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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 29, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Father Phillip Ganir, Gonzaga Jesuit Community, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Compassionate God, source of all life, we thank You for the gift of the people we represent, for strength of mind and body, and for the blessing of freedom in our country.

During these days for recess, a time when our work and rest meet us elsewhere, when many of our citizens mark religious holidays, and when the winter months give way to spring, send Your spirit to renew us, to help us learn from the history we inherited, to sustain the values which define our homeland, to work for a more just future, sensitive to the weakest among us.

We pray with the hope that when we work for unity and peace, we see a little more heaven among us.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 796, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

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

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.

H.R. 4547. An act to amend titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act to improve and strengthen the representative payment program.

### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 772. An act to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 796, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 2, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4343. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter stating that the biennial report identifying the Department's core depot-level maintenance and repair capability requirements and sustaining workloads will be submitted at the beginning of June 2018, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2464(d); Public Law 112-239, Sec. 322(d); (126 Stat. 1695); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4344. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a report titled, "Modification to Support for Non-Federal Development and Testing of Material for Chemical Agent Defense", pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 272 note; Public Law 110-181, Sec. 1034(d)(1) (as amended by Public Law 114-328, Sec. 1043(1)); (130 Stat. 2393); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4345. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing four officers to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4346. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2017 report on mining activities, pursuant to Public Law 109-236; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4347. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report to Congress titled, "Encouraging Vaccine Innovation: Promoting the Development of Vaccines that Minimize the Burden of Infectious Diseases in the 21st Century", pursuant to the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, Public Law 114-255, Sec. 3093(b); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4348. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115-107); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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4349. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities, originally declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, is to continue in effect beyond April 1, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 115—108); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4350. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports 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, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4351. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of intent to suspend the application of duty-free treatment to all AGOA-eligible goods in the apparel sector for the Republic of Rwanda, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2466a(c)(2); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 506A(c)(2) (as added by Public Law 114-27, Sec. 105(b)(2)); (129 Stat. 366) (H. Doc. No. 115—109); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

4352. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting the Commission's March 2018 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395b-6(b)(1)(c); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1805(b)(1)(c) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2801(b)(1)); (124 Stat. 332); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

## 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 Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. ESPAILLAT):

H.R. 5416. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a student loan forgiveness program for women who are small business owners; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 5417. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue or revise regulations enhancing flexibility in hours of service requirements for drivers of certain property-carrying vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BANKS of Indiana, and Mr. DUNN):

H.R. 5418. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COOPER (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee):

H.R. 5419. A bill to allow the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers to convey certain property to the City of Nashville, Tennessee; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. FASO:

H.R. 5420. A bill to authorize the acquisition of land for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5421. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prohibit the use of leaded fuel by aircraft operating within United States airspace; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Mrs. NOEM):

H.R. 5422. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.J. Res. 131. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Restoring Internet Freedom"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself and Mrs. WALORSKI):

H. Res. 808. A resolution recognizing the life and legacy of the first woman to achieve the rank of general in the United States Military, Anna Mae Hays; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SANCHEZ (for herself and Mr. COOK):

H. Res. 809. A resolution expressing support for designation of a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day; to the Committee on Veterans' 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 Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 5416.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

By Mr. BABIN:

H.R. 5417.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. BERGMAN:

H.R. 5418.

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. COOPER:

H.R. 5419.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. FASO:

H.R. 5420.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5421.

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

clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri:

H.R. 5422.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.J. Res. 131.

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

Article I, Section 8—"necessary and proper" clause.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 103: Mr. CRAMER and Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 392: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 721: Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 754: Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 760: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr.

COHEN, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 994: Mr. MACARTHUR.

H.R. 1100: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1120: Mr. HASTINGS.

H.R. 1206: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.

H.R. 1253: Mr. MACARTHUR.

H.R. 1519: Ms. BARRAGAN.

H.R. 1542: Ms. SPEIER.

H.R. 1563: Mr. CARTWRIGHT and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1566: Mr. BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico.

H.R. 1578: Mr. MCEACHIN.

H.R. 1661: Mr. MCGOVERN and Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 1683: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 1739: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. FUDGE, and Ms. BASS.

H.R. 1876: Mr. AMODEI, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1911: Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 1957: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 2259: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 2315: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. KIHUEN.

H.R. 2345: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania and Mr. OLSON.

H.R. 2434: Mr. COFFMAN.

H.R. 2452: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania and Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 2505: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 2976: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 3032: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 3175: Ms. MOORE.

H.R. 3261: Mrs. DAVIS of California.

H.R. 3409: Mr. BARLETTA.

H.R. 3528: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 3602: Ms. BASS and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 3654: Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.R. 3798: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3832: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 3874: Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 3984: Ms. BASS.

H.R. 4045: Mr. REICHERT.

H.R. 4223: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mrs.

NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 4682: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 4815: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

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H.R. 4876: Mr. POCAN.	H.R. 5188: Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico.	H.R. 5383: Mr. DEUTCH.
H.R. 4906: Ms. ROSEN.	H.R. 5192: Mr. HUIZENGA.	H.R. 5389: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.
H.R. 5042: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.	H.R. 5242: Mr. COFFMAN and Mr. SMUCKER.	H.R. 5409: Mr. BILIRAKIS.
H.R. 5072: Mr. WALZ, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CICILLINE.	H.R. 5243: Mr. COFFMAN and Mr. SMUCKER.	H.J. Res. 53: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 5102: Mr. RYAN of Ohio.	H.R. 5251: Ms. WILSON of Florida.	H. Res. 401: Mr. SARBANES.
	H.R. 5358: Mr. FARENTHOLD.	H. Res. 807: Mr. GRIJALVA and Mrs. DEMINGS.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 3:45 and 3 seconds p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MIKE ROUNDS, a Senator from the State of South Dakota.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 29, 2018.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE ROUNDS, a Senator from the State of South Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ORRIN G. HATCH,  
President pro tempore.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
APRIL 2, 2018

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:45 and 33 seconds p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 2, 2018, at 12 noon.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AMY THOMAS AT  
BOLTON FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Amy Thomas and the Bolton Family Health Clinic.

Amy Thomas was born to Robert and Jeanette Shoulders on October 17, 1977 in Jackson, MS. She has an older sister, Tequilla Shoulders, who is a Registered Nurse (RN) and is currently pursuing her degree in Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. Amy has been happily married 3 years to her lovable and supportive husband, Michael J. Thomas, who is a savvy Businessman, plus Co-Owner, Administrator, and Billing/Coder for the Bolton Family Clinic. Ultimately, Amy loves embracing and practicing her Christian lifestyle where she continuously gives God all the praise and puts Him first in all her endeavors. Also, Amy enjoys caring and helping others, participating in volunteer services, traveling, and mingling with family and friends.

Amy Thomas began the long road to becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner by graduating from Bailey Magnet High School. She then earned her BS degree in Nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi where she became an RN. Striving to achieve the goal of advancing her nursing career, Amy accomplished that goal. Here, she obtained her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi where she specialized in Advance Family Nursing Practice and graduated with Dean Honors in 2011 and became certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Then in 2014, Amy also became a certified DOT Medical Examiner to help promote and maintain transportation safety. In relation, at this present time, she is now furthering her education even more by pursuing a Doctoral in Nursing Practice degree from the University of South Alabama specializing in Family Clinical Practice.

Amy Thomas developed a strong 14 years of nursing background by working as an RN in Telemetry/MICU at the University of Medical Center, SICU at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center, and LTAC at Regency Hospital of Jackson. Then, after obtaining her Advance Practice Registered Nursing degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Amy worked 4 years to provide quality Geriatric care to residents in the Nursing Home and Primary Care to patients at Minor Med Care Clinic. One year later, Amy then ventured out and became owner (along with her husband) at the Bolton Family Clinic in the town of Bolton, MS. Here, Amy is presently the sole healthcare provider in the Bolton community. She has future goals of incorporating more specialty services in Bolton so that the residents could have all their healthcare needs met in their own community. This way, quality healthcare could be effectively disseminated with the ultimate goal of building a healthier Bolton community.

Amy is affiliated with the following organizations: Mississippi Nurses Association, Mississippi Rural Health Association, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Nurses Association and Mississippi Association for Nurse Practitioners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Amy Thomas for her dedication to serving throughout her community and throughout organizations around Mississippi and the Bolton Family Clinic.

SANDRA LOVE

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Sandra Love, a constituent of New Jersey's First Congressional District and distinguished public servant.

Mrs. Love served as a New Jersey General Assemblywoman, representing the State's Fourth Legislative District. Prior to "Sandi's" tenure in the Legislature, she was the long time mayor of Gloucester Township, New Jersey, serving three terms from 1994 to 2006.

Among Mrs. Love's Mayoral accomplishments: the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Committee, forming the Gloucester Township Human Relations Committee, creating a welfare-to-work program, developing the Gloucester Township Ministerial, and assisting in an effort that raised a substantial amount of relief funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In addition, Sandi Love was a board member for the Council on Affordable Housing, served on the Gloucester Township Housing Authority, was a member of the Gloucester Township Scholarship Committee, and was a trustee for Camden County Health Services.

Despite her many public constituents and busy schedule, Sandi Love actively volunteered in the community she loved, contributing her time to the Special Olympics and serving as a trustee for the Mainstage Center for the Performing Arts.

For her dedicated civic engagement and commitment to help others in her advocacy, Mrs. Love was honored with the Women Who Make a Difference Award, a Blackwood Rotary Club Paul Harris fellowship, the Camden County Martin Luther King, Jr. award, and a YWCA Award.

Mrs. Love was the wife of Al, mother to Jason (Sara) and Jeffrey (Jen), and grandmother to Cordelia, Sophia, Ian, and August. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, neighbors, community members, and colleagues in public service.

Mr. Speaker, Sandi Love was an exceptional community leader. Mrs. Love's service, sacrifice, and compassion will forever endure in South Jersey. I ask you to join me in honoring the memory of The Honorable Sandra Love.

COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 5089,  
STRENGTHENING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CAPABILITIES ACT OF 2018

**HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following cost estimate for H.R. 5089, Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, which was not made available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, March 26, 2018.*

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,  
*Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5089, the Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Megan Carroll.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

H.R. 5089—STRENGTHENING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CAPABILITIES ACT OF 2018

As passed by the House of Representatives  
on March 22, 2018

### SUMMARY

Under current law, the role of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in safeguarding surface transportation systems, which are largely owned and operated by state and local entities, primarily involves overseeing, coordinating, and regulating security-related activities. (Surface transportation includes the four general modes of land-based transportation: mass transit, freight rail, highway motor carrier, and pipeline.) H.R. 5089 would authorize DHS to pursue efforts to enhance the security of such systems.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5089 would cost \$21 million over the 2019–2022 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, therefore pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5089 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 5089 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

### ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 5089 is shown in the following table. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 400 (transportation).

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By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018–2022
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## INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level .....	0	3	6	6	6	21
Estimated Outlays .....	0	3	6	6	6	21

## BASIS OF ESTIMATE

This estimate assumes that H.R. 5089 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2019 and that necessary funds will be appropriated each year.

H.R. 5089 would direct DHS to prioritize the assignment of federal officers and intelligence analysts to existing fusion centers in jurisdictions where high-risk surface transportation systems are located to enhance information sharing about security-related threats. (Fusion centers are state and locally owned facilities that serve as focal points for coordinating the efforts of government agencies and other entities involved in law enforcement and other security-related activities.) The act also would require the department to establish a framework for operators of transportation facilities to follow in establishing centers to integrate and oversee daily operations and authorize DRS to provide training to nonfederally enforcement agencies.

The act does not specify how DHS should prioritize the assignment of its employees, but based on information from the department about current staffing levels, CBO expects that providing the envisioned level of support to fusion centers would require additional federal personnel. Using information from DHS, CBO estimates that as many as 36 such centers oversee high-risk transportation-related assets. For this estimate, CBO assumes that DRS would deploy one full-time employee (at an average annual cost of about \$175,000) to each of those centers. Assuming the department would hire additional staff gradually over the next year, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$3 million in 2019 and \$21 million over the next five years. Costs could be higher or lower depending on how many employees DRS determines are necessary to work with the fusion centers and carry out other activities under the act.

## PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

None.

## INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5089 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

## MANDATES

H.R. 5089 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

## ESTIMATE PREPARED BY

Federal Costs: Megan Carroll; Mandates: Jon Sperl.

## ESTIMATE APPROVED BY

H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

## HONORING HOOSIER HOMESTEAD AWARD RECIPIENTS

## HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 18 farms in the Sixth Congressional District of Indiana who have received a

Hoosier Homestead Award for their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

In honor of Indiana's rich agricultural heritage, the Hoosier Homestead Award Program recognizes farms that have been owned by the same family for 100 years or more. I am proud that 18 farms within the Sixth Congressional District have met these qualifications and have received the Hoosier Homestead award. These include:

William S. Emy Farm (Decatur County).  
Oesterling Homestead (Decatur County).  
Rosfeld Farm (Franklin County).  
Meyer Family Farm (Franklin County).  
Kolb Farm (Franklin County).  
Funke Farm (Jennings County).  
Hobson Farm (Randolph County).  
Huffman Family Farm (Randolph County).  
Timke Farm (Ripley County).  
Kohlman Farm (Ripley County).  
Huber Farm (Ripley County).  
Crum Farm (Ripley County).  
Francis Graham Farms Inc. (Rush County).  
Linville Farm (Shelby County).  
Dake Farm (Shelby County).  
Crandell Farm (Switzerland County).  
Romerill Farm (Switzerland County).  
Gavin-Beck Family Homestead (Union County).

On behalf of the entire Sixth Congressional District of Indiana, it is my privilege to recognize these farms for this award and their lasting impact and commitment on our community.

## CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

## HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA) on the 50th anniversary celebration of their national headquarters building in Washington, D.C. On February 22, 1968, the ROA Minuteman Memorial Building officially opened at One Constitution Avenue, NE at the corners of 1st Street and Constitution across the street from the U.S. Capitol Building and the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

ROA is a professional association of federally commissioned Reserve and National Guard officers, non-commissioned officers (E5 and above), former officers, and spouses of the uniformed services of the United States to include Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, plus the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. ROA advocates for adequate funding of equipment and training requirements, recruiting and retention incentives, and employment rights for all members of the Reserve Components. ROA also advises and

educates Congress, the president, and the American people on national security issues.

The Association was founded in 1922 when one hundred forty-four officers, most of them combat veterans of World War I, first gathered with General of the Armies John J. "Black Jack" Pershing at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., to formally establish a new organization.

During World War II, the Association became inactive "for the duration" as its members went off to war. ROA was reactivated in 1946, and in 1948, Reserve Officers of the Naval Services (RONS) merged with ROA. The Marine Corps joined later the same year, with the Coast Guard entering in 1949. When law created a separate Department of the Air Force, for the first time the nation had, in ROA, a Reserve association embracing all the Services.

Public Law 595 of the 81st Congress established the objective of ROA, to "support and promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate National Defense." President Harry S. Truman, one of the early members of ROA, signed the charter on June 30, 1950.

ROA was first headquartered in The Lee House at 1653 Pennsylvania Ave NW from 1924 to 1938. The house, which later became the presidential Blair-Lee House, was conveniently located directly across the street from what was then called the State-War-Navy Building (now the Eisenhower Executive Office Building) and cater-cornered to the White House. The intervening years between 1938 and 1966 resulted in ROA outgrowing several headquarter "homes" around the capital city.

Finally, in early 1966, ROA decided to have a permanent headquarters building and purchased three brick boarding houses at 1 Constitution Ave NE on Capitol Hill for \$314,000 and, thus, began building a permanent national headquarters called the Minuteman Memorial Building.

The architectural firm Mills, Pettitcord & Mills of Washington, D.C. was asked to proceed with the final plans and specifications for the new ROA headquarters while a major fundraising campaign began with a \$1,500,000 goal to offset the cost of purchasing the land and erecting a new building. The entire project cost ROA \$1,610,156, but with the generosity of ROA members and benefactors, no mortgage was needed in the end.

ROA members worldwide were actively involved in the concept, design, construction and fundraising of the Minuteman Memorial building, including Lieutenant Commander Alan B. Mills, one of the architects of the new building.

So much pride went into the new Minuteman Memorial building that a sign at the construction site reminded all passersby that "The Reserves Care Enough to Share Enough to Keep our Country Free." This legacy continues today with the 821,600 Reserve Component members who serve daily from every state and in dozens of countries around the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the 115th Congress to join me in congratulating ROA on the 50th anniversary celebration of their national headquarters building. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the ROA all the best in its future endeavors.

HONORING FIRST CHOICE HEALTH CARE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an organization who has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve their community, First Choice Health Care. First Choice Health Care has served as a support system to families of Yazoo County.

Veronica Starling attended Hinds Nursing Allie Health Center. She was in the first LPN to RN bridge program. Five years later, Starling decided to take her career to the next level by becoming a business woman. Starling formed First Choice Health Care through her career as a nurse. First Choice Health Care opened in Yazoo County, Mississippi in 2015. With 52 employees, the local facility provides quality care for loved ones in a home-like atmosphere.

First Choice Home Health can provide services to all 82 counties within the State of Mississippi. Overall the company employs 218 people and currently provides services in 39 counties. The Yazoo City locations have the largest staff.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing First Choice Home Health for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

RECOGNIZING McMAHON/RYAN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER DURING CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month and to honor the tremendous work of McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center in Syracuse, New York.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, over 683,000 children were victims of child abuse or neglect in 2015, a number that has held steady for years. Additionally, 1,670 children died from child abuse or neglect in 2015 and according to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, the majority of these deaths could have been prevented.

Since 1983, April has been designated as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention month. In recent years, the focus of the month on recognition and prevention has expanded to include promoting healthier parenting and strong families.

In Central New York, we are incredibly fortunate to have McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy

Center as a strong resource. This organization works to prevent child abuse and neglect and to provide care and support for those who have endured abuse. The goal of McMahon/Ryan is to end child abuse, and to ensure that the community fully understands the impact of abuse.

The McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center offers a variety of life-changing programs which work efficiently every day to support victims of Child Abuse, and stop child abuse outright. Throughout the month of April, McMahon/Ryan will recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month with its annual "Go Blue 4 Kids" Campaign. In 1989, Bonnie Finney, a grandmother in Virginia began the blue-ribbon campaign as a tribute to her three-year-old grandson who had died at the hands of abuse. The blue ribbon remains a symbol of childhood abuse and neglect prevention across the United States. Additionally, the blue pinwheel is a national symbol of child abuse and neglect prevention. It stands as an uplifting reminder that all children deserve a happy childhood and future. Purchasing a pinwheel this month helps McMahon/Ryan contribute to the lives of children directly in our community.

I encourage all Central New Yorkers to "Go Blue" during the month of April and to support the work of McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center to help end child abuse.

RECOGNIZING THE 39TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, April 10, 2018 marks the 39th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, one of the most important components of U.S. policy toward Taiwan. In addition to President Reagan's 1982 Six Assurances, the Taiwan Relations Act forms the cornerstone of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship, providing unequivocal guidance for relations with our ally, an ally whose progress has been an inspiration to all those still suffering under repressive governments. Taiwan's vibrant democracy, open society, and free market are allowed to flourish. They also make Taiwan a natural partner for the United States, a partnership that has served as an anchor for peace and security in the Western Pacific. As we celebrate the 39th anniversary of this critical law, it is incumbent upon the United States to ensure we are doing everything in our power to ensure the promise of the Taiwan Relations Act, assisting Taiwan so that she can resist all types of political, economic, and military coercion by the regime in Beijing, and strengthening the already formidable U.S.-Taiwan partnership.

The American Institute in Taiwan's new compound in Taipei's Neihu district exemplifies the significant progress being made in the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and our long-term commitment to our ally. Built with American materials and by American workers, the compound is a symbol of strong U.S.-Taiwan relations, and made even more powerful by the fact that our lease is for 99 years, a number

signifying longevity in Taiwanese culture. With an inaugural ceremony for the new compound to be held on June 12, 2018, I am looking forward to visiting as soon as possible and I encourage all my colleagues to visit and support the U.S.-Taiwan relationship.

Signed into law on March 16, 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act is another illustration of our strong partnership with Taiwan. I was a proud cosponsor of this law which states that it should be U.S. policy to not only allow visits from Taiwanese officials at all levels of government, but to encourage and facilitate these visits. It also states that our own policy-makers, including at the highest levels of government, should visit Taiwan for face-to-face meetings with their counterparts. For too long, administration after administration have caved to Chinese pressure and self-imposed restrictions in our relations with Taiwan. With the Taiwan Travel Act, the United States is doing the right thing by our friend and ally and taking another step toward taking full advantage of our wonderful partnership.

Finally, the U.S.-Taiwan economic relationship is very robust as Taiwan is the United States' eleventh largest trading partner and the United States is Taiwan's second largest. Taiwan's free market and importance in global supply chains make it an ideal place for foreign investment and Americans have recognized this fact with the United States becoming Taiwan's largest investor and an important exporter of agricultural goods to Taiwan. We must keep looking for ways to mutually benefit from our growing partnership, including through new trade deals.

With the anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act fast approaching, this is an opportunity to review the U.S.-Taiwan partnership and work toward making our relations even stronger, and I am looking forward to working with all my colleagues to see how we can do just that.

WILLIAM R. HOSEY

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William R. Hosey, a constituent of Haddon Heights, Camden County, located in New Jersey's First Congressional District, on the occasion of his retirement as assistant business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local Union 351.

Mr. Hosey has been a member of IBEW for 37 years, serving as president, business agent, and assistant business manager. In his roles and responsibilities, Mr. Hosey has represented more than 2,300 IBEW members and distinguished himself as an influential labor advocate for fair, equal, and safe working conditions for the hardworking men and women of Southern New Jersey.

Brother Hosey is a 1978 graduate of Lenape High School in Medford, New Jersey, and graduated in 1986 from an electrical apprenticeship.

Throughout his career, Brother Hosey has been a valued member of IBEW Local 351 & 439's Pension, Annuity and Health and Welfare Funds.

Mr. Hosey has also served on the Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee, Camden County Planning Board, Camden Economic Recovery Board, Union Building Trades Credit Union Advisory Board, and as Chairman of the Camden County Improvement Authority. Mr. Hosey will continue his passionate advocacy for the hardworking men and women of the region, in his capacity as President of IBEW Local Union 351.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating William R. Hosey for his devotion to the South Jersey International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

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HONORING LEON WILSON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Leon Wilson who is a native of Jackson, MS. He is married to the former Virginia Harris and is the biological father of three children: Malcolm Wilson, Tara Wilson Evans, and Steven Wilson (deceased); and a loving father to Jon Vincent Bell, Karen Bell and Teshia Sawyer.

Mr. Wilson received his Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Langston University, Langston, OK and his Masters of Science in mathematics from Jackson State University, Jackson, MS. He did further study at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Mr. Wilson served as an educator for 30 years at Lanier and Callaway high schools with Jackson Public Schools. In addition to teaching all types of mathematics, he was the football coach, and track and field coach for Lanier High School. During his teaching career, he never missed an opportunity to talk to teens about making good decisions. He always encouraged them to work hard and would tell them "be the best at whatever you do."

Because of his deep love for children, Leon, after retiring, tutored students who attended Jackson Public Schools and Hinds Community College. During the summer months, he continued to be involved in the lives of youth. He became the director of Grove Park Junior Golf Clinic—a clinic that taught young girls and boys the fundamentals of golfing. He worked with this organization for over 30 years. The only thing he loved as much as helping children was his Sunday evening golfing games with his friends. After playing 18 holes of golf, his friends and he would go into the club house and would participate in a bible study class.

Mr. Wilson has been a member of Central United Methodist Church for 65 years. He has always had a strong belief in God, and loves to discuss the Bible with anyone. During his years at Central, Leon has served in the following positions:

- Member of the Chanel Choir;
- Member of the Early Morning Glory Choir;
- Vacation Bible School Teacher;
- Van Driver;
- United Methodist Men (Treasurer);
- Disciple Bible Study (Teacher);
- Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (Chairperson): 2 terms under Rev. E. L. Henry, 2 terms under Rev. Embra Jackson;

Speaker at Early Morning Service;  
Tutored at Central's After School Program;  
Speaker at Brown Elementary Forum.

He is loved by many and is known by many names. His students call him "Chief" because he was the person in charge in his room. Athletes and some of our church members call him "Coach." Golfers call him "Head Pealer" because he defeated them most of the time on the golf course. Still others just call him a "good person" because he does whatever he can to help them. Although he answers to all these names, the one that means the most to him is being known as "one who loves the Lord."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Leon Wilson for his dedication to serving.

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CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GHENT, NEW YORK

**HON. JOHN J. FASO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Town of Ghent on the occasion of its bicentennial.

On April 3, 1818, Ghent was established as a town in Columbia County, New York through numerous members of The Society of Friends, which includes early settlers such as the Macy, Tripp, and Bunker families.

The town of Ghent is situated in the midst of a thriving agriculture population and is the center of considerable trade and the outlet of a large amount of produce. While the settlement was small until the advent of the railroads, the community's attention to the development of infrastructure rapidly made it what it is today.

For over 200 years, Ghent has participated in the American story, contributing to our great state and nation. On April 3, 2018, the residents of Ghent will hold a well-deserved celebration of its history and accomplishments. In the neighborly and hospitable tradition of Ghent, this bicentennial celebration will reflect the values of this beautiful community, bringing families and residents together to commemorate the town they love and share.

I formally thank the Town of Ghent and each of its residents of the past two centuries for their contributions to New York's 19th district.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 112, I was inadvertently recorded as voting "nay." I support H.R. 4545, the Financial Institutions Examination Fairness and Reform Act, and my vote should be recorded as "yea."

HONORING BRIDGET ARCHER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Bridget Archer. Her education and professional experience includes Jackson State University; Oakland Community College, State of Michigan; Hinds Community College, Raymond; Dance and Performing Arts schools in New York City and California.

From her days as a member of drill teams in middle school, high school and a Prancing J-Sette at Jackson State University, Ms. Archer has been consumed by dancing. She has produced dancer wannabes into top-notch dancers. She annually takes a dance group to Rockefeller Center in New York City during Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Weekend. The City of Jackson recognized Ms. Archer's passion and proclivity for engaging youth by naming her Recreation Coordinator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Bridget Archer for her dedication to serving others.

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HONORING MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Morristown High School men's basketball team on winning the 2018 Class A IHSAA Boys Basketball State Championship.

Morristown faced off against Southwood High School on March 24th at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The Yellow Jackets defeated the Knights 89-60, winning their first men's basketball state championship and setting 10 Class A finals records, including most points and largest margin of victory.

I am proud of these young men for their hard work and for the Hoosier sportsmanship that they displayed throughout the season. I want to commend Coach Scott McClelland as well as the assistant coaches who led these young men to a historic victory.

Congrats, Yellow Jackets, on winning the state title.

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HONORING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Board of Directors of the American Medical Marijuana Physicians Association, a group of doctors working tirelessly for the advancement of medical marijuana as a treatment for their patients.



I was not always supportive of medical marijuana. What changed my mind was hearing testimonials from suffering people who had turned to medical marijuana for relief. The choice to use medical cannabis for treatment was often a decision made when all other treatments had failed, when patients and families alike had lost hope.

I have seen families in the throes of grief at their loved ones' illnesses—including parents who watched their children with epilepsy suffer from daily, debilitating seizures. Every day brought a new heartbreak, until medical cannabis finally brought patients and families some much-needed relief. For many patients, this was the first relief from their symptoms that they had felt in many years.

But while some patients discover medical cannabis after research, many patients do not know, or even consider, that medical marijuana may help their conditions.

AMMPA, the American Medical Marijuana Physicians Association, has been instrumental—particularly in Florida—in raising patients' awareness of medical cannabis as a valid treatment option. They have helped many find relief when other treatments had not worked.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I want to recognize the Board of Directors of the American Medical Marijuana Physicians Association, and to thank them for their good work.

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HONORING NORTH SUNFLOWER  
MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, North Sunflower Medical Center.

North Sunflower is succeeding at a time when many rural hospitals in the U.S. are struggling to survive. It serves as a lifeline in a county where nearly 40 percent of residents are living in poverty and in a state with some of the highest levels of obesity, diabetes and deaths from cardiovascular disease in the nation.

And it has helped keep the tiny town of Ruleville afloat. It opened eye and dental clinics, a gift shop, a diagnostic center and a hospice in downtown stores, many of which had been vacant and in disrepair. The 25-bed hospital also sponsors fundraisers for the local high school sports teams and supports area colleges and events, including the Great Ruleville Roast & Run in late September.

North Sunflower isn't immune to the problems plaguing its peers. Its costs are going up at a time when its reimbursements aren't. Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers are cutting their payments and taking longer to send the checks. After years of growth, it may have to rethink some of the services it offers.

"It's a daily struggle and it's getting harder," said Billy Marlow, North Sunflower's executive director who engineered the turnaround.

Marlow had no background in health care when, in 2004, he was asked to join the board

and help save the hospital. Born at North Sunflower and raised in the area, he was a real estate developer and farmer. Soon after, he was named board chairman and then interim administrator.

It didn't take long for him to realize North Sunflower had to develop sources of revenue outside the core hospital. One of his first moves was to relocate the health clinic to a more prominent spot along the road and extend the hours. It's now open from 8 a.m. to midnight every day and treats 3,500 patients a month, up from 120 in 2004. It saves the hospital and patients money by absorbing those who show up at the emergency room but don't need that high a level of care.

The clinic is now a profit center, as is the hospice, pharmacy and durable medical equipment facility that sells items such as wheelchairs, back and knee braces, home oxygen equipment and blood sugar monitors. Marlow opened or expanded all of these.

Another top priority was renovating the hospital itself. The rooms were old, some of the ceilings were crumbling and the technology was outdated. This led both patients and doctors to avoid the place.

"When you have a hospital that's dirty or has a bad image, you can't recruit," said Marlow, who credits the employees and administrators for the rejuvenation.

To help fund all the changes, Marlow converted North Sunflower to a critical access hospital, a federal designation aimed at keeping rural providers alive. The shift increased the medical center's Medicare reimbursements.

A federal loan and a county bond helped pay for a new surgical unit and the Beacon Wellness Center, which contains a sleep clinic, community gym and rehab programs. And Marlow sold the hospital's home health aide agency, stashing away \$2 million in the bank. Marlow also secured some creative financing. He negotiated a deal with GE to provide new X-ray equipment and a CT scanner. And he hired an outside company to overhaul and upgrade the hospital's rooms and paid off the bill over time.

Along with all internal changes, the hospital developed extensive marketing campaigns. Its slogan, Take me to Ruleville, is everywhere—on billboards and bumper stickers, wrapped around its shuttle vans, in TV advertisements and YouTube videos.

Area residents have noticed. North Sunflower received higher than average ratings from patients on a variety of quality measures, according to Medicare's Hospital Compare profile. Some 83 percent of patients said they would "definitely recommend" the medical center, compared to an average of 70 percent for Mississippi hospitals and 72 percent nationwide.

Many area residents said they started coming to North Sunflower's clinic when it opened about a decade ago, not realizing it had existed for years before. Now, they travel miles to see doctors there, bypassing closer hospitals along the way.

Doctors are interested in working at North Sunflower. In recent years, it has added an array of specialists—an orthopedic surgeon, podiatrist, pediatric hematologist, among others—who visit anywhere from once a month to a few times a week. A licensed social worker

now provides adolescent and family counseling at the clinic. And its outpatient cardiac rehab unit just received industry accreditation.

Attracting and retaining quality staff to practice in the Delta is also a challenge. North Sunflower pays its doctors top dollar—often more than what they'd make in bigger cities—and covers a portion of their medical school loans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing North Sunflower Medical Center for its dedication to serving and giving back to the community.

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RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY HOLABIRD

**HON. DOUG LAMALFA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of myself and Mr. McClintock, to honor the life and service of Timothy Holabird, a man well known for his dedication to the constituents of Northern California. Mr. Holabird served as Mr. McCLINTOCK's, and later as my, District Representative.

Mr. Holabird has been recognized by many of the citizens and leaders in our communities for his contributions while serving as the local Representative to Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, and Sierra Counties. In his capacity, Mr. Holabird worked for the people, finding resolution for the constituent wronged by our federal government. His tenacity to do good by the people, and his endless drive to ensure federal agencies were staying true to their objectives and mission, would quickly tire the average person out. But not so for Mr. Holabird. He was always available to hear the local citizen's concerns, walk them through possible solutions, and ready to fight on their behalf.

Mr. Holabird also had an in-depth knowledge of public lands policy, and a knack for understanding the appropriate role of an agency in relation to state and local needs. With his friendly demeanor, he could get all parties to the table, establish common goals, and ensure the actual problems were being resolved. One instance that comes to mind, was back in 2012, when four devastating wild fires burned through the District. Mr. Holabird personally bridged the communication gap with agencies attacking the fires and the communities immediately threatened, ensuring both homes and lives were saved. He pursued the concerns of local leaders, and addressed the shortfall of resources with federal agencies to the point of his own physical exhaustion.

It is with sadness for his loss of life I rise today. Tim was a friend who I will miss dearly. But I will always remember our drives through that amazing, soul-filling back country we are blessed to represent, where Tim knew most all the people, and could recite the history of each community we passed. It was more history than I could remember in one sitting but I loved it, as we all do in sharing his passion for our country and our NorCal home. God bless him and we know he will be missed by many.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
STOP THE BLEED DAY

**HON. RAUL RUIZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, as national Stop the Bleed day approaches on March 31, I encourage my colleagues and friends to get trained on how to control bleeding in a trauma situation to help end preventable deaths. The American College of Surgeons' Stop the Bleed program offers training to the public on how to control bleeding in an emergency using simple techniques that can be learned by almost everyone, such as direct pressure, bandaging, and even tourniquets.

In the United States, traumatic injuries cause the death of more than 180,000 people each year. While tragically some traumas result in near instantaneous death, many others occur in the first few hours or days and they are most often caused by uncontrolled bleeding. Traumatic injuries and bleeding can have many root causes including shootings, vehicle crashes, falls, workplace accidents, and natural disasters.

As an emergency physician, I have seen these heartbreaking cases time and again. In trauma care we think of the "Golden Hour," the time during which, if prompt medical attention is provided we have the best chance of saving a life. The Stop the Bleed campaign teaches members of the community how to respond to a bleeding emergency, and just as we see with CPR, the earlier the intervention begins, the greater the chance of eliminating preventable death. This is especially important in the moments before the arrival of medical personnel.

Please join with me and consider getting trained to Stop the Bleed.

HONORING JOE TROTTER DOCKINS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Joe Trotter Dockins who was born in Starkville, Mississippi on July 5, 1930 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Mathew and Mary Frances Dockins. He was married to the late Mrs. Odelle D. Dockins for 54 years and from that union they had two children; a son, Metric and a daughter, JoAndrea.

At the young age of 5, Mr. Dockins grew up working in his parents' grocery store that stayed in business thirty seven years. He received Christ early in life at Griffin United Methodist Church in Starkville, Mississippi. In his younger years, he participated in the Boy Scouts of America in his hometown. Although he never achieved the honor of being an Eagle Scout, his involvement and support in scouting has continued throughout his career.

While growing up in Starkville, he received his high school diploma from Oktibbeha County Training School, formerly Henderson High School and since integration it is now Henderson Junior High School. He graduated with honors with a B.S. Degree in Economics from

Alcorn College, now known as Alcorn State University in May 1953. Mr. Dockins further studied at Prairie View A&M University in 1953, in Prairie View, Texas and the University of Wisconsin in 1964, Madison, Wisconsin in the field of Human Development and Interpersonal Relationship.

Mr. Dockins began working for the Mississippi Agriculture Extension Services from 1954 to 1965 as an Associate County Agent in Louisville, Mississippi. Afterwards, he worked with the Farmers Home Administration as an Assistant County Supervisor from 1965 to 1981. His last assignment came as a result of being a County Supervisor from 1981 to 1987. After thirty-three years of dedicated service he decided to retire in 1987 and afterwards received his 25th and 30th years of service tenure awards as a Federal Employee. Joe began a new career in 1989 with the Mississippi Action for Progress as Director of Personnel and later was reassigned as Safety Coordinator. He stayed with Mississippi Action for Progress until 2006 and made the decision to retire a second time.

Mr. Dockins became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on December 16, 1950 at Alcorn State University. After graduation, he became active with Beta Alpha Chapter, in Jackson, Mississippi where he served in several positions which included Basileus from 1977 to 79. He was District Marshal for the 7th District Meeting held in Jackson, Mississippi in 1984; served as Mississippi State Representative from 1989 to 1993 and past member of the 7th District Council. In 1976, he received a plaque as "Man of the Year" for assisting in securing a Fraternity House and he received his 40th, 50th and 60th year membership pin from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. In 2016, he received a Certificate of Life Membership and was inducted into the Mississippi Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Hall of Fame.

Mr. Dockins is a member of the current and past organizations:

The Alcorn Alumni Club and served as President of the Jackson Chapter from 1986 to 1989;

Coordinator of the Monday Evening Club of Jackson, MS;

Past member of the Mississippi Farmers Home Administration Minority Employees Association;

Past member of Phi Delta Kappa, a professional fraternity in education;

He serves on the Board of Directors of Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc.;

Past member of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation-Alcorn State University;

Past member of Mission Mississippi;

Served on the Boy Scouts of America, Andrew Jackson Council.

Mr. Dockins became a member of Central United Methodist Church in 1966. He served as President of Central United Methodist Men from 1977 to 1993, Finance Committee Chairperson from 1985 to 1987, past Vice-President of the Usher Board, served on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and a former Lay Leader. He continues to be a member of the Finance Committee and Usher Board.

Mr. Dockins' life has been fulfilling due to all of his accomplishments. He continues to be an active and supportive member in his church and community. Mr. Dockins is an inspiration to all that cross his path.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to Join me in recognizing Mr. Joe Trotter Dockins for his dedication to serving.

HONORING CHIEF PETER  
INGVERTSEN

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter N. Ingvertsen upon his retirement after serving as Chief of Police for the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut for the past 18 years. Chief Ingvertsen is a widely known and respected leader in our community, and his dedication to public service is an inspiration for his fellow law enforcement officers and all of us who pursue a career in the public good.

Chief Ingvertsen demonstrated a passion for public service from a young age and began working as a police cadet as a teenager in Farmington. He eventually rose to become Patrol Officer, Corporal, Sargent, Lieutenant, and Captain, and, before joining the Simsbury Police Department in 2000, served as Acting Chief for Farmington and as the Town of Suffield's Chief of Police.

Through his long career in law enforcement, Chief Ingvertsen has become a leader not only in Simsbury, but across Connecticut and New England. He has earned certifications from the New England Command Institute and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Public Administration.

What's more, Chief Ingvertsen has also shared his time and talents to support a number of civic causes. He has been a leader in various Police Associations, including as Vice President of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, where he advocated for his fellow public servants and worked to strengthen their professional network. Chief Ingvertsen has also supported the Simsbury Lions Club and the Farmington Exchange Club, which do important work in his local towns.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Ingvertsen spent his career working to keep our community safe and providing experienced, wise leadership to our communities. It is proper that we honor him here today, and I extend my best wishes for an enjoyable retirement to Chief Ingvertsen and his family.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NO LEAD  
IN THE AIR ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the No Lead in the Air Act. Although the House's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill includes my provision encouraging the use of unleaded aviation gasoline by January 1, 2023, that bill is still pending. Therefore, I introduce my bill to prohibit the use of lead in aircraft fuel by 2023. Lead exposure can have harmful effects on children as well as adults. Since 1980, the amount of

lead in the air has decreased 89 percent, but while lead gas for automobiles has been banned since 1995, the piston-engine aircraft industry and airports that supply their fuel continue to use leaded aircraft fuel. Without a federal ban, they will continue to do so and put our communities and children at risk.

Lead particles from airplane exhaust can fall widely during flight and there may be high concentrations of lead near airports. It is estimated that 16 million people live and three million children go to school within a half-mile of airports that sell leaded aircraft fuel called avgas. The health effects of lead in children include behavioral and learning problems, lower IQ, hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems, and anemia. Lead exposure can cause premature births and spontaneous abortions in pregnant women, and adults can suffer from increased blood pressure, decreased kidney function, and reproductive problems.

Seventy-five percent of piston-engined aircraft already operate safely with fuel that does not use lead. However, small airports continue to only sell leaded avgas for these piston-engine aircraft. But small airports will have to comply if the federal government bans the use of leaded fuel. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which implements the Clean Air Act, announced plans in 2010 to phase out leaded aviation fuel, but in the intervening six years we still have not seen a proposed rule. The FAA has created a task force of government and aviation industry stakeholders to study alternative fuels for piston-engine aircraft that would not use lead.

With so much evidence of the harmful impacts of lead exposure, we can no longer put our communities at risk. My bill would give enough time for a full phase-out of lead in aircraft fuel—five years—by directing the FAA Administrator, in consultation with the EPA Administrator, to issue regulations prohibiting the

use of leaded fuel in aircraft in U.S. airspace beginning January 1, 2023.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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HONORING KEBA LAIRD

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young lady, Mrs. Keba Laird of Clinton, MS.

Mrs. Keba Laird is a registered and licensed dietitian nutritionist, wellness coach, and aerobics instructor with 17 years of experience in health and wellness promotion. She has a diverse educational background with practitioner experience in a variety of settings to include clinical and school nutrition, worksite wellness, and community health. Now in her current role as Child Nutrition Supervisor II for Clinton Public School District, Mrs. Laird finds this job most rewarding as she helps create a healthy school environment and workplace for both students and staff.

After earning her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Mrs. Laird earned a Master of Business Administration degree from William Carey University to further expand her business and management skills. Mrs. Laird is an American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Certified Exercise Physiologist, and a certified health and wellness coach through Wellcoaches. She received a Certificate of Training in Adult Weight Management through the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

One of Mrs. Laird's most recent accomplishments is having earned the credential, School Nutrition Specialist (SNS), the highest creden-

tial in the School Nutrition profession in July 2017. Mrs. Laird has met the academic and experience requirements as well as demonstrated competency through successfully passing a national standardized exam for the school nutrition profession. Mrs. Laird is one of over 1,300 professionals who have earned this designation. This credential is offered through the School Nutrition Association (SNA), a non-profit organization of over 55,000 members that encourages the highest standards in school nutrition programs and it recognizes those who have obtained a high level of professional achievement.

Mrs. Laird has a successful record in nutrition/fitness counseling and coordinating weight management programs for adults and children that improve awareness and inspire behavior change. She has been featured on local television news stations presenting on such topics as: disease prevention, healthy lifestyle goal planning, stress management, and she has implemented worksite wellness programs for many corporate businesses across Mississippi.

Mrs. Laird is a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, School Nutrition Services Dietetic Practice Group, American College of Sports Medicine, and Mississippi School Nutrition Association (MSNA). She has served as president and secretary of the Central District Dietetic Association, and chair of physical fitness for the Greater Jackson Shrinkdown Fit Kidz Program. She currently chairs the MSNA Publicity Committee, and will serve as Secretary for the 2017–2018 term. Mrs. Laird is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she currently serves as the Chaplain for the Clinton (MS) Alumnae Chapter, located in Clinton, MS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Keba Laird for her dedication to serving throughout her community and throughout organizations around Mississippi.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 3:45:03 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 3:45:33 p.m. until 12:00 noon, on Monday, April 2, 2018.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 5416–5422; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 131; and H. Res. 808–809, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mooney (WV) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3051**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Fr. Philip Ganir, S.J., Gonzaga Jesuit Community, Washington, DC. **Page H3051**

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

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Monday, April 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9:30 a.m., Monday, April 2

## Senate Chamber

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

## House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in pro forma session at 9:30 a.m.

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