measure to protect us. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

BUT, WHERE OUR HONOR LIES

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

All . . .
All in our darkest days of night!
As all around us the most wicked of evil casts its light!
When before us death so lies!
While, all out there on that road of life!
When, all in the throes war realized!
All in those moments of truth comprised!
Are but all of those defining moments of light!
Which shine so very bright!
Are but a true reflection of one's soul and might!
Which shines like gold this sight!
Comes the most precious of all things!
Above all else which surely rings!
As lies the proof of ones most inner being!
Is But, Where Our Honor Lies!
When all between life and death comprised . . .
When one's courage comes to rise!
All in those moments when who lives or dies!
So all depends on you comprised!
But comes only America's Best!
Is But Where Our Honor Lies this test!
When, uncommon valor is extolled!
And with clenched fist we see the greatest of all virtues, behold!
Coming from all within one's soul!
To our world as now exposed!
Is But Where Our Honor Lies!
As we lose so lose our breath!
As we so reflect upon all of this and those . . .
Most Christian acts as so!
Now carried deep in our souls!
All in hearts to have and hold!
Could we but live by such an honor code?
Would we ever see such light as have all of those?
With such Uncommon Valor who into that darkness did go!

What all their fine hearts emote!
To win that day and night!
All in those darkest of all fights!
All in this brilliance,
As when one's soul ignites!
Shinning All In The Brilliance of Honor's Light!
Now In Hearts To Hold!
Of which all our children must be told!
Will we so be the ones?
With such uncommon courage,
And grace as you Murph on earth as it is in heave they will be done!
And shine as bright as the midday sun!
While all in the face of evil,
For your Brothers In Arms to death look upon . . .
To Follow!
To Lead!
To help them succeed!
But, Where Our Honor Lies!
To evil to erase!
As with your fine heart they could not keep pace!
Out On Point!
All In Your Strength In Honor!
No one could take your place!
As you heard death's haunting call!
And the face of death Michael you saw!
And yet you did not hesitate!
Standing Strong and Standing Tall!
As our Lord and his Angel's watched you fall . . .
With tears upon their face!
How proud of you they must have been that day!
Watching you all in Honor's way!
Standing back all in such awe . . .
As your fine soul up to Heaven would ascend . . .
With you new life as an Angel to begin . . .
In The Army of Our Lord,
to watch over us and defend!
This Congressional Man our Nation has so blessed!
For Heaven could not wait for one of its best!
As we lower you fine body down to rest!
With but tears upon our face,
as Michael you showed us how to behave!
As these word in our hearts At East we made!
But Michael,
we will hear you in the night!
Upon gentle breezes so slight . . .
And we see will see your face and realize . . .
You are an angel to watch over us both day and night . . .
In life,
moments are all that we so have!
As our time begins To Make A Difference to grab!
To Crush Hearts!
To But Find Where Our Honor Lies!
SEAL . . . ED WITH A KISS,
AS MURPH WE SAY GOODBYE!
On this day knowing . . .
But Where Our Honor Lies!

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. SONNY HASHMI IN ADVANCING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES THAT ENHANCE CITIZEN SERVICES, SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS, AND PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES ACROSS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate my constituent, Mr. Sonny Hashmi of Oakton, Virginia for being selected as a 2014 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal finalist in the management excellence category.

The nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service presents the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals annually to pay tribute to America's dedicated civil servants. These prestigious medals honor and celebrate an esteemed group of Federal employees that have achieved significant accomplishments in the course of serving their country. Honorees are public servants who represent a broad and diverse array of disciplines and career fields. All nominees exemplify the ideal Federal employee with respect to their strong commitment to mission, and the creativity and spirit of innovation each brings to his or her respective agency.

Mr. Hashmi serves as the Chief Information Officer for the United States General Services Administration, or GSA. In this role, Mr. Hashmi is responsible for managing GSA's $600 million information technology budget and ensuring that GSA's IT initiatives effectively align with the agency's strategic goals and government-wide leadership responsibilities in key areas, such as information security and enterprise architecture efforts.

According to the Partnership for Public Service, Mr. Hashmi was instrumental in launching GSA's groundbreaking ''Drive to the Cloud'' initiative. This program enabled GSA to lead by example in becoming the first agency to transition its email services to a cloud-based platform, along with its collaboration and documents management tools. It is projected that these two migrations from legacy systems to cloud-based platforms will result in $15 million in savings for the agency by 2016.

Under Mr. Hashmi's visionary leadership, GSA has also worked to ensure its lesson learned and best practices permeate across the Federal Government, and it is a testament to Mr. Hashmi's success that each year, additional agencies follow GSA's blueprint and guidance in moving to embrace shared services and innovative cloud-based solutions.

Mr. Hashmi represents precisely the type of Federal Chief Information Officer our government desperately needs more of. I fully concur with GSA Administrator Daniel Tangherlini's recent observation that, ''Sonny not only fixes problems, but also provides newer and better solutions. He is a leader in the best sense. He is all about the outcome and builds a team that shares that desire.''

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our highest praise and congratulations to Mr. Sonny Hashmi for being selected as a finalist for the 2014 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Management Excellence Medal. Mr. Hashmi and his fellow nominees all boast impressive accomplishments, from working to eradicate polio in India to landing an exploratory vehicle on Mars to saving the Air Force more than $1 billion in 2012 by reducing energy consumption. It has been my great privilege and honor to represent Mr. Hashmi and the tens of thousands of exceptional Federal workers who hail from Virginia's 11th Congressional District. Each one deserves our gratitude and respect.

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE SISTERS OF MERCY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a momentous occasion—the 120 years of service the Sisters of Mercy have graciously provided the City of Laredo, Texas. For over a century, these Sisters have faithfully contributed to the health and well-being of the residents within my hometown.

Three Sisters arrived in Laredo in 1894 with the mission of building the city's first hospital. They came from Dublin, Ireland, and less than one month after their arrival, they accomplished their goal and opened a medical facility with six rooms and twelve beds. Though they were not formally trained in nursing, they committed to learning in order to serve the needy of Laredo. As the population and health care needs grew, Sisters of Mercy expanded to new buildings to care for as many Laredoans as possible.

Over the last 120 years, nearly 120 Sisters have faithfully served in Laredo, many of whom served for decades at a time. There are presently five sisters who serve the Laredo community: Sister Maria Luisa Vera, who recently celebrated her 50th jubilee and is President of Mercy Ministries; Sister Rosemary Welsh, who has served Laredo for 22 years and is the Executive Director at Casa de Misericordia and the Director of Outreach Services at Mercy Clinic; Sister Olivia Obregon, who has served for a total of 33 years in various nursing supervisory positions; Sister Kathleen Tinnel, who has served Laredo for 12 years both as a pediatric nurse and a minister; and the newest Sister—Sister Beth Yoest—who is on the faculty at St. Peter Memorial School.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the Sisters of Mercy for commendably caring for the citizens of Laredo throughout the past 120 years.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the West Florida Regional Planning Council and recognize its significant impact and contributions to Northwest Florida.

The West Florida Regional Planning Council was established in 1964 as the Pensacola-Escambia County Regional Council when the need of transportation planning and coordination was recognized. As the third regional planning council to have been formed in the State of Florida, it has since grown to also include Bay, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington Counties and their municipalities. In addition to transportation planning, the Council today provides a forum

to engage its members in regional planning, comprehensive economic development strategic planning, emergency preparedness planning, environmental planning and education, and intergovernmental review. Furthermore, the Council provides assistance in grant-writing, project management, technical planning, and data analysis.

Due to its collaborative nature, the Council naturally recognizes the importance of an all-of-community and region approach. To that end, it welcomes and encourages citizens throughout the Gulf Coast to become engaged in the process to actively address and solve problems of the growing region.

Over the past five decades, the Council has dedicated their efforts to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Northwest Florida. Their contributions have helped ensure that the Emerald Coast remains a top tourist destination and a place where thousands live like millions wish they could.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the West Florida Regional Planning Council. My wife Vicki joins me in thanking all of its members for their devotion to service and wishing them and the Council all the best for continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD FRAZIER MACIVER, JR., CHAMPION OF LGBT VETERANS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Donald Frazier MacIver, Jr., who has dedicated his life to serving his country, his community, and his fellow military service members and veterans. Donald's service began as a Senior Medical Specialist Non-Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army's elite 5th Special Forces Group. In Vietnam, Donald showed the depth of his commitment to service by participating in extraordinarily hazardous missions behind enemy lines as a member of the covert Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observations Group (MACV–SOG). His military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal.

In the last fifty years, Donald has worked tirelessly to advance the dignity and equal treatment of GLB service members and veterans. In 1993, Donald was arrested at the White House for his nonviolent civil disobedience in protest of the implementation of the U.S. military's discriminatory ''Don't Ask, Don't Tell'' policy. Donald has also served as a volunteer consultant on proper treatment and dignity for those living with HIV and AIDS. His contributions to the HIV/AIDS community include time as the Chair of the Community Advisory Board of the New York University Medical School, NYU Langone Medical Center, and Bellevue Hospital Center HIV/Hepatitis/Infectious Diseases Research Networks, and volunteer consultancy to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Public Health/Clinical Public Health. In 2011, Donald was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the VA Office of Public Health/Clinical Public Health for his ''dedicated service and commitment to improving the care provided to our nation's veterans.''

As president of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual (GLB) Veterans of Greater New York, Donald's leadership inspired GLB veterans who were discharged from the military for ''homosexual conduct'' to demand the respect and honor due for their faithful service. When unforeseen circumstances forced the closing of the GLB Veterans' office in January 2014, Donald went once again to action. Concerned that decades of activism and records of the discriminatory treatment of GLB veterans would be lost to history, Donald selflessly volunteered hours of his expertise to a coalition dedicated to preserving the GLB Veterans' archives. In March 2014, Donald singlehandedly organized, securely packaged, and transported sixteen boxes of archived records to a secure storage site in Bronx, New York. His continued stewardship of the records protects the memory of military veterans who faithfully served our country in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and elsewhere. It is impossible to calculate the value of Donald's contributions to GLB veterans' recognition and equality in New York City and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. SCOTT GERALD BORG, WHOSE LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING AMERICA'S ANTARCTIC RESEARCH PROGRAM INTO ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND ACCOMPLISHED IN THE WORLD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate my constituent, Dr. Scott Gerald Borg of Fairfax Virginia, for being selected as a 2014 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal finalist in the career achievement category.

The nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service presents the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals annually to pay tribute to America's dedicated civil servants. These prestigious medals honor and celebrate an esteemed group of Federal employees that have achieved significant accomplishments in the course of serving their country. Honorees are public servants who represent a broad and diverse array of disciplines and career fields. All nominees exemplify the ideal Federal employee with respect to their strong commitment to mission, and the creativity and spirit of innovation each brings to his or her respective agency.

Dr. Borg serves as the Head of the Section for Antarctic Sciences within the National Science Foundation's Division of Polar Programs. According to the Partnership for Public Service, under Dr. Borg's direction, the National Science Foundation's Antarctic research program has become one of the most esteemed and comprehensive on the continent. Today, Dr. Borg plays a critical role in guiding the U.S. Antarctic science program that supports cutting-edge research across a range of topics, including climate change, the origins and nature of the universe, and the discovery of new species of extinct dinosaurs.

The work being facilitated by Dr. Borg and his colleagues is truly groundbreaking research. For example, Dr. Borg's leadership is credited with overcoming numerous technical and logistical challenges that enabled the National Science Foundation to complete the West Antarctic Ice Sheet drilling project, which extracted ice core that dates back 68,000 years and represents the highest-resolution record of climate obtained to date. Further, Dr. Borg also oversaw the development of clean drilling technology that retrieved the first-ever pure water samples from an Antarctic lake a half mile below the surface of ice sheet. These samples are estimated to have been sealed under the ice for approximately 15 million years, and may enable researchers to understand what types of life can survive on other worlds.

Being named a finalist by the Partnership for Public Service is just the latest honor in Dr. Borg's outstanding and celebrated career that has made tremendous contributions to the global research community and elevated the prestige of Federal scientific research over the past two decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our highest praise and congratulations to Dr. Scott Gerald Borg for being selected as a finalist for the 2014 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Career Achievement Medal. Dr. Borg and his fellow nominees all boast impressive accomplishments, from working to eradicate polio in India to landing an exploratory vehicle on Mars to saving the Air Force more than $1 billion in 2012 by reducing energy consumption. It has been my great privilege and honor to represent Dr. Borg and the tens of thousands of exceptional Federal workers who hail from Virginia's 11th Congressional District. They all deserve our thanks and respect.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND HONORABLE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN ROBERT ''BOB'' RASMUSSEN, USN (RET.)

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize retired Navy Captain Robert ''Bob'' Rasmussen for his lifetime of honorable service and dedication to our great Nation on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola.

A native of Sacramento, California, Bob was born on May 26, 1930, and entered the Navy through the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in 1951. He excelled in flight training school at NAS Whiting Field and NAS Pensacola, both located in Northwest Florida, and was assigned to a fighter squadron in San Diego, California, where he deployed on multiple occasions to the Western Pacific aboard the carrier USS *Philippine Sea*. In 1956, he was selected to join the elite Navy Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels. For three years, he awed and inspired millions of Americans flying flight demonstrations as the right wing pilot and number four slot. Bob continued his tours at sea in Fighter Squadron 33 aboard the USS *Intrepid* and as a Flag Lieutenant to

Deputy Commander Atlantic Fleet before completing the Navy Postgraduate School program in Monterey, California. In 1966, he was assigned to Fighter Squadron 111 aboard the USS *Oriskany,* where he completed two combat tours in Vietnam and served as first Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer. Before returning to combat in Vietnam as the prospective Air Wing SIXTEEN Commander, subsequently selected for Captain and assigned as Chief of Staff and Operations Officer of Carrier Division SEVEN and then as Commanding Officer of the ammunition ship USS *Mount Hood,* Bob completed a tour in our Nation's capital region.

After the end of the war, he served as Commanding Officer of Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Puerto Rico before later returning to Washington to command the Aviation Officer Distribution Division of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Following three decades of service as one of the finest Naval aviators in history, recording 650 carrier traps and with more than 5,000 flight hours logged, as many servicemembers do, Bob found his way back to Pensacola where he completed his Naval service in 1983 as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation Schools Command. Throughout his prestigious career, he received many awards, including three Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Bronze Star.

Bob's love for aviation, however, remained, and his artistic prowess proved too strong, as he went on to serve as the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation Director of Development for four years before becoming Director of the National Naval Aviation Museum in 1987. During his tenure there, he produced hundreds of naval aviation watercolor pieces and several bronze sculpture works for the Museum, the Foundation, and several other historic venues, earning him the R.G. Smith Award for excellence in naval aviation art. As a direct result of his efforts, the Naval Aviation Museum more than tripled in size and remains the most successful Naval museum in the country as close to one million people visit and enjoy the museum each year.

My wife Vicki and I join Northwest Florida—and a grateful Nation—in thanking Captain Bob Rasmussen for his more than six decades of admirable military and public service and wish him all the best as he takes off in his retirement alongside his wife, Phyllis; their children, Kathryn and Eric; and grandchildren, Christopher, Ashton, Emily Page, Madison, Avery, and Jack.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the wonderful accomplishments of the St. Bernadette School.

St. Bernadette School, located in Northborough, Massachusetts, was recently named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Deeply rooted in Catholic ideals, St. Bernadette School strives to encourage intellectual curiosity, spiritual inspiration, and a high moral compass. Its rigorous academic program, commitment to Catholic values, and diverse student body has led the School to be called the 'Flagship of the Diocese' by the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester.

Since its founding in 1997, St. Bernadette School's enrollment has grown exponentially. The School's current body of approximately 500 students enables it to give students individual attention while holding them to high academic standards.

Through new initiatives, St. Bernadette School has incorporated technology into the learning process. Recently, the School has built a computer lab, a mobile Macintosh lab, and installed interactive whiteboards in every class room. An iPad program was also started in the 2012–2013 academic year, providing every student with additional learning opportunities. Foreign language programs are required at every grade level, in addition to pre-algebra and project-based learning initiatives. This diverse curriculum has resulted in many middle school students at St. Bernadette being selected to the Junior Honor Society, an organization that recognizes achievement in Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character and citizenship.

St. Bernadette also fosters community through its extra-curricular programs, hosting a variety of family-oriented events and fundraisers throughout the year. The Parent Guild hosts events such as Spree Day, Family Picnic, Walkathon, and more. The parents of St. Bernadette students also coach the school's sports teams, which include basketball, cross country, golf, ski, and track. In addition, students from grades 6–8 are divided into Houses, where they practice leadership and responsibility while planning communal outreach programs.

None of this would be possible without the work of the talented educators and staff members of St. Bernadette School. Principal Deborah C. O'Neil has demonstrated a passionate commitment to the success of her students. Time and time again, this has been exemplified through the School's consistent growth rate and track record of achievements.

I'm so proud to represent the faculty, students, and staff of St. Bernadette School, and I cannot wait to hear about their future successes. I ask you to join me in congratulating St. Bernadette School for being selected as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MS. ALICE LIPPERT IN DEVELOPING A CRITICAL INFORMATION-SHARING SYSTEM TO COORDINATE THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND POWER COMPANIES FOLLOWING NATURAL DISASTERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate my constituent, Ms. Alice Lippert of Fairfax, Virginia, on being selected as a 2014 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal finalist in the homeland security and law enforcement category.

The nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service presents the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals annually to pay tribute to America's dedicated civil servants. These prestigious medals honor and celebrate an esteemed group of Federal employees that have achieved significant accomplishments in the course of serving their country. Honorees are public servants who represent a broad and diverse array of disciplines and career fields. All nominees exemplify the ideal Federal employee with respect to their strong commitment to mission, and the creativity and spirit of innovation each brings to his or her respective agency.

Ms. Lippert is one of three United States Department of Energy officials who are being recognized for their significant contributions to the development of the groundbreaking data visual platform, known as EAGLE–I. EAGLE–I is our Nation's first-ever system that can gather and share real-time emergency situation information on power and natural gas infrastructure. As one disaster program manager at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers noted, before EAGLE–I, ''It was difficult to get a clear picture of what was going on. Now we rely on the DOE as the authoritative source.''

According to the Partnership for Public Service, Ms. Lippert, a senior technical advisor in the Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, was instrumental in recognizing that our country's inability to collect and access real-time data on energy infrastructure during an emergency represented a critical vulnerability that hampered the Federal Government's ability to effectively coordinate the response to major natural disasters, such as the destructive Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Ms. Lippert was not satisfied with the status quo emergency response system, which was antiquated and cumbersome in requiring Department personnel to directly contact energy companies to obtain data that would have to be manually entered into a data base. This process could take hours and did not provide Federal, State, and local first-responders with the real-time data they needed to gain situational awareness of a locality's battered power and natural gas infrastructure.

Ms. Lippert took the initiative by contacting two colleagues with subject matter expertise in advanced grid modeling and computer programming. Together, these civil servants worked in-house to build EAGLE–I, which now covers 75 percent of all U.S. electricity customers. However, it was not until October 2012 that EAGLE–I was put to the test, and the true value of Ms. Lippert's leadership and hard work was realized.

In the aftermath of the damaging Hurricane Sandy, our Nation's first-responders and emergency managers had access to regular updates on the grid status in the hard hit areas, enabling decisions to be guided by accurate and up-to-date data and information. As the Department's Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability noted, ''These reports were critical to decisions by federal, state and local officials in responding to and recovering from the catastrophe. The power outage reports gave insight to senior DOE leadership and responders that allowed them to make informed decisions, reducing

both the human and economic impacts associated with the storm.''

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our highest praise and congratulations to Ms. Alice Lippert on being selected as a finalist for the 2014 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Medal. It has been my great privilege and honor to represent Ms. Lippert and the tens of thousands of exceptional Federal workers who hail from Virginia's 11th Congressional District. They all deserve our deep gratitude and respect.

MARKING THE PASSING OF JAMES BRADY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of James Scott Brady, a courageous champion in the fight against gun violence and the legacy of lifesaving leadership he leaves behind. Through triumph and tragedy, Jim Brady remained an insistent and impassioned voice of clarity and consequence in our national effort to strengthen our gun laws. His death at age 73 concludes a life defined by public service and personal bravery—and renews the call to action that he made so well for so long.

Jim Brady, a proud alumnus of the flagship institution in his home state, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, discovered a life-long passion for public policy after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in political science.

After graduating, Brady worked with some of the leading American political figures of the late 20th century. As an aide to then-State Senator Everett Dirksen—who would later serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and as the U.S. Senate Minority Leader—Brady deepened an abiding belief in the power of public service to build a better world.

As an advisor to top-level public officials at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Management and Budget, Department of Defense and the U.S. Senate, Brady became an indispensable counselor and trusted friend to many. He was tapped to serve as Director of Public Affairs and Research for the Reagan-Bush Committee and, following the election, as Spokesperson for the Office of the President-Elect and White House Press Secretary.

On a fateful March in 1981, Jim Brady suffered a gunshot wound to the head during the assassination attempt on President Reagan's life. The road to recovery would be hard, but Jim and his wife, Sarah Brady, would inspire the nation with their resolve.

Strengthened by their own struggle, Jim and Sarah vowed to take a stand on behalf of all victims of gun violence. This couple's heroic leadership challenged our nation to act, and because they did, millions of Americans are safer and many of our communities are more secure.

It took the Bradys six years, seven votes, three administrations, endless strength and boundless courage to enact the Brady Handgun Violence Protection Act. But, thanks to their dedication, the Brady bill became the law of the land.

By 2010, the Brady law had blocked felons trying to buy guns more than a million times—an average of 171 felons denied applications to buy firearms a day. Almost 300,000 domestic violence offenders were prevented from buying guns. Thanks to Jim and Sarah Brady, countless families have been spared the tragedy of gun violence.

In recognition of this leadership, Jim Brady was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton. Today, the White House press secretary addresses the media—and the nation—from the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room.

Every day, the Bradys' legacy is felt in lives saved by the law that bears his name. Jim Brady's perseverance challenges all of us to never stop fighting for the common sense gun violence reduction measures our nation needs. Jim Brady was a man of extraordinary wit, charm and courage, and he will be sorely missed by all who had the good fortune to know him

I hope that it is a comfort to Jim's wife, Sarah, his children and all of his loved ones that so many people across the country share their grief and mourn the loss of such a valiant and dedicated man.

IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF MR. KENT HILL, DIRECTOR OF THE KANSAS CITY VA MEDICAL CENTER FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND CONSUMMATE DEDICATION TO OUR VETERANS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kansas City VA Director Kent Hill, a transformational leader with an open door policy that is known for the unselfish public service that he has provided to our veterans, their families, his staff, and to me in my capacity as United States Representative for the Fifth District of Missouri. I think it is important to recognize the accomplishments of those who professionally serve with distinction. Director Hill has done so modestly without bringing attention on himself.

The scope of his work since 2002 at the Kansas City VA Medical Center included an operating budget of approximately $260,000,000, approximately 1,500 employees and providing healthcare services to more than 45,000 veterans. He had the added responsibility of opening and overseeing clinical programs, including five Community Based Outpatient Clinics, and the new Honor Annex. In addition, the Kansas City VA Medical Center has a vibrant research and outreach program.

When Kent Hill took over as Director for the Kansas City VA Medical Center, he came in as a veteran who had attended the Air Force Academy and has spent 40 years in Federal service. During his career, he cultivated a successful management style, centered on personal involvement and respect for his staff and the veterans and their families that he served. He was an advocate of the methodology outlined in the book, ''The Servant Leader''. His staff worked within a management style that delegates power, believes in a team approach, motivation, recognition, and at the core; an understanding for the veterans and their issues. He has been a strong advocate for continuing professional growth through education and initiated a mentoring program.

Under Kent Hill's direction, the hospital has undergone a complete floor to floor update and expanded to include: new surgical suites, Women's Clinic, Chiropractic care, state of the art Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, Hospice Unit, Blind Rehab Center, Cochlear implant program, Sleep Lab, New Ambulatory Surgery Unit, an OIF/OEF Case Management Program and a new Dialysis Unit.

Access to VA healthcare and services have long been a priority for Director Hill. His management and oversight of veteran access included weekly meetings with clinical leaders to review capacity for appointments and wait times as well as decisions on adding staff and new services. To facilitate easy access for veterans to the programs and services of the Kansas City VA Medical Center, Director Hill originated a Greeter program, a Vet 4 Vet navigator program and shuttle service to and from the parking lots; and a successful and long awaited Veterans Transportation Service became operational. He tackled telephone access and electronic messaging to providers. Director Hill did not stop with services and programs at the main hospital—but placed emphasis on taking VA healthcare outside the parent facility and into the surrounding communities. He activated a Mobile Medical Unit, opened Community Based Outpatient Clinics, and built a community-based Radiation Therapy Building. One of his more noteworthy achievements was the opening of a large outpatient building—the Honor Annex—that houses mental health services, primary care and a women's clinic.

One of the compliments that I have heard often is regarding cleanliness and modernization of the hospital. An example of his receptiveness and desire for a more accessible environment can best be illustrated with the Director's directive to remove glass partitions that had created barriers between staff and veterans. This important move coincided with many communication and outreach initiatives.

During my time in office, I have watched the Kansas City VA gear up for returning veterans from current conflicts while maintaining services to all of our existing veterans. An example of Director Hill's proactive style became evident as the current conflicts brought new mental health problems and illnesses, he called for focused education for his staff on how to identify and help veterans coming home from combat. With the continual evolution of hidden wounds from war, he ensured the staff was trained to identify signs of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury and possible suicide. Expanding of mental health services included veterans having access to Veterans Court as well as a multitude of homeless programs and initiatives. An example of the influence and impact of Director Hill's leadership is the widespread participation of the KCVA staff in the spring and fall community Heart of America Stand Down for homeless veterans. Director Hill can be seen every year personally distributing boots to homeless veterans. Since arriving in Kansas City, Director Hill has championed inner city and rural outreach programs to ensure veterans are aware of their many benefits. His

outreach efforts have touched veterans in many different locations throughout the Heartland. In 2013, Kansas City VA staff hosted and/or participated in more than 40 veteran-focused events. Director Hill can be seen at many different events always supporting causes and programs for our veterans. He has a strong dedication and commitment to the veterans he serves. One of the most compelling stories about Director Hill is when he attended the funeral of a civil war veteran, whose family had long-awaited formal burial. These are only a few of the many examples of how Kent Hill has torn down barriers and gained the respect of our veterans.

Perhaps the most gratifying praise one can receive is to have the respect and appreciation from those they serve. Among the veterans of Missouri's Fifth District, Director Hill is regarded as a listener who takes their concerns seriously and will take the time to discuss solutions, explains his position with diplomacy and compassion. In an effort to have a closer relationship with our veterans, he meets periodically with the Veterans Focus Liaison Committee. This committee concept was presented to Director Hill by a group of veterans who received services at the Kansas City VA Medical Center. The idea was readily accepted and this grassroots committee took shape. The members talk to their peers and relay their concerns to the Director. He has been receptive to their suggestions and always willing to investigate their grievances. This partnership has resulted in more honest communication and better relations between staff and the veterans they serve. Veterans have commented that when meeting with Director Hill, he already was aware of the issue and had been working on solutions.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in recognizing and honoring Mr. Kent Hill, Director of the Kansas City VA Medical Center upon his retirement from the Department of Veterans Affairs. While he embraces this next phase of life with his wife, Anita; children, Blake, Kirk, Keith and Stephen; and grandchildren, he leaves with the respect and admiration of those who have had the pleasure of working with him. I wish to personally thank him for his tireless service to our country and his unquestionable dedication to our veterans. His imprint will long be felt by future generations at the Kansas City VA Medical Center and in our community.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAY PEANUT FESTIVAL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Jay Peanut Festival and recognize its founders, Gene and Brenda Gabbert and the community of Jay, Florida.

The Town of Jay, situated in northern Santa Rosa County, Florida near the Florida/Alabama line, is home to over 500 residents and the annual Jay Peanut Festival.

A quarter of a century ago, Gene and Brenda Gabbert founded the festival in honor of their daughter Melissa, who had lost her battle with cancer at the young age of 19. Melissa found great joy in frequenting agricultural festivals throughout the Gulf Coast and the special sense of community that festivals often bring to life. After her passing, the Gabberts started the Jay Peanut Festival to keep Melissa's memory alive and bring together the entire Northwest Florida community in celebration of the area's deep agricultural history.

In the 25 years since, the festival has flourished. While the pig chase has remained a highlight, what began in 1990 as a one-day event with 30–40 vendors is now a two-day event with 230 booths, live entertainment, carnival rides, 5k run, and a parade. The staple of the festival—the peanut—may attract the tens of thousands of visitors from all over; however, to the Town of Jay, the festival is much more than that. It's also a celebration of community, that Melissa was so fond of, and its members who have helped carry on this proud tradition.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commemorate the 25-year history of the Jay Peanut Festival. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing the Gabberts and the Town of Jay all the best for continued success.

HONORING ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGE DIANA BAUTISTA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career of Atascosa County Judge Diana Bautista. Judge Bautista has served the people of South Texas since she was elected in 2002.

Prior to becoming County Judge, Diana Bautista worked for the county as a clerk, as a Secretary for the jail Administrator, and then became a Pleasanton police officer and Atascosa County Sheriffs Deputy. During her time with public service offices such as these, Judge Bautista learned how she could best serve the people of Atascosa County. Taking her oath in 2003, Judge Bautista has served admirably for over a decade, boldly advocating for the citizens and employees of the county. In addition to her exemplary career, Judge Bautista is a committed wife and mother and a cancer survivor.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Judge Diana Bautista. Her dedication to the citizens of Atascosa County has truly made her community a better place to live and work.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation. For the past quarter century, the Foundation has provided low-cost housing to the homeless and those on the brink of homelessness in Prince William County.

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation was established in 1989 when the need for housing for the mentally ill became apparent. The first group home, ''Shepherd House I,'' opened in 1989 with a $1,500 donation from co-founders, Horace and Virginia Baker. As the parents of an adult child with mental health issues, the Bakers knew firsthand the challenges in finding safe housing options that would allow their son to live as independently as possible while receiving the care he needed. Mr. and Mrs. Baker, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, worked closely with the Prince William County Community Services Board to establish the bedrock of a stable and lasting program. In its beginning, the Foundation provided housing for five single adults.

Since its inception, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation has grown substantially in both clientele and breadth of mission. Now in 25th year, the Foundation provides housing and supportive services for 77 single adults and 45 families in 70 households throughout Prince William. Assistance is extended to those with chronic low income and mental or physical disabilities. The organization is sustained by the efforts and donations of individuals, businesses, and churches, and it receives assistance from local, state, and federal funding.

The Shepherd Homes Program offers group living and single adult housing options to mentally-ill individuals. Shepherd Homes I, II, and III are properties owned by the Foundation that function as group homes. The Foundation also provides eight apartments, one townhouse, and one affordable rental house maintained by the Foundation offering the mentally ill, some of whom are veterans, relief from chronic homelessness. Beyond housing assistance, the Foundation offers services that put residents on a path to financial and psychological stability.

Over the years, the Foundation has expanded its mission providing a broader scope of resources to the community to aid in providing housing to individuals and families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. The Foundation offers a holistic program approach aimed not only at providing housing but also teaching program participants the importance of education and financial management. Programs and services include the Affordable Rentals Program, Shepherd Homes, Shepherd Leasing, and a two-year Transitional Housing Partnership. Tutoring and child-care services are also available for the children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the work of Good Shepherd Housing Foundation in Prince William and in congratulating it on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. The Foundation exists thanks to the dedication and generosity of its board, staff, volunteers, and many community supporters, and it is another example of what makes Prince William such a wonderful place to live.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S DEBORAH ''DEE'' COPELAND

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Deborah ''Dee''

Copeland upon the occasion of her retirement. For 42 years, Ms. Copeland has dedicated her career to educating our Nation's youth and serving the Gulf Coast community.

A graduate of Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi, Ms. Copeland began teaching at Mowat Junior High School in Panama City, Florida, in 1972. Eight years later, she joined the faculty at King Middle School in Milton, Florida, where she has established herself as a leader amongst the great educators in Northwest Florida and where she teaches today, chairs the History/Civics Department, and is the Student Government Association Advisor.

For over four decades, Ms. Copeland has inspired the minds of our Nation's youth, and her innovative techniques have brought unique learning opportunities and experiences to her students. Whether organizing an annual visit to Tallahassee, the state capital, to engage her students in the legislative process, sponsoring an annual Veteran's Day program to honor area veterans and first responders and educate her students on the contributions and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, or building pyramids and volcanoes, Ms. Copeland's passion for teaching is demonstrated through each of her tireless efforts in making learning enjoyable and bringing it to life.

Her dedication and service, however, is not confined to her classroom at King Middle School. Ms. Copeland teaches hospital homebound students in the evenings as well as Sunday School at her local church. She has also organized and sponsored countless events, including the Ronald McDonald House Easter Basket to benefit Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in Pensacola, Florida; a Thanksgiving food basket drive to provide for the needy; a blanket giveaway for our area's homeless and to support low-income families; and Meet-the-Candidate breakfasts during election years to afford an additional opportunity to her students and the local community to participate in the democratic process.

Her involvement in the classroom and throughout the community has not gone unnoticed. As a result of her commitment to excellence and service, Ms. Copeland has received myriad awards, including the Alpha Delta Kappa Educator of the Year in 2012, the Governor's Award in Education, the International Award ISTE Ana Mackay-Gutierrez Award for Community Giving, the Santa Rosa County Volunteer of the Year in 2006, the Veteran's State Teacher of the Year in 2007, and the King Middle School "Teacher of the Year" award three times throughout her tenure.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Deborah "Dee" Copeland for her lifetime of achievements and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Ms. Copeland all the best for continued success in her well-earned retirement and thanking her for her service.

RECOGNIZING THE STROKE COMEBACK CENTER'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Stroke Comeback Center on the occasion of its 10th anniversary and the critical health care services that it provides to stroke survivors and their families in our community.

The SCC is a non-profit founded by Darlene Williamson and John Phillips in 2004 to create a community in which stroke survivors and their families could receive proper long-term treatment. Meaningful care for stroke survivors is limited in the United States, and the SCC is one of less than ten such facilities. The mission of the SCC has been to pick up where traditional health care coverage misguidedly leaves off by providing affordable speech and language services to stroke survivors in a supportive and participating environment. No patient is ever turned away because they can't afford the cost.

The current situation of stroke coverage and care is in desperate need of reform. It is common misconception that recovery is quick and easy when in reality stroke survivors require comprehensive rehabilitation for a protracted period of time to fully regenerate their cognitive and physical abilities. Yes insurance coverage for such care, if provided at all, runs out within 3–12 months, and the Medicare therapy cap for speech and physical therapy falls well short of covering the true costs. There is an estimated direct and indirect cost of about $73.7 billion. However, it is impossible to measure the emotional, physical, and financial burden a stroke puts on a survivor and their family.

Today, the SCC operates with about 100 individuals served in 40 groups weekly, growing from just five groups in 2005. More than a dozen committed volunteers contribute more than 3,000 hours annually. The SCC works closely with national, state, and local stroke-related organizations and receives referrals from all of the major hospital centers in the metropolitan area. Ninety-three percent of survivors report improvement in one or more areas of speaking, listening, writing or reading. On average, survivors report that they are now three times more confident in their social interactions allowing them to reestablish their role in their family and the community. The success of the SCC is due in part to their undiminished and comprehensive programs. Its life participation, group-based approach helps patients achieve their maximum potential.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and achievements of the Stroke Comeback Center and its dedicated staff and volunteers over the past 10 years. The services and programs offered by the SCC fill a void in the rehabilitation process and significantly improve the quality of lives of stroke survivors and their families.

IRON BILL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2013, Houston Fire Department suffered its most tragic event in its history. Four of Houston's bravest firefighters died in the line of duty, fighting a 5-alarm blaze at a hotel in southwest Houston:

Captain EMT Matthew Renaud, 35, of Station 51;

Engineer Operator EMT Robert Bebee, 41, of Station 51;

Firefighter EMT Robert Garner, 29, of Station 68;

Probationary Firefighter Anne Sullivan, 24, of Station 68.

They were the best we had in Houston, and we are still saddened that they are gone.

The hotel's hellish inferno claimed the lives of these four firefighters and injured fourteen other firefighters when the roof collapsed—some critically. One of the brave who survived was Captain William Dowling, also known as "Iron Bill."

Iron Bill was injured serving Houston, the community in which he was raised. A graduate of Klein Oak High School, Captain Dowling left Texas to serve his nation as an enlistee with the United States Marine Corps. In 1993, on leave from Marine boot camp training, he married his high school sweetheart—Jacki. As a Marine, Iron Bill served 4 years, including a deployment to Somalia with I Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Restore Hope, 1995. He returned home to Texas and to Jacki to begin his career and to start a family. Twenty-one years later, Captain Dowling and Jacki have three children: Forrest, Faith and Foster.

Iron Bill's patriotic spirit and love of the community led him to join the Houston Fire Department. He graduated from the Houston Fire Department Academy in 2000 and steadily rose through the ranks. He worked at Stations 12, 19, and 48 before making Captain at Station 68 in January of 2013. Firehouse 68 is located at the corner of Bissonnet and South Gessner in the "heart of Southwest Houston". In 2013, the fire apparatus of Firehouse 68 made 14,847 responses, making it the third busiest fire station in the City of Houston. There, at Firehouse 68, Captain Dowling became known as "Iron Bill," a fitting nickname to describe a strong and courageous hero.

It was just five months after he arrived at Station 68 that Captain Dowling and fellow firefighters received an alarm call that would take them to the gates of hell.

On that fateful day, in the heat of the Texas noonday sun, Captain Dowling along with the four other firefighters rushed into the hotel to find potential trapped guests. While the firefighters were in the hotel, the roof collapsed, trapping and killing Garner and Sullivan from Station 68 and Bebee and Renaud from Station 51. Captain Dowling's legs were crushed and burned, but he remained calm, radioed for help and waited for his brothers to pull him from the flames.

The attending physician in the ambulance said that Captain Dowling, though severely injured, kept asking about the condition of his crew. He was more concerned for the safety of others than himself—the testament of a true hero. He told the doctor, on the way to the hospital, to tell his wife and children that he would fight for them. Hearing this comes as no surprise to Captain Dowling's family: they know him as a fighter.

Captain Dowling was seriously injured with burns over thirty percent of his body, and he was placed in a medically induced coma for months at Memorial Hermann Hospital and Medical Center. He subsequently had both legs amputated and suffered brain damage. A long road of recovery was ahead for Captain Dowling, but surrounded by a team of doctors, his family, firefighter family, friends, church

and the entire city and state of Texas, Iron Bill was not alone. Deservingly, Captain Dowling became everyone's hero.

Finally, six months after the fire, Captain Dowling left the hospital and went home, riding in Station 68's newly dedicated fire truck. Of course, he sat in the Captain's Chair. Along the drive home, he was greeted by firefighters and members of the community, who lined the streets and highways from the Texas Medical Center to Tomball.

Since returning home, Jacki left her full time job at Frank Elementary to care for her husband full time. It's no surprise that as a Texas woman, she's strong and determined, but quite simply, the strength that she possesses is amazing. To keep the community updated on Iron Bill, she started blogging on a community Facebook page (entitled ''Capt. William Dowling Iron Bill''). This blog allows the community to rally behind the Dowling family: cry with them, laugh with them, pray for them and see their hero survive.

In the last year, Captain Dowling has received a customized fire tank chair. It's an ATV-like wheelchair, and he loves driving it! At home, Houston Texans' JJ Watt visited Iron Bill and presented him with a Houston Texans' jersey with the #68 proudly displayed. Captain Dowling loves to sing and play guitar—from Bon Jovi to Third Day—and Texas Country music star, Cory Morrow, played for him when he was in the hospital. He was even able to travel to San Diego to see his son Private Forrest Dowling follow in his footsteps and graduate from the Marine Corps' Recruit Training. When Private Forrest Dowling held his newly earned Eagle, Globe and Anchor in the palm of his hand with pride after completing the Crucible, April 17, 2013, Forrest said that the main reason he decided to sign the dotted line and become a Marine, was because of his dad. He said my dad was a Marine and always wanted me to become a Marine as well, so it's what I set out to do. Despite his amazing progress, Captain Dowling has had his share of challenges. His pain is debilitating—so much so that Jacki cried out for help and prayers that he could be seen by a team of experts who had experience with traumatic amputations. She had heard of the work of the team at Brooke's Army Medical Center, which operates the only DOD Burn Center, at Fort Sam Houston and set out to work to get him admitted. The community rallied, launching a change.org petition, emailing and calling BAMC and reaching out to my office. It's rarely talked about, but most Congressional offices spend the majority of their time on ''casework,'' offering constituents help with a federal department or agency.

Within a matter of hours, Brooke's Army Medical Center deemed Captain Dowling admissible, saying they are honored to receive him and that he would be embraced by fellow Marines. Once the appropriate medical records were transferred, an ambulance transported Iron Bill from St. Luke's Hospital to Brooke's Army Medical Center for further treatment.

As Iron Bill gets the medical care that he needs, I hope he knows the community of Tomball and the greater Houston area and, of course, Texas' Second District eagerly awaits his return home. When that happens, I hope we line the streets and cheer for him once again. For our community will always be grateful for his service and sacrifices. Once a hero, always a hero.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED GEORGE H. WHITEHURST

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's beloved George H. Whitehurst who passed away on October 19, 2014. Throughout his long and distinguished career as a mayor and businessman, Mr. Whitehurst served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals. All those who have been blessed by his presence and leadership mourn the loss of a great man and esteemed public servant.

Mayor Whitehurst was born in Greenwood, Florida on July 28, 1926 to George and Ethel Whitehurst. Upon graduating from Greenwood High School, he enrolled in Florida State University where he was a part of the Flying High Circus and performed on the flying trapeze. From 1943 to 1945, Mayor Whitehurst honorably served our Nation in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman, as well as an operating room technician. Following his military service, he continued his education and graduated from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1950. In 1955, Mayor Whitehurst settled in Crestview, Florida, where he and his wife, Annelle, opened the Whitehurst Funeral Home. In 1961, he entered the public service arena where he would use his great business sense to lead the Crestview community as mayor for more than two decades.

As Crestview's longest serving mayor, Mayor Whitehurst tirelessly worked to better the city he loved. He successfully advocated for increased public safety and economic development, which resulted in the establishment of two police substations and the Crestview Public Safety Building, development of an emergency transportation corridor, restoration of a cemetery, construction of the Okaloosa County Veterans Memorial, conversion of the former Yellow River Railroad bed into Industrial Drive, and a revitalized downtown, among other efforts.

Mayor Whitehurst was a man of conviction and was widely respected by those who knew him. The community's immense appreciation was well evidenced when he received the Mae Reatha Coleman Citizen of the Year Award in August 2013 for his outstanding service. Mayor Whitehurst, fondly known as ''Mr. Crestview,'' will be remembered for his exceptional leadership and contributions to the Gulf Coast community, and his legacy will not be forgotten. To his family and friends, he will be remembered most as a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of George H. Whitehurst. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our sincerest condolences and prayers to his wife, Annelle; daughters, Angela and Ann; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and the entire Whitehurst family. He will truly be missed.

RECOGNIZING NETKAL AND KOREAN AMERICAN SERVICE DAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to applaud the efforts of a group of Korean-American leaders in the United States as they successfully launched the first Korean-American Service Day, (''KA Service Day'') on Saturday, November 8, 2014, with hundreds of volunteers participating in various events held in New York, Atlanta, Washington DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

KA Service Day was conceived by the Network of Korean-American Leaders (NetKAL), a leadership program organized by the Center for Asian-Pacific Leadership at the University of Southern California for the purpose of incubating the next generation of Korean-American leaders. In 2014, the eighth class of leadership fellows convened in New York City over the course of six months and, as in years past, was challenged to come up with a community service project with far-reaching impact. The creation of ''Korean-American Service Day'' was an idea put forth by the 2014 class of NetKAL fellows.

The five-city service day aimed to encourage Korean-Americans across the nation to give back to their local communities. Some of the volunteer opportunities ranged from food pantries and meal programs to outdoor restoration projects. They partnered with nonprofit organizations, such as City Harvest to distribute fresh produce in the South Bronx neighborhood of my congressional district in New York City. From sorting donations to the Downtown Women's Center in Los Angeles and planting trees in a community greenspace in Atlanta, volunteers on KA Service Day demonstrated their collective will and power to become positive agents of change in our society. I hope that the huge success of the inaugural KA Service Day will inspire thousands of dedicated volunteers to help grow it into one of the largest days of service in America.

As a Korean War veteran, I have been proud to witness the Korean community flourish across our nation. Since 1903, when they first came to America, Korean immigrants have played a vital role in shaping our society through their strong family ties and hard work. They have inspired us with their entrepreneurialism and perseverance toward building success and wealth for their families and communities. As a Congressman representing the communities in the New York metropolitan area I have been greatly impressed by the tremendous contributions made by half-a-million Korean Americans and 1,000 professional, educational, religious, and trade organizations, as they play a vital role in the Great City of New York. I am grateful to them and the members of NetKAL for their leadership in making a positive impact on our society.

RECOGNIZING THE 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF LITERACY VOLUNTEERS—PRINCE WILLIAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 23rd Anniversary of Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William.

Founded in 1991 by local librarian Dona Swanson to help teach a library patron to read, Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William has maintained its direct service approach, by providing individualized adult literacy tutoring based on the personal needs and goals of adult learners. LVA–PW understands that literacy is a critical skill which can open the doors to educational and employment opportunities. As a literature major in college, I cannot agree more.

LVA–PW's programs are well-researched and constantly tracked and evaluated by staff to ensure their effectiveness. This has proven to be a highly successful model: in 2014, LVA–PW served 667 adult learners who received a total of 14,000 hours of instruction from 212 trained volunteer tutors. Many of these participants learned to read and write thereby enabling them to become full participants in our communities and, in many cases, to earn their GEDs and achieve employment.

Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William has established itself as an institution in the community, fostering local partnerships to strengthen both their own services and those of other community groups, including the Prince William County Library System, the Virginia Employment Center, Northern Virginia Community College, the Prince William County Adult Education Program, and local businesses through workplace literacy programs. LVA–PW has been recognized as Community Service Organization of the Year by the Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Organization of the Quarter by Prince William County, and Friday's Hero by the local Channel 9 News. Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William is a model to be emulated.

Each year the Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William recognizes individuals for their commitment as students, tutors, or volunteers. I am pleased to enter the following names of the 2014 honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Students of the Year—Rut Amdemskal and Iftikhar Haq

Tutors of the Year—Davine Irving and Linda Mazzucchi

Volunteer of the Year—Ernestine Jenkins

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William on the occasion of its 23rd Anniversary and in thanking the volunteers, sponsors, staff, and community partners for their efforts in support of this worthwhile organization. I also commend Vicki Gross for her many contributions to LVA–PW while serving as Executive Director.

HONORING WILSON COUNTY JUDGE MARVIN QUINNEY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career of Wilson County Judge Marvin Quinney. As a veteran of our nation's armed services, a dedicated officer of the State of Texas, and as a man of God, Judge Quinney has and continues to faithfully serve the people of his county to the best of his ability.

Marvin Quinney's lifetime of public service began in 1965 when he joined the United States Army to assist military efforts in Vietnam. After two years in the Army, future Judge Quinney spent a year working in a Texas oilfield—a period he cites for shaping his strong work ethic. He returned to public service in 1968 as a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper from 1968 until 1995. He later served as a Federal Court Security Officer in San Antonio for three years. It was after this period that Judge Quinney announced his bid for the office of Wilson County Judge, promising to serve the County with responsibility, integrity, and confidence. Since his election in 1998, Judge Quinney has stayed true to his word. Among his many achievements in office are the protection of Wilson County's water rights, the continuation of low tax rates and the organization of a successful Sesquicentennial celebration. Currently, he is focused on overseeing the restoration of Wilson County's beautiful, historic Courthouse. When he retires on December 31, 2014, Judge Quinney will have served four terms in office and will leave an honorable legacy in his stead.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Judge Marvin Quinney. His dedication to his nation, the state of Texas, and especially to the citizens of Wilson County is truly admirable.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 14

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on Ukraine's pivotal parliamentary poll, focusing on the conduct and results of the elections, as well as the potential for the newly elected parliament to confront the coming challenge of forging a democratic, secure, independent future for their strategically important country.

SD–608

NOVEMBER 18

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight

To hold hearings to examine tax relief after a disaster, focusing on how individuals, small businesses, and communities recover.

SD–215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management

SD–342

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters.

SH–219

NOVEMBER 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency, focusing on balancing stability, growth, and affordability in the mortgage market.

SD–538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, ''Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act'', H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and the nominations of P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel, and Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and any pending nominations.

SD–430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine preparedness and response to public health threats, focusing on how ready we are.

SD–342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans' mental health and suicide.

SR–418

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine combating corruption in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the link between security and good governance, including a need to build effective institutions and the important role played by civil society in combating corruption.

SVC–203–202

11 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine The FANS Act, focusing on if sports blackouts and antitrust exemptions are harming fans, consumers, and the games themselves.

SD–226

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the private industry's role in stemming the tide of phone scams.

SD–562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine protecting our children's mental health, focusing on preventing and addressing childhood trauma in Indian country.

SD–628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gilberto de Jesus, of Maryland, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

SR–428A

NOVEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses.

SD–106

NOVEMBER 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To continue hearings to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses.

SD–106

DECEMBER 2

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, David J. Berteau, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Material Readiness, Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, all of the Department of Defense.

SH–216

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HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumés of Congressional Activity for September and October 2014.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5885–S5937

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2913–2919, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Res. 576–577. **Page S5918**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, October 1, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. (S. Rept. No. 113–264)

Report to accompany S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program. (S. Rept. No. 113–265)

Report to accompany S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. (S. Rept. No. 113–266)

Report to accompany S. 2465, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 113–267)

S. 1347, to provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–268)

S. 1690, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007, with amendments.

S. 2646, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on Wednesday, November 12, 2014:

S. 1793, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–269)

Report to accompany S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness. (S. Rept. No. 113–270) **Pages S5917–18**

Measures Passed:

National Day of Writing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 576, expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the "National Day of Writing". **See Next Issue**

Measures Considered:

Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2609, to restore States' sovereign rights to enforce State and local sales and use tax laws. **Pages S5885–87**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5902**

USA Freedom Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2685, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes. **Page S5902**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5902**

Appointments:

The following appointments are to be printed in the Record, pursuant to the order of September 18,

2014, but the Chair did not announce the appointments:

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: On behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 110–315, the appointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity:

George Hanks Brown of Colorado, vice William Armstrong. **See Next Issue**

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: On behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–498, as amended by Public Law 110–315, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:

John White of Nevada, vice Sharon Wurm of Nevada. **See Next Issue**

Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: On behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114 (b)(2)(c), the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term expiring 2018:

Christopher A. Coons of Delaware, vice William F. Winter of Mississippi. **See Next Issue**

Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: On behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114 (b)(2)(c), the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term expiring 2020:

Mike Moore of Mississippi. **See Next Issue**

National Council on Disability: On behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 93–112, as amended by Public Law 112–166, and further amended by Public Law 113–128, the appointment of the following to serve as a member of the National Council on Disability:

Bob Brown of Nevada, vice Stephanie Orlando. **See Next Issue**

Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, Senate begin consideration of S. 2280, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline; that there be up to 6 hours of debate equally divided between opponents and proponents; that upon the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill; that no amendments, motions or points of order be in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage; that the vote on passage be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold; and that if the Senate passes the bill, and has received or receives from the House a bill that is identical to S. 2280, then the House bill be passed with no intervening action or debate. **Pages S5902–03**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–54) **Page S5904**

Abrams Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. **Page S5901**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. **Page S5901**

Cohen Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5901**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. **Page S5901**

Ross Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Pages S5901–02**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5901–02**

Moss Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland,

to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Page S5903**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5903**

May Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Leigh Martin May, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5904**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5904**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2018.

David J. Berteau, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dava J. Newman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2014.

Mark Scarano, of New Hampshire, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

William Joseph Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2015.

Leon Aron, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2016.

Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Romonia S. Dixon, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2018.

Walter A. Barrows, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2019.

Robert A. Salerno, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

David S. Shapira, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2019.

Michelle K. Lee, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Leigh A. Bradley, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Adewale Adeyemo, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Marisa Lago, of New York, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Antonio F. Weiss, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2019.

David Avren Jones, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2018.

Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2018.

Nicholas J. Rasmussen, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Dale A. Drozd, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Michael Greco, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

60 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. **Pages S5936–37**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014.

Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on July 14, 2014.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—272) **Pages S5903–04**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5936.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FIGHTING EBOLA AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fighting Ebola and protecting America, focusing on the U.S. Government response, after receiving testimony from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Heather Higginbottom, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources; and Michael Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 43, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the ''Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office'';

H.R. 451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the ''Richard K. Salick Post Office'';

H.R. 1391, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the ''London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office'';

H.R. 1865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the ''Thaddeus Stevens Post Office'';

H.R. 3085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the ''Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building'';

H.R. 3957, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218–10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the ''Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building'';

H.R. 4189, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the ''Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building'';

H.R. 4443, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the ''Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building'';

H.R. 4919, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the ''Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office'';

H.R. 5019, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the ''Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office'';

H.R. 5106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the ''Philmore Graham Post Office Building'';

S. 2523, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue,

NW., in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Management, both of the Department of Homeland Security, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, of Arizona, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5681–5695; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 749–752 were introduced. **Pages H7937–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7938–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2026, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt certain silvicultural activities from national pollutant discharge elimination system permitting requirements, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–607);

H.R. 3678, to redesignate the lock and dam located in Modoc, Illinois, commonly known as the Kaskaskia Lock and Dam, as the "Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam", and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–608);

H.R. 4854, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify when the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to prohibit the specification of a defined area, or deny or restrict the use of a defined area for specification, as a disposal site under section 404 of such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–609);

H.R. 4926, to designate the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway" and the "James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway" in the State of Minnesota, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–610);

H.R. 5146, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 113–611);

H.R. 5266, to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–612);

H.R. 5448, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (H. Rept. 113–613)

H.R. 647, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–614, Pt. 1)

H.R. 3326, to provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–615);

H.R. 4846, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–616);

H. Res. 748, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5682) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline (H. Rept. 113–617);

H.R. 5167, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–618); and H.R. 4012, to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (H. Rept. 113–619). **Pages H7936–37**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of November 13, 2014, or November 14, 2014, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule 15. **Page H7903**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:22 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H7906**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting ''nay'', Roll No. 516; **Pages H7907–10, H7915–16**

Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1233, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; **Pages H7910–11**

Reauthorizing the National Estuary Programs: H.R. 5266, amended, to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs; **Pages H7911–13**

Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse Conveyance Act: S. 1934, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming; and **Pages H7913–14**

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Federal Land Conveyance Act: S. 898, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation. **Pages H7914–15**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:51 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7915**

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of New Jersey: Representative-elect Donald W. Norcross presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from the Honorable Kimberly M. Guadagno, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 4, 2014, the Honorable Donald W. Norcross was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of New Jersey. **Page H7917**

Oath of Office—Twelfth Congressional District of North Carolina: Representative-elect Alma Adams presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Kim Strach, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 4, 2014, the Honorable Alma Adams was elected Representative to Congress for the Twelfth Congressional District, State of North Carolina. **Page H7917**

Oath of Office—Seventh Congressional District of Virginia: Representative-elect Dave A. Brat presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Edgardo Cortés, Commissioner, Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held November 4, 2014, the Honorable Dave A. Brat was elected Representative to Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia. **Page H7917**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from North Carolina and the gentlemen from New Jersey and Virginia, the whole number of the House is 435. **Page H7918**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979 is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–172). **Page H7906**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7905, H7916–17.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H7916. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE EBOLA OUTBREAK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on October 16, 2014, entitled ''Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to the Ebola Outbreak''. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Luciana Borio, Assistant Commissioner, Counterterrorism Policy, Food and Drug Administration;

Robin Robinson, Director, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; John P. Wagner, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

THE EBOLA CRISIS: COORDINATION OF A MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing on October 24, 2014, entitled ''The Ebola Crisis: Coordination of a Multi-Agency Response''. Testimony was heard from Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Major General James M. Lariviere, Deputy Director, Political-Military Affairs (Africa), Department of Defense; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5682, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 5682. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Whitfield.

Joint Meetings

IMPRISONED IN UZBEKISTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Tuesday, October 28, 2014, commission received a briefing on persons imprisoned in politically motivated cases in Uzbekistan, focusing on the human cost from Steve Swerdlow, Human Rights Watch Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Cathy Cosman, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, Washington, DC; Sanjar Umarov, Tennessee; and Aygul Bekjan, Washington.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D920)*

H.J. Res. 124, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015. Signed on September 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–164)

S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. Signed on September 19, 2014. (Public Law 113–165)

H.R. 594, to amend the Public Health Service Act relating to Federal research on muscular dystrophy. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–166)

H.R. 2600, to amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–167)

H.R. 3043, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–168)

H.R. 3716, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–169)

H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–170)

H.R. 4751, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–171)

H.R. 4809, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act, to improve the Defense Production Act Committee. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–172)

H.R. 5062, to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to specify that privilege and confidentiality are maintained when information is shared by certain nondepository covered persons with Federal and State financial regulators. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–173)

H.R. 5134, to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–174)

H.R. 5404, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–175)

H.J. Res. 120, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in

the American Revolution. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–176)

S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–177)

S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–178)

S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E–Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–179)

S. 2154, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–180)

S. 2258, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2014, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on September 26, 2014. (Public Law 113–181)

H.R. 4323, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004. Signed on September 29, 2014. (Public Law 113–182)

H.R. 4980, to prevent and address sex trafficking of children in foster care, to extend and improve adoption incentives, and to improve international child support recovery. Signed on September 29, 2014. (Public Law 113–183)

S.J. Res. 40, providing for the appointment of Michael Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on September 29, 2014. (Public Law 113–184)

H.R. 4994, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for standardized post-acute care assessment data for quality, payment, and discharge planning. Signed on October 6, 2014. (Public Law 113–185)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, 11 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 2638, to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide certainty with respect to the timing of Department of Energy decisions to approve or deny applications to export natural gas, S. 2379, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, S. 1784, to improve timber management on Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant land, S. 2602, to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, S. 182, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City, S. 776, to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, S. 841, to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, S. 1419, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1971, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 2031, to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, S. 1750, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 1966, to provide for the restoration of the economic and ecological health of National Forest System land and rural communities, S. 2104, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, H.R. 1526, to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while

also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, S. 1328, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, H.R. 1241, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, S. 1437, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon, and S. 2873, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acknowledge contributions at units of the National Park System, 3 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 11 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel, and Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 3:30 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joan Marie Azrack, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Copeland Biggs, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Elizabeth K. Dillon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 11 a.m., SD–226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and the nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, and John Robert Blakey, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Amos L. Mazzant III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and David Rivera, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., Room to be announced.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Administration's Strategy and Military Campaign against Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)'', 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''The Department of Defense Excess Property Program in Support of U.S. Law Enforcement Agencies: An Overview of DOD Authorities, Roles, Responsibilities, and Implementation of Section 1033 of the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act'', 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Terrorist Financing and the Islamic State'', 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Combating Ebola in West Africa: The International Response'', 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5441, to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States; a bill to ensure appropriate judicial review of Federal Government actions by amending the prohibition on the exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Courts of Federal Claims of certain claims pending in other courts; and a vote to close to the public a portion of the Full Committee hearing on November 19, 2014, entitled ''Oversight of the United States Secret Service'', 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''Assessing the Implementation of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014'', 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled ''The Risk of Nation-State Conflict: China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran'', 10 a.m., HVC–210.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 13 through November 14, 2014

Senate Chamber

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Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 1086, Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

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House Committees

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 14, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled ''The Future of Energy in Africa'', 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: November 14, to receive a briefing on Ukraine's pivotal parliamentary poll, focusing on the conduct and results of the elections, as well as the potential for the newly elected parliament to confront the coming challenge of forging a democratic, secure, independent future for their strategically important country, 2 p.m., SD–608.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

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DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through September 30, 2014

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	117	117	..
Time in session	744 hrs., 36′	617 hrs., 2′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	5,881	7,901	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	1,506	..
Public bills enacted into law	31	81	112
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	366	444	810
Senate bills	68	27	..
House bills	79	304	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	4	..
House joint resolutions	4	4	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	6	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	15	18	..
Simple resolutions	189	83	..
Measures reported, total	208	276	484
Senate bills	146	3	..
House bills	35	215	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	25	52	..
Special reports	8	7	..
Conference reports	3	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	375	62	..
Measures introduced, total	1,295	2,244	3,539
Bills	1,018	1,876	..
Joint resolutions	15	24	..
Concurrent resolutions	14	45	..
Simple resolutions	248	299	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	270	212	..
Recorded votes	..	302	..
Bills vetoed	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 132 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 286 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through September 30, 2014

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Unconfirmed	260
Withdrawn	10
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Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:15 p.m., Thursday, November 13

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 13

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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