

Dan was raised in Warren County and graduated from Warren Area High School, and he currently serves as the Warren County planning director.

He has given his time to numerous community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, where he has served in many roles over the years, including Scoutmaster and council commissioner.

Dan is an excellent role model and mentor for scores of young Scouts, and he is involved in many more organizations.

He is a founding partner of Walkable Warren, which is a local initiative to promote healthy lifestyles for people of all ages through established walking and bicycling trails.

Dan is also the games competition coordinator for the Warren County Special Olympics, as well as a cantor at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

These are just some of Dan's community activities.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dan and I thank him for his outstanding service to Warren County.

SUPPORT FOR THE NEW TAX REFORM BILL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, first, a hearty congratulations to my Texas colleagues from northern California, Giants country. Orange October feels good, doesn't it, especially when you defeat the hated southern California franchise?

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of the new tax reform bill that was released just today by the Ways and Means Committee. This legislation contains many provisions that Congress has been promising the American people a long time: doubling the standard deduction, lowering the corporate tax rate, cutting taxes for small businesses.

That is what these reform measures are about: saving money for millions of Americans and simplifying the act of doing your taxes, as well as creating an environment for American business to thrive and come home and bring the jobs with them here in America and invest in the American economy.

The American people want tax reform, they need tax reform, and they have waited a long time, indeed since 1986. They shouldn't have to wait more years than actually the last time the Dodgers won the World Series to kick start their economy and help American jobs.

Mr. Speaker, we need to make this happen now.

INDIANA DUNES

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

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the recent passage of H.R. 1488, the Indiana Dunes National Park Act, which passed the House unanimously yesterday.

This bill renames the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as the Indiana Dunes National Park, creating the first national park in Indiana and the 60th in the country.

The Indiana Dunes are a treasured source of natural beauty where Hoosiers and their families can enjoy countless recreational activities. It is a diverse landscape consisting of dunes, oak savannas, swamps, bogs, marshes, prairies, rivers, and forests, creating one of the most biologically diverse areas in the country. The park contains over 2,000 unique animal and plant species.

Making the Dunes National Lakeshore Indiana's first national park will draw the attention of more Americans from around the country and give them an opportunity to enjoy one of the most beautiful places in our land.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to this bipartisan bill being quickly passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President.

THE ROLLOUT OF THE TAX REFORM PROPOSAL

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today is a big day. I want to congratulate my colleague and friend, Mr. BRADY, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and the committee for the rollout of our tax reform proposal, the first time in over 30 years.

For the individual, what do we get?

We get a fairer, flatter, simpler Tax Code. We are lowering the rates. We are doubling personal exemptions. And guess what. Most Americans will be able to file their tax returns on a postcard.

For corporate America, we get a reduction from 35 percent to 20 percent, which will make us competitive across the world. Most countries in the major industrialized nations tax their corporations at a 20 percent rate.

We will eliminate most every loophole that will deprive special interests of being able to interrupt and intercede in that Tax Code.

For what purpose?

A simple purpose: more money in individuals' pockets, and a growing, thriving economy for all Americans.

Again, I congratulate Chairman BRADY and the Ways and Means Committee. I look forward to seeing quick passage on the floor.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 849, PROTECTING SENIORS' ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT OF 2017

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I

call up House Resolution 600 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 600

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 849) to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 600 provides for the consideration of a bipartisan bill reported by the House Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee.

The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairs and ranking members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule adopts the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Further, the rule waives all points of order and makes in order no further amendments to the legislation. However, the minority is afforded the customary motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of millions of seniors in my home State of Texas and all across the United States, I am grateful that the House is considering H.R. 849, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2017.

This bill has been championed by my good friend from Tennessee, Dr. PHIL ROE, in this Congress and in previous