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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 10 a.m.

## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 17, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

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

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

We ask as well Your blessing upon those who are especially impacted by the severe winter weather in this city and throughout so much of our country. May those who work to address the needs of the weak and vulnerable at times like this know they do Your work.

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

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 100, 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 100, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2015.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 20, 2015, at 11 a.m.

### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. KILMER) introduced a bill (H.R. 1012) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to Medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a pe-

riod to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### 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.

Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 1012.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 14.

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 136: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 213: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. HANNA, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. RUSSELL.

H.R. 223: Mr. KATKO.

H.R. 248: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 281: Mr. FLORES.

H.R. 402: Mr. SHUSTER and Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H.R. 415: Mr. KILDEE and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 420: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 426: Mr. CRAWFORD.

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H.R. 453: Mr. FLORES.	H.R. 699: Ms. STEFANIK and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.	H.R. 863: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 577: Mr. HARDY, Mr. RUSSELL, and Ms. STEFANIK.	H.R. 734: Mr. SESSIONS.	H.R. 882: Mr. SWALWELL of California.
H.R. 624: Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, and Mr. PITTS.	H.R. 746: Mr. PETERS.	H.R. 900: Mr. BYRNE.
H.R. 676: Mr. TED LIEU of California.	H.R. 775: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington.	H.R. 928: Mrs. HARTZLER.
		H.R. 963: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
		H.R. 976: Mr. POE of Texas.
		H.R. 1000: Mrs. LAWRENCE.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### THE REPUBLICANS' WAR ON IMMIGRANTS

#### HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 17, 2015*

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, last week I visited with two constituents, Aida and Norma, who have lived and worked in this country for years, rearing their families here and paying taxes. I also saw my former student Blanca after she met with President Obama to talk about the positive impact the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has had on her life. Like Aida and Norma, Blanca is a long time resident of Southern Nevada and an active member of our community; she holds a degree from UNLV and is planning to attend law school.

Thanks to the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) program, Aida and Norma's families no longer live in constant fear of separation. And because of DACA, Blanca can continue to pursue her American Dream without the threat of deportation.

But unfortunately, Republicans are waging a war against immigrants. They are actively working to repeal DACA and DAPA and strip away these critical protections for DREAMers and their families. They refuse to consider comprehensive immigration reform. They are wasting time suing the President for taking executive action to prevent the separation of families. And they are jeopardizing national security by tying anti-immigrant riders to the DHS funding bill.

By refusing to work with House Democrats to find a long-term, comprehensive fix to our broken immigration system, Republicans are turning their backs on women like Aida, Norma, and Blanca. They are keeping people in the shadows and costing our economy over \$800 billion. They'd rather attack families than terrorists.

I urge Republicans to immediately stop waging their morally indefensible, economically foolish, and physically dangerous war on undocumented families, listen to the American people, and immediately pass the immigration reform we need.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND MEDICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. JOHN SHEA, JR.

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 17, 2015*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and medical contributions of re-

nowned surgeon, innovator and "father of middle-ear surgery," Memphian Dr. John Shea, Jr. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Shea served in the Korean War before returning to Memphis and taking over his father's medical practice in 1952. Two years later, he traveled to Vienna, Austria where he began extensive research into otosclerosis that would lead to his inventing the world's first prosthetic stapes—the tiny stirrup-shaped bone in the middle ear—and performing the groundbreaking stapedectomy procedure, which has since been used by doctors world-wide.

While in Vienna, he read German manuscripts on otosclerosis, which is a condition of the inner ear that causes calcification of the stapes and is considered a leading cause of deafness. Although the medical community ended surgical attempts to address this condition 50 years earlier, Dr. Shea had a vision to combat this cause of deafness in middle-aged adults by replacing the calcified bone with a prosthetic. While many of his colleagues questioned the procedure as dangerous, Dr. Shea was convinced through his research that the revolutionary surgery would work. On May 1, 1956, he successfully performed the first stapedectomy and went on to repeat the procedure nearly 50,000 times during his career before retiring in 2011.

In addition to inventing the prosthetic stapes and developing the stapedectomy, Dr. Shea contributed to otology surgical instruments including drills and microscopes, and intratympanic perfusion treatment for Meniere's disease or spontaneous vertigo. His ingenuity earned him a spot on the London Times list of "1,000 Makers of the Twentieth Century" and a 1962 featured cover article in LIFE magazine as one of five people who were recognized as part of "The Takeover Generation." In 2013, he donated 406 papers, including over 300 published articles, documenting his life's work to the local Memphis Public Library's Memphis Room. Dr. Shea belonged to more than 50 scientific societies, and was a clinical professor in the otolaryngology departments of the University of Tennessee, the University of Mississippi, the University of North Carolina and Tulane University. Additionally, he received honorary doctorates from Memphis schools Christian Brothers University and Rhodes College, and an honorary fellowship from the Australian and English Royal College of Surgeons.

My father, Dr. Morris D. Cohen, knew Dr. Shea and his father as he, too, was a physician and operated the Children's Clinic at 1155 Madison, down the street from Dr. Shea, Sr.'s Ear Nose and Throat Hospital. He told me about the hospital and spoke admiringly of Dr. Shea and his father. Memphis has long

been home to many great medical institutions, including Campbell Clinic, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, the Elvis Presley Trauma Center at Regional One Health (formerly The Med) and the Shea Ear Clinic. Many Memphis physicians have received national acclaim but none have been more renowned than Dr. John Shea, Jr.,

In 1985, Dr. Shea opened the Shea Ear Clinic at Poplar and Ridgeway in Memphis where his son, Dr. Paul Shea continues the family practice today. Dr. Shea, Jr. was a pioneer in the field of otology and a legendary doctor who helped usher in a new era of treatment. He came from one family of physicians and leaves behind another. Memphis will miss John Shea, Jr., and I send my condolences to his wife Lynda Lee Mead; sons Paul and Dr. John Shea III (private practice otologist); daughters Susanna Shea and Wendy Canarios; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and his friends and loved ones. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and medical contributions of Dr. John Shea, Jr. His was a life well-lived.

### HONORING SANDRA COLLINS

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 17, 2015*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today, I wish to honor an extraordinary woman who testified before the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources while I was chairman. Sandra Collins, from my home state of Washington, has seen a lot in her life. She dealt with domestic violence, addiction, homelessness, separation from her children, and depression. She didn't let any of this stop her.

With the help of the WorkFirst Community Jobs Program and Goodwill, she turned her life around. Now, not only is Sandra clean, employed, and reunited with her children, she is succeeding beyond her own expectations. On February 19th, a new Goodwill Outlet Store will open in Olympia, WA. Sandra will be its manager. The new store brings jobs and hundreds of thousands of dollars to the local economy—and when local economies are thriving, so is our national economy.

I could not be more proud of Sandra and what she has achieved. I am honored to have met her and am so pleased that her testimony will help shape future legislation. I congratulate her today, on her success and her hard work. She is an example for all.

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# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 1012, were introduced. **Page H1073**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1073–74**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1073**

**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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, February 19

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, February 20

## Senate Chamber

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

## House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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