

Do we really think the Federal Government should be regulating man-made ditches along country roads or fields or dry streambeds and puddles which hold water only during and immediately after rainstorms or irrigation and drainage ditches which wouldn't even exist if not created by water districts and the people involved?

What a giant leap of grab of power by the Federal Government in asserting itself over these private properties via these regulations written by bureaucrats and not overseen by Congress directly.

In my district, Federal bureaucrats are unilaterally deciding, with no evidence or science, that small depressions in fields are linked to distant waterways, placing vast areas of land out of production. Despite bipartisan congressional opposition, the administration is attempting to move forward with this aggressive regulation, waterways of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the examples of this administration's aggressive and careless decisions, increasing costs, eliminating jobs are almost too numerous to count.

In 2014, Federal regulations cost our economy \$1.88 trillion in higher prices for food, energy, and goods, averaging about \$14,000 per U.S. household. This price tag has spiked, thanks to the President Obama administration, which added nearly 500 new regulations, 184 of which have combined to raise costs to Americans of about \$80 billion. The result is 81 new major regulations per year.

Mr. Speaker, unelected bureaucrats shouldn't be imposing their will on the American people at a cost of billions of dollars each year. This is not the way to stop the difficult headwinds our economy faces. Indeed, this is causing more economic problems for us to recover from in this Nation.

It is time for the Senate to join the House and send H.R. 427, the REINS Act, and help with our job economy, with the boost we all need—that we have needed for so long during this last 6 years. The REINS Act is needed to indeed rein in an out-of-control government.

Even the President himself said in his State of the Union Address in January 2011:

To reduce barriers to growth and investment . . . when we find rules that put an unnecessary burden on businesses, we need to fix them.

The REINS Act is that fix. Let's get it done. Let's get the Senate to get it done.

STORIES IN THE NEWS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great privilege, first of all, to speak about the first item of interest to America and to many of us as certainly when the President represents

the United States of America overseas. I had the privilege of traveling with the President for a most dynamic, unique, and historic mission, and that was to Kenya and Ethiopia.

Let me congratulate him for a stupendous diplomatic success and interaction with a continent that will be the largest populated land area in the 21st century. What an amazing experience to be able to engage with businesses and see the opportunity for economic empowerment and cooperation between the United States and the many nation-states of the continent of Africa.

It was exciting to see new, young businesspersons seeking an opportunity to work in their countries, but work with the United States, eager to work with U.S. businesses, welcoming U.S. investment, creating jobs in Africa, creating jobs in America—in particular, a broadcasting company that had been there for 50 years creating jobs in the United States, creating jobs in Kenya.

Let me indicate what a success this story was. Along with the regional security issues, there was a commitment with the African Union to stand against Boko Haram and a commitment to establish civility and peace in South Sudan by demanding that there be a resolution of this by August 17—not the President standing alone, but working with the African Union, representing the tens upon tens of African nations, it was a resounding success, and I congratulate the President.

As I come home and as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, I am reminded of the tragedy of a young woman who had all of her life before her, and that was Sandra Bland.

My commitment still is to offer my appreciation to the law enforcement officers across America and, as we all do, respect law and order; but in the instance where there is a tragic result, the death of this young woman, 28, with two undergraduate degrees and a master's degree, her death was the result of malfeasance.

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We must walk together in a respectful manner with law enforcement and civilians. We have done it before. We must do it again.

I believe that it is crucial for the Department of Justice to take over this investigation on a number of aspects, including patting down and other practices of law enforcement in Waller County and Hempstead, and certainly the question of this young lady's civil rights.

I ask that they look seriously, because even though there are alleged good intentions by the local authorities in establishing committees to review this, this is not regular order, this is not a procedure that works. No one understands the decision of a district attorney—unless he yields to an independent prosecutor, which this district attorney in Waller County is not—to

have a committee of individuals with no authority whatsoever review this matter.

People and families are in pain. Certainly, we can do better as law enforcement and civilians working together.

I also want to recognize that this is the 50th year of the Voting Rights Act. I join the leadership of NANCY PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. CLYBURN in celebrating and acknowledging this exciting time that opened the doors of voting for everyone. One vote, one person.

On August 6, I call upon my community in the 18th Congressional District in Houston to have a voting day—registering people to vote in a nonpartisan manner, bringing them out and celebrating the right to vote, when many countries do not have it.

Let's make the Voting Rights reauthorization the cause of this Congress. Let's have Americans celebrate voting rights.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let me say this. While I was in Africa, one of the headlines was the killing of Cecil, a beautiful lion. The nations I visited were falling to their knees because they believe in wildlife preservation. We enjoy it here in our Nation's zoos. We haven't had that privilege of seeing these wonderful animals—giraffes, lions, tigers, and a whole array—in the wild.

It was an American who killed this beautiful lion. What a disgrace. That individual is a disgrace. This individual had the responsibility for knowing of his guides and of the procedures of doing this kill for sport. He lured the animal out of the park.

America must stand with Kenya, Ethiopia, and the other African nations in showing its outrage. Sadly, it was a citizen of the United States who was more interested in his personal privilege and pleasure than he was in understanding this iconic lion—the last male species of this kind, with a black mane and a giant of a personality—and helping to preserve this species. He couldn't find any other joy than killing Cecil. I am saddened by this, and America should be saddened as well.

SKIP WELLS, A HERO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. TOM PRICE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, sometimes the terrorism we witness in this day and age is a world away. Sometimes it occurs very close to home.

Two weeks ago, terror visited Chattanooga, Tennessee, and, in so doing, hit home for us in Georgia. One of the five servicemen murdered on July 16 in Chattanooga grew up in the Sixth District of Georgia. He graduated from Sprayberry High School in 2012. Skip Wells was a marine—a proud marine, a proud American, and a hero.

Last week, in Georgia, thousands gathered to honor the life of this patriot, Skip Wells, who lost his life in the terrorist attack in Chattanooga.