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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 30, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS J. ROONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Lieutenant Commander James Dance, Chaplain, United States Navy, Office of the Chief of Navy Chaplains, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we acknowledge that the Earth is Yours and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

Because of whom You are, we deem it imperative that we seek You for wisdom and guidance as we endeavor to open yet another session of the House during which we shall attend to the interests of the American people.

Help us to temper our conversations with humility and patience as we give due diligence to the work that has been assigned to our hands. May we be imbued with a renewed sense of passion, purpose, and patriotism as we strive to serve this great Nation that we all love.

Bless these, our United States. It is in Your most holy Name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. CURTIS, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1. An act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOE BARTON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 27, 2015.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in connection with a criminal case currently pending before that court.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will determine whether com-

pliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JOE BARTON,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE FRED UPTON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 28, 2015.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a third-party subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in connection with United States v. Rainey, a matter currently pending before that court.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will determine whether compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 28, 2015.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of Rule II of

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the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 28, 2015 at 12:22 p.m.:

Appointment:
Joint Committee on Taxation.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CO-CHAIR THE TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4(c) of House Resolution 5, 114th Congress, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Member to serve as cochair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission:

Mr. PITTS, Pennsylvania.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 2, 2015, at noon.

RULES AND REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(d), executive communications [final rules] submitted to the House pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1) during the period of June 11, 2014, through January 2, 2015, shall be treated as though received on January 30, 2015. Original dates of transmittal, numberings, and referrals to committee of those executive communications remain as indicated in the Executive Communication section of the relevant CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

253. A letter from the Deputy Director, ODRM, CDC/NIOSH, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Respirator Certification Fees [Docket No.: CDC-2013-0004; NIOSH-216] (RIN: 0920-AA42) received January 23, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

254. A letter from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c) from Obsolete ILEC Regulatory Obligations that Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks [WC Docket No.: 10-90] [WC Docket No.: 14-58] [WC Docket No.: 14-192] received January 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

255. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries; Connect America Fund [WC Docket No.: 13-184] [WC Docket No.: 10-90] received January 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

256. A letter from the Acting Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rural Call Completion [WC Docket No.: 13-39] received January 22, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

257. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Russian Sanctions: Licensing Policy for the Crimea Region of Ukraine [Docket No.: 141218999-4999-01] (RIN: 0694-AG43) received January 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

258. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-589, "Early Learning Quality Improvement Network Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

259. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-590, "Education Licensure Commission Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

260. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-591, "Wage Theft Prevention Correction and Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

261. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-592, "District Government Certificate of Good Standing Filing Requirement Amendment Act of 2014"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

262. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Land Acquisitions in the State of Alaska [K00103 14/15 A3A10; 134D0102DR-DS5A30000-DR.5A311.IA000115] (RIN: 1076-AF23) received January 20, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

263. A letter from the Acting Chief, Branch of Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding 20 Coral Species to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-ES-2014-0055; 4500030113] (RIN: 1018-BA63) received January 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

264. A letter from the Chief, Endangered Species Listing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Gunnison Sage-grouse [Docket No.: FWS-R6-ES-2011-0111; 4500030114] (RIN: 1018-AX71) received January 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

265. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs,

NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Amendment 18 to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan [Docket No.: 130123065-4999-02] (RIN: 0648-BC95) received January 16, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

266. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's correction to final rule — International Fisheries; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species; Restrictions on the Use of Fish Aggregating Devices in Purse Seine Fisheries for 2015; Correction [Docket No.: 140710571-4977-02] (RIN: 0648-BE36) received January 16, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

267. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Regulatory Amendment to Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries Trawl Rationalization Program for the Start of 2015 [Docket No.: 140904753-4999-01] (RIN: 0648-BE34) received January 16, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

268. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Porbeagle Shark Fishery [Docket Nos.: 130402317-3966-02 and 140429387-4971-02] (RIN: 0648-XD659) received January 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

269. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations and Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; American Lobster Fishery [Docket No.: 141002823-4999-02] (RIN: 0648-BE57) received January 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

270. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Update to Revenue Procedure 2014-8 (Revenue Procedure 2015-8) received January 16, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

271. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Update to Revenue Procedure 2014-4 (Revenue Procedure 2015-4) received January 16, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

272. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Reporting Sick Pay Paid by Third Parties (Notice 2015-6) received January 16, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on 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 Mr. BRADY of Texas (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. BLACKBURN,

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. KILMER, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. MARCHANT, Mrs. NOEM, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. FLORES, and Ms. GRANGER):

H.R. 622. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 623. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 624. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DELANEY (for himself and Mr. HANNA):

H.R. 625. A bill to eliminate the incentive for corporations to continue to hold accumulated earnings offshore, to invest in domestic infrastructure, to provide for international tax reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Rules, 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. DENHAM:

H.R. 626. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require Medicare Advantage organizations to disclose certain information on the changes made to the MA plan offered by such organization pursuant to changes required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Ms. HAHN (for herself and Mr. BENISHEK):

H.R. 627. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS (for herself, Mr. SCALISE, and Mr. PAULSEN):

H.R. 628. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 629. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduced recognition period for built-in gains of S corporations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. KIND):

H.R. 630. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain rules regarding basis adjustments to stock of S corporations making charitable contributions of property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHOCK (for himself, Mr. KEATING, Mr. BARLETTA, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. COOK, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GOODLATTE, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. HULTGREN, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. TIPTON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. WOMACK):

H.R. 631. A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TSONGAS (for herself, Mr. BORDALLO, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. TONKO, Mr. WALZ, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio):

H.R. 632. A bill to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to the U.S. Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society, in recognition of the ceaseless efforts of American aircrew members to escape captivity and evade capture by the enemy forces in occupied countries during our foreign wars, and the brave resistance organizations and patriotic nationals of those foreign countries who assisted them; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 633. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to prohibit the sharing of personally identifiable information obtained through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace for marketing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TIBERI:

H. Con. Res. 12. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Jack Nicklaus; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah:

H. Res. 65. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Natural Resources in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. SIREs, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California):

H. Res. 66. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Dominican Heritage Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas:

H.R. 622.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution which grants Congress, "the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises . . ."

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:

H.R. 623.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 624.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3
Article I, Section 8, Clause 4
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. DELANEY:

H.R. 625.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the United States constitution.

By Mr. DENHAM:

H.R. 626.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

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

By Ms. HAHN:

H.R. 627.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United

States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS:

H.R. 628.

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

The Constitutional authority in which this bill rests is the power of the Congress to regulate Commerce as enumerated by Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 as applied to the Social Security Act.

By Mr. REICHERT:

H.R. 629.

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

Pursuant to Clause I of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. REICHERT:

H.R. 630.

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

Pursuant to Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SCHOCK:

H.R. 631.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress as stated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. TSONGAS:

H.R. 632.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

H.R. 633.

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

Article 1, Clause 8, Section 3 (Power to regulate commerce)

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 29: Mr. HARTZLER and Ms. JENKINS of Kansas.

H.R. 38: Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 50: Mr. PETERSON, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 132: Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. LATTA.

H.R. 140: Mr. BARLETTA and Ms. FOXX.

H.R. 198: Mr. HECK of Washington.

H.R. 199: Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 224: Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. DEUTCH.

H.R. 225: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 226: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 228: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 247: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 280: Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 290: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 306: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 352: Mr. ZINKE.

H.R. 400: Mr. RIBBLE, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 401: Mr. POE of Texas and Mr. CRENSHAW.

H.R. 402: Mr. YODER.

H.R. 411: Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. HIMES, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. NORTON, and Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 419: Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

H.R. 420: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina and Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 429: Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 431: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. DOLD, Ms. GRAHAM, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JOLLY, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. GOMERT, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. BUCK, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. CULBERSON, and Mr. SCHOCK.

H.R. 439: Mr. BURGESS, Mr. MESSER, and Mr. YOHIO.

H.R. 448: Ms. DUCKWORTH.

H.R. 483: Ms. MENG, Ms. LEE, and Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 503: Mr. POMPEO.

H.R. 509: Mr. KIND and Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 524: Mr. REED, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, and Mr. YOHIO.

H.R. 527: Mr. PETERSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. Huelskamp, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mrs. LOVE, and Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 539: Mr. LEVIN and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 574: Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. HURT of Virginia, and Mr. Hill.

H.R. 581: Mr. LOEBSSACK and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 583: Mrs. ELLMERS and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona.

H.R. 590: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 594: Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. ROTHFUS, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. JONES, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. Murphy of Pennsylvania, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 595: Ms. FUDGE, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROTHFUS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. MESSER.

H.R. 596: Mrs. ROBY, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. COOK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. HARPER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. AMODEI, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. LONG, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. PALMER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. PITTINGER, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. ROUZER, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Ms. FOXX, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. ROTHFUS, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 599: Mr. YOUNG of Indiana and Mr. MARCHANT.

H.R. 612: Mr. FLEMING, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

H. Res. 11: Mrs. LOVE and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H. Res. 53: Mr. HURD of Texas and Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H. Res. 62: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. HIMES, Ms. MENG, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.



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The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Sovereign of our Nation and Lord of our lives, thank You for infusing us with the confidence that You order our steps each day.

Give our lawmakers courage and a strong resolve to glorify Your Name, as they trust the unfolding of Your loving providence. As they remember what You have already done to bless this Nation, inspire them to march confidently toward tomorrow's difficulties with a total dependence on Your power. May they recommit themselves each day to faithfully fulfilling the awesome responsibility You have entrusted to them. Lord, be their strength and shield this day and always.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

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

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. HATCH. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I move to proceed to H.R. 240.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 5, H.R. 240, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I sent a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.

Mitch McConnell, John Cornyn, Richard Burr, Jerry Moran, John Thune, Johnny Isakson, Marco Rubio, Roy Blunt, Pat Roberts, Deb Fischer, John Boozman, David Vitter, Tim Scott, Roger F. Wicker, Richard C. Shelby, Michael B. Enzi, Rand Paul.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the mandatory quorum be waived and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3. I further ask that if the motion to invoke cloture is agreed to, all postcloture time be yielded back and the Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to proceed to the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, the Senate's passage of the Keystone jobs bill is great news for the American people. The Senate will soon turn its attention to a few different matters.

First, we will be voting on a bipartisan measure that has been championed by the Chairs of the Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services Committees.

We lose thousands of our heroes every year to suicide. It is a tragic situation. Senators MCCAIN and ISAKSON are leading efforts to do something about it. Their legislation would provide more of the mental health and suicide prevention support our Veterans deserve. The measure already passed unanimously through the House of Representatives. Now we hope for a bipartisan outcome on the Senate floor.

The same should also be said of a second piece of legislation we will consider. It is a debate that will challenge our colleagues on the other side with a simple proposition. Do they think Presidents of either party should have the power to simply ignore laws they don't like? Will our Democratic colleagues work with us to defend key democratic ideals such as the separation of powers and the rule of law or will they stand tall with the idea that partisan exercises of raw power are good things?

The House-passed bill we will consider would do two things. It would fund the Department of Homeland Security and rein in Executive overreach.

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That is it. It is simple, and there is no reason for Democrats to block it.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam President, we are told that next week we can expect the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill, which fully funds the Department of Homeland Security and includes the law enforcement priorities that were agreed to on a bipartisan basis in the House—and I think will be approved on a bipartisan basis in the Senate, hammered out in the Senate Appropriations Committee—will be coming to the Senate.

The House of Representatives has therefore voted to fund Homeland Security in essentially the way the President has asked for and the Democrats and Republicans agreed on. It is not a perfect bill for everybody, but we have to do those things. We have to agree and fund all the departments and agencies of our government.

Yet we now have a statement that our Democratic colleagues are going to block the bill. They apparently intend to say Republicans blocked the bill and that somehow Republicans didn't fund Homeland Security. That is the message they are going to try to promote.

They are going to say they want a clean bill. What does a clean bill mean? Is it a bill that funds the Immigration and Nationality Act as was passed by Congress, some 500 pages? It funds the officers and enforcement officials who carry out those duties every day. Does it fund those? Yes, it funds those.

What is it that people are complaining about then? What is this clean bill they want to see?

I would suggest it is not a clean bill they want. In reality, they want legislation that will fund action by President Obama that violates the Immigration and Nationality Act, actions that he has taken through Executive amnesty. That is the problem we are dealing with.

Apparently they believe the President of the United States, who doesn't agree with the way immigration law is written, the way it has been carried out for 30, 40 years—he is not happy with that. He asked the Congress to change it.

Congress said: No.

He said: I am going to do it anyway. Right across the river from Washington—I am going to lease a building that houses 1,000 new workers—new workers—and those workers are going to process and give out legal status, work permits, Social Security participation, Medicare participation to 5 million people. People who, according to the Immigration and Nationality

Act, are unlawfully in the country and are not able to work. Businesses cannot hire somebody who is in the country unlawfully.

Is there any country in the world that says it is appropriate for a business to hire somebody who entered that country unlawfully? What kind of logic can support such reasoning?

So the President is not an imperial master. He asked Congress and Congress said no, but he wants to go ahead and do it.

Our Democratic colleagues are now telling us they are not going to support funding of Homeland Security because Congress—the House of Representatives bill and the bill I think will have a majority in the Senate—will not fund this building, the 1,000 people, and all the other activities that will be needed to execute this unlawful, unconstitutional Executive amnesty.

It is through the looking glass. I mean, what world are we in?

I was a Federal prosecutor for almost 15 years. They enforce the law, they don't enforce what some President said he would like to see done that is not lawful. Colleagues, this is so serious that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials, their association filed a lawsuit, and they challenged the actions of their supervisors telling them not to enforce plain immigration law. They went to Federal court.

Has anybody ever heard of that before? This is the equivalent of the FBI for the immigration service. These are first-rate officers. Many of them have been there 20 or 30 years.

They say: You are asking us to not enforce the law.

They have challenged it in court. I have never heard of anything such as that before. The people in charge of enforcing the law having to go to court to keep from being told not to enforce the law? It is amazing.

This bill will not deny a penny of funding. It will not deny any funding for any program, activity or action that is authorized by law. It does not deny funding for any of those programs that are actually authorized by the laws of the United States. In fact, it says: Spend the money, Mr. President, on enforcing and following the law. You cannot spend money unconstitutionally to advocate and create a system of law Congress rejected—an unlawful activity.

The Congress of the United States is not helpless when it confronts the President. Colleagues, we have to get out from under our desks. Are we afraid to say to the President of the United States we don't agree with this, and we are not going to fund this?

Is that the world we are in? Are we hiding under our desks, that the President may go on television and attack us because we will not agree with his ideas? Surely not, surely not.

The Congress has the power to appropriate money. It goes back to the historic development—before America became a nation—that the Parliament

took over the power of money from the King. Parliament passed the laws, not the King.

We adopted that and we created a constitutional order, instead of a King, to decide how we operate. The Parliament, and the Congress of the United States, was empowered to handle the money.

What obligation, colleagues, does this Congress of the United States have to give the President of the United States money to undermine the laws of the United States? What power does he have to compel us to do so? Zero.

We should do the right thing. And the right thing is to say: Mr. President, we are willing to consider a form of immigration law, but we didn't approve of this bill. We didn't support your bill last time and we are not going to pass your bill this time. We are going to continue to work to improve immigration law and make it better and serve the national interest of the United States—not special interests, not activist groups and not big businesses, but the average working American's interest. That is who we are going to serve in this process.

So why are we afraid to push back on that? It is amazing to me. So I don't think we will. In fact, it is sort of remarkable that this is a bipartisan position that the President has overreached. I am not going to quote the names of Senators. I will be a little bit courteous at this point and just quote some of the statements from all separate Democratic Senators in the last few months when asked about this Executive amnesty by the President. A lot of Senators have never been asked. They are probably thankful they weren't asked.

This is what one Senator said:

... but the President shouldn't make such a significant policy change on his own.

Another Democratic Senator:

... but executive orders aren't the way to do it.

Another Senator:

I disagree with the President's decision to use executive action to make changes to our immigration system.

Another Democratic Senator:

I'm disappointed the President decided to use executive action at this time on this issue, as it could poison any hope of compromise or bipartisanship in the new Senate before it has even started. It's Congress' job to pass legislation and deal with issues of this magnitude.

Absolutely correct. It is Congress's duty to do this.

What about another Democratic Senator:

I worry that his taking unilateral action could in fact inflame public opinion, change the subject from immigration to the President. I also have constitutional concerns about where prosecutorial discretion ends and unconstitutional authority begins.

A wise quote, I think.

Another Senator:

I have concerns about executive action . . . This is a job for Congress, and it's time for the House to act.

Another Democratic Senator:

... the best way to get a comprehensive solution is to take this through the legislative process.

So I would say, colleagues, why would any Senator, Democrat or Republican—when the very integrity of the constitutional powers given to Congress are eroded in a dramatic way by the President of the United States—not want to assert congressional authority? It is important for our constitutional structure, in my view.

Well, there we are. We had hearings in the Senate on these issues and on the new nominee for Attorney General. The new nominee said she supports and will actively work for the policy the President established. The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer in the land. They take an oath to see that the laws of the United States are faithfully executed.

I believe strongly in this. I don't think it is a close question. It is not a close question, colleagues. The President's actions are unlawful. The President's executive actions impose a policy that is detrimental to our ability to ever establish a lawful system of immigration in America. They are against the wishes of the Congress, which rejected this proposal, and they are overwhelmingly in opposition to the views of the American people, as poll after poll has demonstrated.

Do the American people have no role in their government? They can't expect their Members of the Senate to vote for legislation that follows the law instead of breaking the law? Aren't they frustrated already that Congress is not following the law, and they are frustrated with the President's failure to follow the law? I think they are.

Of course I would like to note that President Obama himself said 20 times he did not have the power to do this. He said, in May of 2008:

Congress's job is to pass legislation. The president can veto it or he can sign it . . . I believe in the Constitution and I will obey the Constitution of the United States. We're not going to use signing statements . . .

Another time he said:

Ultimately, our nation, like all nations, has the right and obligation to control its borders and set laws for residency and citizenship. And no matter how decent they are, no matter their reasons, the 11 million people who broke these laws should be held accountable.

October of 2010:

I can't simply ignore laws that are out there.

On October 25 of 2010, he said:

I am president, I am not king. I can't do these things just by myself. We have a system of government that requires the Congress to work with the Executive Branch to make it happen.

Well, even King George couldn't act contrary to the laws passed by Parliament. That statement goes on:

... I just want to repeat, I'm president, I'm not king. If Congress has laws on the books that says that people who are here who are not documented have to be deported,

then I can exercise some flexibility in terms of where we deploy our resources . . . but there's a limit to the discretion that I can show because I'm obliged to execute the law. That's what the Executive Branch means. I can't just make the laws up by myself.

Well, how true is that? That is absolutely correct. It goes on. There are 20 of these. I could continue, but we will be talking about this as the weeks go on.

Now, what do scholars say? Do the scholars say that this action is lawful and that Congress should fund it and we have an obligation to fund it or the President has the right to demand it? Jonathan Turley, who is a Shapiro Professor of Law at George Washington University, a nationally recognized constitutional scholar, testified before Congress many times, most often as a Democratic witness, has said he supports President Obama and voted for him. But he said this:

I believe the president has exceeded his brief. The president is required to faithfully execute the laws. He's not required to enforce all laws equally or commit the same resources to them. But I believe the president has crossed the constitutional line . . .

He said that again yesterday at the judiciary hearing on the Attorney General. He continues:

This goes to the very heart of what is the Madisonian system. If a president can unilaterally change the meaning of laws in substantial ways or refuse to enforce them, it takes offline that very thing that stabilizes our system. I believe the members will loathe the day that they allow that to happen. This will not be the last president. There will be more presidents who will claim the same authority.

Well, I think that is pretty significant. Professor Turley is a supporter of President Obama personally, and someone who has been a frequent Democratic witness for Congress.

Professor Nicholas Rosenkranz of Georgetown University Law Center, in his testimony yesterday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, said—and how simple and true is this. It is pretty insightful, frankly:

Rather than declining to comply with a duly enacted statute—

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the President has decided to comply meticulously—with a bill that never became law.

What a statement that is. And it is absolutely true. He went on to say:

Congress has repeatedly considered a statute called the DREAM Act, which would exempt a broad category of aliens from the Immigration and Nationality Act. The President favored this DREAM Act, but Congress repeatedly declined to pass it.

It is not in the code. It didn't pass. He goes on to say:

Once again, the President does have broad prosecutorial discretion and broad discretion to husband executive resources. But in this case, it is quite clear that the President is not merely trying to conserve resources. . . . To put the point another way, the President shall "take Care that the Laws"—capital L—"be faithfully executed"—not those bills which fail to become law. Here, in effect, the President is faithfully executing the DREAM Act, which is not law at all, rather than the

Immigration and Nationality Act, which is supreme law of the land. The President cannot enact the DREAM Act unilaterally, and he cannot evade article 1, section 7, by pretending that it passed when it did not.

How much clearer can you lay it out? This professor is simply telling the truth. There is no other way to look at this, in my opinion. Congress is being challenged at its very core by this action, and the result of this challenge will have constitutional ramifications and it will have ramifications as we consider the relative powers of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches in the years to come.

This is not a little matter, colleagues. It really is an affront to constitutional order. We have a duty no matter what we feel about this amnesty that goes well beyond DREAM Act amnesty. We have a constitutional duty to defend the integrity of the Congress against an encroachment of monumental proportions by the President. That is the fundamental issue we will be dealing with when people complain about the funding bill for DHS.

David Rivkin, who served two Presidents in the Office of White House Counsel, and Elizabeth Price Foley, a constitutional law professor, wrote an article recently in the Wall Street Journal. It just hammers and devastates the arguments the President is making in favor of his executive amnesty. They say this:

By announcing a global policy of non-enforcement against certain categories, Mr. Obama condones unlawful behavior, weakening the law's deterrent impact, and allows lawbreakers to remain without fear of deportation . . . These individuals are no longer deportable although Congress has declared them so.

They conclude with a statement we need to consider. I believe their concluding statement is accurate. I think it is pretty much indisputable. And if it is accurate, then Congress has a duty to stand firm.

This is what they conclude:

The President, after months, finally extracted from the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice a memorandum that allows basically what he is trying to do. It has been heavily criticized. Legal scholars say it is a poor analysis in a whole lot of ways. In fact, it is unacceptable.

This is what the authors of this recent opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal said:

The OLC's memo endorses a view of presidential power that has never been advanced by even the boldest presidential advocates. If this view holds, future presidents can unilaterally gut tax, environmental, labor or securities laws by enforcing only those portions with which they agree. This is a dangerous precedent that cannot be allowed to stand.

So this is what is at stake. And now we learn that the Democrats intend to oppose even going forward to consider the House bill that funds the Department of Homeland Security—and they intend to block that through the filibuster.

This is what Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI is reported by Congressional Quarterly as saying last night:

Senator Mikulski tells CQ that Democrats will block the Senate from proceeding to debate the DHS spending bill over immigration riders.

Have they made that decision? Surely not. Surely we should move to the bill. If they are unhappy with the language the House put in this, then offer an amendment to take it out. They will have the right to have full amendments, consistent with the rules of the Senate, on this legislation. They can offer amendments to strike the language in the House that simply says we are not going to fund unlawful Executive amnesty. It is a pretty stunning thing that we are dealing with and that we will be confronting next week. I believe it is a position that is untenable. It is untenable constitutionally, it is untenable lawfully, and it is untenable because it is contrary to the will of Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate who oppose the President's action. It is untenable politically because overwhelmingly the American people reject it.

I am flabbergasted that we are now hearing that Democrats might not even allow the bill to come up on the floor. What does that mean?

I suppose they will say: Mr. Republican Congress, are you shutting down Homeland Security?

Why? I would ask.

Well, because you are putting in language that says the President shouldn't go off and create and endorse and support and fund changing of the law of the United States that Congress hasn't changed, and we insist that you fund his activities and give him the money he needs to carry out this project.

Then Congress says: No. We don't want to do that.

We oppose it and we won't pass the bill that funds Homeland Security.

That is a bad thing to do. The American people won't like it that you don't fund Homeland Security, the Republicans may say.

And do you know what our Democratic colleagues will say?

No. You shut Homeland Security down because you kept the President from doing his activity. We are going to accuse you of not funding Homeland Security, and we are going to say you placed the Nation at risk. The President is going to accuse you of defunding Homeland Security, and he is going to accuse you of putting the country at risk. And the media? Why, they are on our side, and they are going to report it that way. When you turn on your television at night, they are going to say to the American people that Republicans didn't fund Homeland Security, and you are going to lose.

Look, we are not through the looking glass yet. Give me a break. That is not going to sell. The American people are not going to buy that and the press is not going to shill for this kind of story. It is going to be clear who is not funding Homeland Security. It is going to

be clear who wants to create a lawful system of immigration and to fund it in an effective way and serve the national interests in this fashion.

I feel strongly about it. Hopefully this won't happen. Hopefully the report last night is not going to be the position of the Democratic Party.

I just read of seven or eight of them who said they don't approve of the President's action. Why would they vote not to even go to a bill? And remember, if the bill comes up and our colleagues don't like this language in it, they can move to alter it or strike it. Let's vote on it.

Sometimes you win in this body; sometimes you lose. We lost many times—many on the Republican side—in supporting the Keystone Pipeline. Now we are told the President may veto the bill that has well over 60 votes and many Democrats voting for it. Well, is Congress going to say "We are going to ignore that" and ask the law enforcement officers or the other officers to ignore the President's veto and pretend the law passed when it didn't pass? Of course not. And neither can the President. We are coequal branches, and the President does not have the authority and the right and the power to enforce a law that never passed to grant amnesty to people who are unlawfully here.

It goes beyond prosecutorial discretion. As I said, I was a prosecutor for a long time. It is not prosecutorial discretion to give someone who is unlawfully in the country a work permit, a photo ID—as they intend to do—a Social Security number, the right to participate in Social Security, the right to work, to take any job in America. What job are they going to take? Who is offering any jobs of any numbers today in America? Not many. So these individuals who are here unlawfully will now be able to go to the trucking company and take a pretty good trucking job or maybe a forklift operator job or maybe they want to work for the county commission.

I asked the Attorney General nominee 2 days ago at a hearing would the Department of Justice sue a business that said: Well, we have job openings, but we are going to hire those people who have green cards or who came here lawfully and have a lawful status, but we are not going to hire somebody with temporary Presidential amnesty? Are you going to sue them for some sort of violation of rights?

She said she didn't know. They might. She basically said they might sue them. So this is a real danger.

The truth is, colleagues, we don't have enough jobs in America today. We have the lowest percentage of Americans actually working, in the working ages, that we have had since the 1970s. It has dropped steadily year after year. There is no doubt that if you bring more people into our country than we have jobs for, it does make it harder.

Also, an excess of labor pulls down wages, and things aren't really getting

better. Median family wages since 2007 are down \$4,000. That is a stunning amount. Wages in December—last month—in America dropped 5 cents an hour.

This idea that the economy is on track, everything is wonderful—it is not so wonderful for average working Americans. Their wages went down, not up, as we have been told is happening. This is not going to help. It is going to make that situation worse.

Fundamentally, we need a lawful system of immigration that we can be proud of, and somebody needs to be concerned first and foremost about the people we represent. We should be concerned about the people who have immigrated here lawfully. Their wages are down also, in some cases even more so. In fact, they are often competing most directly against unlawful immigrants.

I would say this: This is not the right way to do it. We are going to continue to talk about this. I believe the Congress of the United States, once it is really understood what is happening, will listen to the constituents of America. They will decide first and foremost that our duty is to create a lawful system of immigration that is fairly endorsed, that we can be proud of, and that serves the interest of the American people—the national interest. That is what is being overlooked.

People are coming from abroad. They want to come to America. We have always had the most generous immigration system in the world, and we believe in immigration. But they should come lawfully and the Congress should help create a system that supports a lawful entry into America.

The council that represents the Customs and Immigration Service Officers just January 22nd of this year issued a strong statement. They said:

The dedicated immigration service officers and adjudicators at USCIS are in desperate need of help. The President's executive amnesty order for 5 million illegal immigrants places the mission of USCIS in grave peril.

Has anybody been listening to them or do they just listen to big business? Do they just listen to activist groups? Do they just listen to lobbyists, politicians with their political schemes to win elections? Is that what they are listening to? They are not listening to the officers who are carrying out the duties.

Last fall the same group who represents these government workers—Ken Palinkas, a very able leader, said this:

Making matters more dangerous, the Obama administration's executive amnesty, like S. 744 that he unsuccessfully lobbied for, would legalize visa overstays and cause millions additionally to overstay—raising the threat level to America even higher.

It goes on with many other points.

I thank the Chair for the opportunity to speak. I am very worried that our Democratic colleagues are making a mistake. I think it is the right thing in this new Senate with Majority Leader

MCCONNELL who has allowed more votes in 1 day than the Republicans got from Senator REID the entire year last year. We probably doubled the number of votes this year than we had all of last year.

The Democrats are saying, we are not even going to go to this bill that would fund Homeland Security. And if we don't go to it, then Homeland Security is not funded. Are they going to block a bill that would fund Homeland Security?

Senator MCCONNELL is saying you can have your relevant amendment. If you don't like the language the House put in that says the money can only go to fund lawful activities, then you can vote to take it out and offer an amendment to take it out; but if you don't have the votes, you lose. That is the way the system should work.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

EMPLOYER WELLNESS PROGRAMS: BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES AND LOWER COSTS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of my remarks at the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee hearing yesterday be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EMPLOYER WELLNESS PROGRAMS: BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES AND LOWER COSTS

This morning we are holding a hearing entitled "Employer Wellness Programs: Better Health Outcomes and Lower Costs."

Ranking Member Murray and I will each have an opening statement, then we will introduce our panel of witnesses. I ask that each of our witnesses limit their testimony to no more than five minutes. We will conclude the hearing at noon.

About half of Americans, or 149 million, have health insurance through an employer. One thing we agree upon is that it's a good thing for employers to encourage employees to be healthier. There are a few ways that employers can do this. Offering employees free gym memberships, access to weight loss coaches, and on-site nurses, to name a few. Today, we're going to hear from employers who offer lower cost insurance if their employees lead a healthy lifestyle.

Obamacare was not a bipartisan law, but it did include a bipartisan provision to strengthen workplace wellness programs. Former Senator Harkin and I worked together on this during the HELP Committee markup of Obamacare. Before Obamacare, employers relied upon a 2006 regulation which empowered them to discount employee premiums up to 20 percent.

Today, employers have certainty of law that they can give their employees up to 30 percent off of their premiums if they make healthy lifestyle choices like maintaining a healthy weight or keeping their cholesterol levels in check. The law also gave the Secretaries of Labor and Health the authority to extend this discount to 50 percent off through regulations. And the Secretaries did just that for tobacco cessation, so companies can also give employees who are smoke-free a 50 percent discount off their premiums.

But these discount programs aren't a blank check. By law, employers have to meet several conditions. First, they cannot discriminate. Employers must make these programs available to everyone and must provide a reasonable alternative if an employee cannot complete the standard requirement. Second, they have to be designed to promote health. So, your boss can't offer a reward for a better job performance, but she can do so if you stop smoking. Third, everyone should have a chance to qualify at least once a year.

To get started, employees might simply fill out a questionnaire about themselves and their family's medical history, or undergo a basic health screening to take their weight, temperature, blood pressure, as well as a finger prick test for cholesterol or diabetes. This information provides employees a baseline from which to work with a medical professional to improve.

Today, we will seek to answer several questions. First, how well are these programs working? A 2014 study conducted for Interactive Health found 85% of 15,550 people surveyed either improved or maintained their level of health risk and companies' health care costs rose 6% more slowly. A September 2014 survey by the benefits consulting firm of Towers Watson & Co. found that 18% of employers already use outcomes-based wellness incentives and 48% plan to add one by 2017.

Next, we want to explore if any of these programs need to be changed. There are a number of laws and regulations on the books governing wellness programs, but do employers have all the tools they need?

And we want to hear how a disturbing turn of events may affect these programs. Specifically, the action the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is taking against companies like Honeywell for encouraging employees to lead a healthier lifestyle. I'm concerned the government is encouraging workplace wellness on one hand, and discouraging it on the other.

There is a great deal of evidence that tells us these programs can make employees healthier and happier at work, and for the investment employers make, they can see lower health care costs.

Honeywell has a wellness program that is reportedly compliant with Obamacare, provides for reasonable alternative accommodations, and protects patient privacy. And, it's working to improve employee health. 61 percent of Honeywell employees identified with more than one health risk factor eliminated at least one of those risk factors; and 46 percent eliminated all of their risk factors.

What's wrong with that? Well, the EEOC seemingly believes employers should not reward employees who make healthy lifestyle choices with lower premiums. And in October last year, the general counsel sued to stop Honeywell from doing just that.

Even the White House has expressed concern regarding the EEOC's actions. In December, when asked about the president's thoughts on the EEOC wellness lawsuits, White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said the administration is concerned EEOC's actions are, or could be, "inconsistent with what we know about wellness programs and the fact that we know that wellness programs are good for both employers and employees."

Congress was clear in the health care law. The administration was clear in the regulations. And the White House has again reiterated its support for these programs. But apparently that is not clear enough for the EEOC. The EEOC is sending a confusing message to employers—reliance on Obamacare's authorization of wellness programs does not mean you won't be sued.

So, I'm working on legislation to provide employers and employees even more clarity and certainty to continue to offer these voluntary wellness programs and encourage healthy lifestyle choices. Innovation and healthy choices should be applauded, not punished.

Workplace wellness programs give individuals some control over rising health care costs. Instead of watching powerlessly as more money comes out of their paychecks each month to cover rising health insurance premiums—wellness programs give individuals the ability to regain some control over those costs.

I admit that this represents a big shift in how we think about the workplace in relation to our health. There has been a sea change in how we talk about health at work. I remember well the smoke in the hallways of the Nixon White House. That was true in most workplaces then. These days, about the only workplace you can smoke is the Speaker's office.

REMEMBERING CHIP KENNETT

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, I wish to pay tribute to Bayard Winslow "Chip" Kennett II, a native of Conway, N.H., who passed away on January 17 at the age of 34.

Growing up in the Mount Washington Valley, Chip was a fantastic student-athlete and natural leader. At A. Crosby Kennett High School, one of two schools in Conway which bears his family name, Chip quarterbacked the Kennett High School football team and was honored with the Jack Burns Memorial Award for leadership, dedication and loyalty to his teammates on the Kennett High baseball team. His parents, Bayard and Theresa, instilled in Chip a love for the region and its people, and Chip spent his summers volunteering and working at Conway's community recreation center.

Chip would later go on to a career in public service that spanned close to a decade, rising from a college internship with then-New Hampshire Representative John Sununu to a position in Senator Judd Gregg's office, after which he returned to work for John Sununu upon his election to the Senate. Before leaving Capitol Hill to join Raytheon's government affairs practice, Chip most recently worked for Maine Senator SUSAN COLLINS as her military legislative assistant and director of appropriations. During his time in Washington, Chip was active in the New Hampshire State Society, helping to raise funds for New Hampshire students hoping to intern in the Nation's capital as he had during college. All those who knew him in the Senate recall his upbeat and caring nature, both qualities that buoyed him and his family through the difficulties of the past 2 years.

In October 2012, Chip's wife Sheila was 35 weeks pregnant when he was diagnosed with stage IV advanced lung cancer. As he learned more about his diagnosis, Chip, who was not a smoker, was struck by the lack of progress in improving the survival rate for this deadly cancer which, contrary to popular perception, annually affects more non-smokers than smokers. During his own treatment, Chip became an advocate for lung cancer and worked exceptionally hard to increase awareness of the disease and to end the negative stigma of a lung cancer diagnosis. He gave his time and legislative expertise to LUNgevity, a lung cancer-focused nonprofit, to help fight for much-needed lung cancer research, education and support. His efforts culminated in an invitation to testify on Capitol Hill regarding the need to expedite trials for breakthrough drugs to treat life-threatening diseases like lung cancer. Throughout his own battle with the disease, Chip held out hope that one day we could all celebrate a cure for cancer.

Chip truly embodied the spirit of public service, especially in his remaining days when he served as a voice for others. I know I speak for all in the Senate when I say thank you, Chip, for providing an example of what it means to be a great father, son, husband, friend and American.

Chip is survived by his 5-year-old son Bayard "Joe" Kennett II, his 2-year-old daughter Crosby Reynolds and his wife Sheila whom he met while they were both serving as staff members in the Senate; his mother and father, Bayard and Theresa Kennett of Conway, N.H., as well as his brother and sister-in-law Tanner and Sarah Kennett of North Conway, N.H.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in honoring the life and service of Chip Kennett.

Ms. AYOTTE. Madam President, I wish to recognize the extraordinary life of my friend Chip Kennett, who passed away on January 17 after a courageous 2-year battle against cancer.

Bayard Winslow "Chip" Kennett II was born and raised in Conway, and he was a proud New Hampshire native son. The Kennetts are pillars of the Conway community whose roots in the Mount Washington Valley go back generations, and I have been fortunate to know Chip's family and to witness their countless contributions to business and civic life in New Hampshire.

Chip carried on his family's tradition of public service when he first came to Capitol Hill to serve his home State of New Hampshire. He served as a congressional staffer for nearly 8 years—first as a legislative correspondent to my predecessor Senator Judd Gregg and later as a policy aide for former Senator John E. Sununu. More recently, he was a senior aide to my colleague from Maine, Senator SUSAN COLLINS. When I first came to the Senate in 2011 and did not yet have a full

legislative staff in place, Chip generously offered his counsel on national security and defense issues, for which I was very grateful.

While working for Senator Gregg, Chip met the love of his life, Sheila, who would become his wife.

In October 2012, Chip—seemingly healthy and active at the age of 31—was diagnosed with Stage IV non-smoker's lung cancer. There was no cure. In the face of an unimaginable prognosis, Chip understood better than most that life is a gift, and he inspired us all with his determination to live his life to the fullest—making the most of the time he had with his wife Sheila and their two young children, Joe and Crosby. Together, they found joy and meaning in simply being together during everyday, ordinary moments—resolving to be "present and grateful." From family dinners to rooting for his favorite football team on "Patriots Football Sunday", Chip savored the blessings of family and friendship.

True to his compassionate nature, he turned his diagnosis into a cause for good—becoming a counselor to others battling cancer, raising public awareness of the disease and the need to reduce the stigma associated with lung cancer. The blog that Chip and Sheila started provided a "Playbook for Living" that served as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others who were fighting similar battles with cancer. Chip also put his Capitol Hill experience to work as an advocate for lung cancer research, and his efforts are credited with helping spur changes in Medicare coverage for lung cancer treatments—a legacy that will continue to touch many lives.

Chip summed up his approach to living with cancer at a hearing last May before the Senate Special Committee on Aging, where he testified that "thanks to medical breakthroughs, I have been able to experience many quality filled days. We have enjoyed spending holidays with friends and family. I have been able to continue working full time. As a family, we have sat down at the dinner table together, have attended innumerable swim lessons, soccer and tee ball practices for my son on Saturday mornings, and have sat in a church pew together on Sunday mornings. In other words, we have stayed busy—busy LIVING with cancer."

Chip's strong network of family and close friends was extremely important to him. He was always happiest being around the people he loved. After his diagnosis, his family, friends, coworkers, and former Hill colleagues—affectionately known as Team Kennett—mobilized to not only support Chip and his family but also to support their efforts to aid others fighting cancer.

The courage and strength with which Chip and his family faced his illness is an inspiration to us all. Perhaps Chip's greatest legacy is the valuable lesson he taught us all about how to live fully in each moment.

Chip was a wonderful, smart, and fun-loving man, and he had a big heart. It was a joy to know him and to call him a friend, and his loss is simply heartbreaking.

My heart and thoughts are with all of Team Kennett, including Sheila, Joe, and Crosby; as well as Chip's parents Bayard and Theresa Kennett of Conway; and his brother and sister-in-law Tanner and Sarah Kennett of North Conway.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING BILLY'S BOUDIN & CRACKLIN

• Mr. VITTER. Madam President, many of our Nation's small businesses are well-regarded for their ability to truly showcase the local culture, food, and heritage. Small businesses have a unique perspective and opportunity to take advantage of local recipes, ingredients, and flavor profiles that allow them to provide regional favorites for residents and tourists. Without a doubt, one of the most remarkable aspects of Louisiana is our delicious, extraordinary cuisine. This week, I would like to recognize this truly special piece of Louisiana culture by honoring Billy's Boudin & Cracklin of Krotz Springs, LA, as the Small Business of the Week.

South Louisiana has created its own genre of Louisiana cooking. With traditions and recipes handed down through the generations, the charm and flavor of Acadiana is undeniable. Billy's Boudin & Cracklin was originally founded in 1995 as a convenience store. It was not long, however, before Billy Frey and his father-in-law decided they needed to incorporate something in their store to set them apart from the competition. The brilliant addition of a family boudin recipe bolstered the success of their store to what we know today. Two short years later, Billy expanded their thriving business to the nearby city of Opelousas and purchased a popular local grocery store, Ray's, to establish Billy and Ray's Boudin. Maintaining the local charm, the Frey's purchased Ray's secret boudin recipe and added it right onto the new store's menu.

Recently, the business expanded once again to the "Boudin Capitol of the World" in Scott, LA. What started out as a small convenient store has turned into a regional favorite, with over 3,000 pounds of boudin made daily between the three stores. In addition to the original boudin links, Billy's offers boudin in the form of balls, pistollettes, rollups, and sandwiches. They also have shipping options so nonlocals can enjoy authentic Cajun boudin and cracklins from across the country. The Boudin Balls have become a signature of the business, with around 1.7 million of the regular and pepperjack-filled balls sold yearly. The famous boudin recipe is so coveted that

only a select few people are in the know. In fact, this is taken so seriously that each member of the staff must sign confidentiality agreements before learning the family secret.

After 20 years of thriving business in the area, it is no surprise that the Lafayette Daily Advertiser awarded Billy's Boudin & Cracklin as one of the "Best Boudin" places in their annual "Best of Acadiana" contest last year. It is great to see small businesses like this share our State's rich traditions with both Louisianians and nonlocals. Congratulations again to Billy's Boudin & Cracklin for being honored as this week's Small Business of the Week. I look forward to trying their delicious boudin soon.●

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. NELSON):

S. 324. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to loans made from a qualified employer plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 325. A bill to use amounts provided for the Fund for the Improvement of Education to establish a pilot program that supports year-round public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISK, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 326. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide cancellation ceilings for stewardship end result contracting projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 59. A resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2015 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KATNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 60. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month from January 1 through February 1, 2015, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, modern slavery; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 286, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 297

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 297, a bill to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 59—RAISING AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING PREVENTION OF STALKING BY DESIGNATING JANUARY 2015 AS "NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH"

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. PERDUE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 59

Whereas 1 in 6, or 19,200,000, women in the United States have at some point during their lifetime experienced stalking victimization, during which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed;

Whereas, during a 1-year period, an estimated 3,400,000 persons in the United States reported that they had been victims of stalking, and 75 percent of those victims reported that they had been stalked by someone they knew;

Whereas 11 percent of victims reported having been stalked for more than 5 years, and 23 percent of victims reported having been stalked almost every day;

Whereas 1 in 4 victims reported that stalkers had used email, instant messaging, blogs, bulletin boards, Internet sites, chat rooms, or other forms of electronic monitoring against them, and 1 in 13 victims reported that stalkers had used electronic devices to monitor them;

Whereas stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, including changing identity, relocating, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas 1 in 7 victims reported having relocated in an effort to escape a stalker;

Whereas approximately 1 in 8 employed victims of stalking missed work because they feared for their safety or were taking steps to protect themselves, such as by seeking a restraining order;

Whereas less than 50 percent of victims reported stalking to police, and only 7 percent

of victims contacted a victim service provider, shelter, or hotline;

Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States;

Whereas stalking affects victims of every race, age, culture, gender, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;

Whereas national organizations, local victim service organizations, campuses, prosecutor's offices, and police departments stand ready to assist stalking victims and are working diligently to develop effective and innovative responses to stalking;

Whereas there is a need to improve the response of the criminal justice system to stalking through more aggressive investigation and prosecution;

Whereas there is a need for increased availability of victim services across the United States, and such services must include programs tailored to meet the needs of stalking victims;

Whereas persons aged 18 to 24 experience the highest rates of stalking victimization, and rates of stalking among college students exceed the prevalence rates found in the general population;

Whereas as many as 75 percent of women in college who experience stalking-related behavior experience other forms of victimization, including sexual or physical victimization, or both;

Whereas there is a need for effective responses to stalking on campuses; and

Whereas the Senate finds that "National Stalking Awareness Month" provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about stalking: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates January 2015 as "National Stalking Awareness Month";

(2) applauds the efforts of the many stalking victim service providers, police, prosecutors, national and community organizations, campuses, and private sector supporters to promote awareness of stalking;

(3) encourages policymakers, criminal justice officials, victim service and human service agencies, college campuses and universities, and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of stalking and the availability of services for stalking victims; and

(4) urges national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media to promote awareness of the crime of stalking through "National Stalking Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 60—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF OBSERVING THE NATIONAL SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2015, TO RAISE AWARENESS OF, AND OPPOSITION TO, MODERN SLAVERY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TOOMEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KATNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KING, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 60

Whereas the United States has a tradition of advancing fundamental human rights,

having abolished the Transatlantic Slave Trade in 1808 and having abolished chattel slavery and prohibited involuntary servitude in 1865;

Whereas because the people of the United States remain committed to protecting individual freedom, there is a national imperative to eliminate human trafficking, which is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of persons for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, and the inducement of a commercial sex act by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age;

Whereas to combat human trafficking in the United States and globally, the people of the United States, the Federal Government, and State and local governments must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and must be dedicated to stopping this contemporary manifestation of slavery;

Whereas human trafficking is estimated to be a \$32,000,000,000 criminal enterprise, making it the second largest criminal enterprise in the world, behind the drug trade;

Whereas the United Nations estimates that nearly 21,000,000 people around the world are victims of forced labor, including 4,500,000 people who are victims of forced sexual exploitation;

Whereas the Department of Justice estimates that up to 83 percent of sex trafficking victims in the United States are citizens of the United States;

Whereas beyond all differences of race, creed, or political persuasion, the people of the United States face national threats together and refuse to let modern slavery exist in the United States and around the world;

Whereas the United States should actively oppose all individuals, groups, organizations, and nations that support, advance, or commit acts of human trafficking;

Whereas through education, the United States must also work to end slavery in all of its forms around the world;

Whereas victims of modern slavery need support in order to escape and recover from the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual trauma associated with their victimization;

Whereas human traffickers use many physical and psychological techniques to control their victims, including the use of violence or threats of violence against the victim or the victim's family, isolation from the public, isolation from the victim's family and religious or ethnic communities, language and cultural barriers, shame, control of the victim's possessions, confiscation of passports and other identification documents, and threats of arrest, deportation, or imprisonment if the victim attempts to reach out for assistance or to leave;

Whereas although laws to prosecute perpetrators of modern slavery and to assist and protect victims of human trafficking, such as the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) and title XII of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-4; 127 Stat. 54), have been enacted in the United States, awareness of the issues surrounding slavery and trafficking by those people most likely to come into contact with victims is essential for effective enforcement because the techniques that traffickers use to keep their victims enslaved severely limit self-reporting;

Whereas January 1 is the anniversary of the effective date of the Emancipation Proclamation;

Whereas February 1 is the anniversary of the date on which President Abraham Lin-

coln signed the joint resolution sending the 13th Amendment to the States for ratification, to forever declare that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude . . . shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction" and is a date which has long been celebrated as National Freedom Day, as described in section 124 of title 36, United States Code;

Whereas under its authority to enforce the 13th Amendment "by appropriate legislation", Congress in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 updated the post-Civil War involuntary servitude and slavery statutes and adopted an approach known as the "3P" approach of victim protection, vigorous prosecution, and prevention of human trafficking; and

Whereas the effort by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies to commemorate January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day represents one of the many positive examples of the commitment in the United States to raise awareness of, and to actively oppose, modern slavery: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports—

(1) the goals and ideals of observing the National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month from January 1 through February 1, 2015, to recognize the vital role that the people of the United States have in ending modern slavery;

(2) marking this observance with appropriate programs and activities culminating in the observance on February 1 of National Freedom Day, as described in section 124 of title 36, United States Code; and

(3) all other efforts to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking.

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE AUSCHWITZ EXTERMINATION CAMP

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 8, S. Res. 35.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 35) commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to strike out all after the resolving clause and insert the part printed in italic.

S. RES. 35

Whereas, on January 27, 1945, the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland was liberated by Allied Forces during World War II after almost 5 years of murder, rape, and torture at the camp;

Whereas 1,100,000 innocent civilians were murdered at the Auschwitz extermination camp;

Whereas nearly 1,300,000 innocent civilians were deported to Auschwitz from their homes across Eastern and Western Europe, particularly from Hungary, Poland, and France;

Whereas 1,000,000 of the civilians who perished at the camp were Jews, along with 100,000 non-Jewish Poles, Roma and Sinti individuals, Soviet prisoners of war, Jehovah's

Witnesses, gay men and women, and other ethnic minorities;

Whereas these civilians included farmers, tailors, seamstresses, factory hands, accountants, doctors, teachers, small-business owners, clergy, intellectuals, government officials, and political activists;

Whereas these civilians were subjected to torture, forced labor, starvation, rape, medical experiments, and being separated from loved ones;

Whereas the names of many of these civilians who perished have been lost forever;

Whereas the Auschwitz extermination camp symbolizes the extraordinary brutality of the Holocaust;

Whereas the people of the United States must never forget the terrible crimes against humanity committed at the Auschwitz extermination camp;

Whereas the people of the United States must educate future generations to promote understanding of the dangers of intolerance in order to prevent similar injustices from happening again; and

Whereas commemoration of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp will instill in all people of the United States a greater awareness of the Holocaust: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the Senate—

(1) commemorates January 27, 2015, as the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp by Allied Forces during World War II;

(2) calls on all people of the United States to remember the 1,100,000 innocent victims murdered at the Auschwitz extermination camp as part of the Holocaust;

(3) honors the legacy of the survivors of the Holocaust and of the Auschwitz extermination camp; and

(4) calls on the people of the United States to continue to work toward tolerance, peace, and justice and to continue to work to end all genocide and persecution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute be agreed to, the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 35), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 59, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 59) raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2015 as "National Stalking Awareness Month."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed

to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 59) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF OBSERVING THE NATIONAL SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 60, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 60) supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month from January 1 through February 1, 2015, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, modern slavery.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, today I have submitted a resolution with Senator KIRK recognizing January as National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month. We are pleased to be joined by Senators LEAHY, TOOMEY, KLOBUCHAR, COONS, RUBIO, MURRAY, WYDEN, BROWN, SHAHEEN, GILLIBRAND, KAINE, HEITKAMP, KING, and MARKEY in sponsoring this resolution.

January 1 is the anniversary of the effective date of the Emancipation Proclamation, and February 1 is the anniversary of the date that President Abraham Lincoln signed the joint resolution sending the Thirteenth Amendment—which abolished slavery—to the States for ratification.

In 2009, the Senate unanimously approved a resolution I introduced to establish January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. That resolution was made to raise awareness of, and opposition to, the human trafficking. It is important that we continue to bring attention to and raise awareness of this horrific practice.

Human trafficking is a crime in which persons are forced to work against their will in sweatshops, prostitution rings, farms, private homes, and other enterprises. The traffickers use force, threats of force, and coercion to ensure that their victims believe they have no other choice but to work for their captors. Frequently, human trafficking goes undetected because the victims are not only afraid of their traffickers, but they have been taught by their traffickers to fear law enforcement.

Human trafficking is estimated to be a \$32 billion criminal enterprise, making it the second largest criminal industry in the world, behind the drug trade. A 2014 Urban Institute study found that pimps in Atlanta can make nearly \$33,000 in just one week, which amounts to over \$1.7 million a year. The overwhelming majority of sex trafficking victims in the United States are American citizens—83 percent by one estimate from the Department of Justice.

Unfortunately, children are often victims of this horrendous crime. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has reported that one in seven endangered runaways are victims of sex trafficking.

Many of these children continue to be exploited into adulthood. A study of women and girls involved in street prostitution in my hometown of San Francisco found that 82 percent had been physically assaulted, 83 percent were threatened with a weapon, and 68 percent were raped.

Unfortunately, such abuse is common around the world. According to the United Nations, there are nearly 21 million people currently serving in some form of involuntary servitude. The United Nations also reported that in 16 percent of the 138 countries studied, there was not one trafficking-related conviction between 2007 and 2010.

Over the past decade, Congress has taken action to enhance the tools available to prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking and to assist and protect trafficking victims. We passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and, 8 years later, passed the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act. These laws strengthened Federal efforts to combat international and domestic human trafficking by expanding administrative subpoena authority, increasing penalties for traffickers, and authorizing the Justice Department to seek preventive detention of those charged with trafficking offenses.

Despite these important laws, further action is needed. Earlier this year, Senator PORTMAN and I introduced the Combat Human Trafficking Act of 2015. This bill would reduce the demand for human trafficking, particularly the commercial sexual exploitation of children, by holding buyers accountable and making it easier for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute all persons who participate in sex trafficking.

In addition, I am pleased to join Senator KIRK in introducing the Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act or the SAVE Act. This bill would strike at child sex trafficking where it is increasingly occurring—the Internet—by prohibiting Internet companies from profiting from allowing their websites to be used to traffic children.

We must act with urgency to end the practice of human trafficking. For

every day we wait, more lives are damaged by this horrible practice.

I urge my colleagues to join me in observing National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month to draw attention to human trafficking and to renew our collective efforts to eliminate this practice in the United States and around the world.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 60) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 4 p.m. on Monday, February 2; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the Senate then be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each until 4:30 p.m., equally divided in the usual form. I further ask that the Senate then proceed to consideration of H.R. 203, the Clay Hunt SAV Act, under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. On Monday the Senate will vote on the bipartisan House-passed bill on veterans suicide prevention. Chairman ISAKSON and Senator BLUMENTHAL reported out that bill from the Veterans' Affairs Committee last week, and we are moving quickly to send it to the President for his signature. That should be the only vote on Monday night.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015, AT 4 P.M.

Mr. McCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:56 a.m., adjourned until Monday, February 2, 2015, at 4 p.m.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF PENNY GAGE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Penny Gage for her dedication and commitment to the Dental Industry. Ms. Gage has served as a Tri-County Dental Society executive director for over 30 years. During this time membership expanded from 700 to 2000 members. She was a strong promoter in building a relationship between the society and the dental students within the two dental schools in the program's area. Ms. Gage has been active in participating with the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalist organization in providing ideas and proof-reading the AADEJ's newsletters. She has also served with the American Dental Association.

During her time with the Tri-County Dental Society she developed the "Give Kids a Smile" program as well as encouraged members to help provide free dental clinics. That program has led to another exceptional program, "Give Adults a Smile", which she also supports. Ms. Gage has developed a network of relationships throughout dentistry and has been essential to its promotion and progress in these areas. Actions such as hers have helped to make more smiles possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Ms. Penny Gage for her long time service to the Tri-County Dental Society and oral health promotion as a whole. Her achievements in expanding membership and programming helped to improve the lives of many and help everyone to smile more.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
LAURA W. MURPHY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most prominent and important civil liberties and civil rights advocates of our time—my friend, Laura W. Murphy. Laura is the longest serving director of the Washington Legislative Office of the American Civil Liberties Union, and will be stepping down at the end of the month. It is my pleasure to honor her public service and to wish her well in her next chapter. Most recently, Laura was instrumental in advising Attorney General Eric Holder and the United States Sentencing Commission on ways to reduce overcrowding among federal prison populations. She worked closely with Attorney General Holder and leaders of the House and Senate in passing the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, a law that reduced the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine, which ignited a movement to finally begin to end racial disparities in

our criminal justice system. Among Laura's other profound legislative accomplishments was working closely with Congress and the White House to build support for essential and federally funded reproductive health services for servicemembers and their dependents in cases of rape and incest. This was among the few abortion rights victories of the last 40 years.

Laura has been a leading voice in Washington, D.C. and throughout the country for freedom of speech, including her office's tireless efforts to preserve the First Amendment in the face of calls for a constitutional amendment that would lead to laws against so-called flag desecration, that would restrict internet free speech, and that would censor lyrics in rap and other music genres. She has been a tenacious advocate for checks and balances to prevent abuses by Intelligence agencies and finally rolling back the significant overreach of the USA Patriot Act. Her work on LGBT rights, mass incarceration and racial profiling, comprehensive immigration reform, privacy, reproductive rights, and voting rights has been peerless.

Laura is a familiar face in Congress, and among the few people who can call both Representative MAXINE WATERS and Senator MITCH MCCONNELL friends, an advocate who has shown the nation how to achieve bipartisan success in these hyper-partisan times. She has testified more than a dozen times before the House and Senate and is a frequent contributor to national dialogue on critical legislative issues. One of the ACLU's most prominent spokespersons, Laura is also an author, including book chapters on homeland security and the African American community's response to the 9/11 attacks. Repeatedly named among the most influential advocates in Washington, D.C. and frequently cited by the Washington Post, Laura has been an important voice for more than four decades, advising U.S. Presidents from Ronald Reagan to Barack Obama.

We in Congress are losing not only a tireless advocate for civil liberties and civil rights, we are losing a dear friend, respected and admired by all who know her. I am hopeful that she will remain close at hand and active in the fight for basic American values. Those closest to her know that fighting for justice is in Laura's DNA—she is a direct descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Philip Livingston.

I urge you to join me in wishing Laura Murphy all the best, to congratulate her as she faces new adventures, and to thank her for her many years of service.

HONORING ST. JOSEPH'S MEDICAL
CENTER FAMILY MEDICINE RESI-
DENCY PROGRAM

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, great healthcare organizations are a tremendous asset to any community. St. Joseph's Medical Center's Family Residency Program has undoubtedly been one of those fantastic assets in Westchester, helping train and ready the family physicians of tomorrow now for over 4 decades.

Established in 1974, the medical center was the first Residency Program of its kind in the entire Westchester County. Beginning with one resident in the mid-1970's, the program has grown over the years to now have 30 residents, with an annual graduating class of 10.

The program's residents learn to treat the whole patient, become aware of family dynamics, and emphasize prevention and education in the practice of medicine. Although the residency program started at a time when primary care had been outpaced by specialization, it has become increasingly more important as our nation's healthcare system and the public recognize the value of prevention and patient centered care.

All told, the Family Medicine Residency program has graduated 312 family physicians over the course of its 40 year existence. Many of those graduating physicians have chosen to stay in Westchester, and have developed into some of the finest physicians in the entire country. Others have gone on to complete fellowships and teach at major medical centers and university hospitals.

The St. Joseph's community is proud to have such a distinguished residency program that has produced so many outstanding family physicians. As the elected representative of St. Joseph's in Congress, I am equally proud to say that I have one of the premiere residency programs in the world housed within my district.

In recognition of the program's many contributions to Saint Joseph's, the Medical Center presented the Family Medicine Residency Program with the 2014 Outstanding Service Award. It was a well deserved honor and I want to congratulate all of the talented and dedicated men and women who have made the program such a tremendous success.

STRENGTHENING CHILD WELFARE
RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING ACT
OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 469, the

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Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act.

Human trafficking is an ongoing atrocity that preys on the youngest and most vulnerable of our society. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security estimates that twenty million people worldwide are victims of human trafficking.

In my home state of Georgia, Mr. Speaker, Atlanta is now widely considered a hub in the complex web of illegal human trafficking in our nation. Hundreds of young women and children are ensnared in this criminal enterprise and are funneled through metro Atlanta on a daily basis. One of the most egregious aspects of human trafficking is that it takes place in the shadows, and we can only estimate the number of young women and children this affects. Congress must do all we can to combat and eliminate this terrible practice that threatens the foundation of our country.

I am pleased that the Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act is being debated on the floor today, Mr. Speaker. This legislation, along with other measures passed through the U.S. House of Representatives this week, will make a significant contribution in the fight to end human trafficking.

Specifically, H.R. 469 creates and expands stringent reporting requirements for state child welfare institutions so that we can more easily track illicit activity. With this information, we will be more equipped to address the needs of children who are trafficking victims. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 469.

HONORING BARBARA P. SMITH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, those who dedicate themselves to improving their neighborhood become cornerstones of the community. Barbara P. Smith is one of those cornerstones in Yonkers, who for 32 years has been an educator, civic leader and crusader.

Barbara began bettering the Yonkers community in 1982 as a teacher at the Orchard School at Andrus Children's Home on North Broadway. She taught a range of subjects from math and science to social studies and home economics. Eventually Barbara was elevated to Assistant Principal and in 1994 she and the school were recognized for their efforts and achievements with an invitation to the White House to meet then President Clinton. Barbara subsequently returned to the classroom where she could take a more hands on approach to teaching.

Outside of the classroom, Barbara has engaged in a number of civic groups aimed at serving the community. For the past 36 years she has served as board member and President of the Hudson River Community Association (HRCA) of Northwest Yonkers, a once dormant organization she helped resurrect.

Barbara has also generously given her time to organizations like the Yonkers Committee for Smart Development, which she served as an advisor to in 2008, and the advisory board for the First District of Council Woman Pat McDow in 2007. When time permits, she also likes to partake in a wide array of volunteer

work aimed at community improvement. Barbara shares the same goals as the organizations she works with: to stabilize, improve, support and promote the wonderful city of Yonkers. I believe she has achieved those goals admirably.

Last year, the Luther V. Garrison Masonic Foundation Inc. Scholarship Committee honored Barbara as their Woman of the Year for 2014. It was a supremely appropriate honor for one of Yonkers' most dedicated citizens. Congratulations to her on receiving such well-deserved recognition.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN TURKEY

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concerns about the current efforts to punish and stifle freedom of expression in Turkey and to share my worry that Turkey is drifting away from the tolerant secular nation founded by Kemal Ataturk almost 100 years ago and towards religious extremism and authoritarianism.

The current Government in Turkey has arrested members of Turkish media deemed non-supportive of the government. For decades, Turkey has had a free press and the freedom to disagree and vigorous political debate. It is a disturbing negative trend for the current government to reverse decades of transparency and to seek to impose authoritarianism.

I am informed that Mr. Ekrem Dumanli, editor-in-chief of Zaman, a daily newspaper in Turkey, and Hidayet Karaca, General Manager of Samanyolu Media Group, were arrested on December 14, 2014. To the shame of the current leadership, Hidayet Karaca is still in detention awaiting trial. They were not arrested for actual crimes, but on transparently political charges, thus bringing the total number of detained press and media personalities to 29. These members of the media have ties to the Islamic scholar Fethullah Gulen, a scholar who preaches tolerance and peace and who is a known critic of the Erdogan Administration.

In December 2013, allegations of corruption were levied against the Erdogan Administration based on legal investigations. Afterwards, about some 400 people (including 150 stated Gulen supporters) were monitored on Twitter and ultimately the Turkish people's access to Twitter was blocked. These arrests, and the effort to stifle opposition, have a chilling effect on freedom, democracy, and economic prosperity for all of Turkey. Turkey's bid for accession to the European Union continues to languish under these policies—before negotiations on the matter develop, Turkey must recognize basic press freedoms and the right to political dissent.

Turkey plays a critical role as an ally to the United States in the Middle East. To allow it to go down the road of sectarian extremism and authoritarianism without meaningful discussion and diplomacy is disconcerting. Turkey is a key leader in the region and a cultural, historic, and political bulwark between the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Turkey is an important member of NATO, and I believe all rational people want to see the Turkish

Government abandon intimidation and embrace a free press and tolerance of dissenting voices. The Turkey founded by Ataturk deserves our support. International remonstrance is needed to bring it back to the ranks of nations that do not fear its own people, do not fear opposition, and do not fear universal freedoms.

HONORING JERRY GALELLA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, those who choose the path of civic engagement can accomplish wonderful things for their communities. In Yonkers there are few who can claim they have done more to support the local neighborhoods than Jerry Galella.

Born seven minutes before his twin brother, Jerry grew up in the Bronx and is the oldest of three children. After graduating from Dewitt Clinton High School, Jerry served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1973 and after his discharge became a grocery store manager for the next 40 years.

In 2007, Jerry became a full-fledged member of the Yonkers community when he joined the ShopRite of Greenway Plaza as Store Director. Remarkably, in the seven years Jerry has been with ShopRite he has become affiliated with over 25 different churches and numerous other community organizations throughout Yonkers. His volunteer work has included helping out with three college scholarship funds, including the Yonkers African American Cultural Club, the Dominican Cultural Club of Yonkers, and the Hispanic Professional Scholarship fund. As a result of his efforts, Jerry has been honored various accolades and awards from a wide array of schools, churches, and veterans' associations, just to name a few.

As devoted to helping out the community as Jerry is, his real passion is for his family. He met his wife, Linda, at age 13 in 8th grade, and was immediately smitten. The teenage sweethearts would later become married and for the past 32 years have lived together in Carmel, NY. Over the course of their 40 year marriage Jerry and Linda have raised three wonderful children and have six amazing grand children, all who live within 15 miles of each other. Jerry also generously gives his time to many different organizations in the Carmel community, ranging from little league to organizations assisting veterans of the Vietnam War.

In 2014, the Luther V. Garrison SR. Masonic Foundation Inc. Scholarship Committee named Jerry Galella their 2014 Man of the Year. He was incredibly deserving of the honor, and I wish to congratulate him on receiving the well-deserved recognition.

HONORING LOYD IVEY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Loyd Ivey who was elected to

the Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame for his contribution and significant achievements to the industry.

As a local growing up in Scopus, Missouri, he graduated from Woodland High School and moved to Illinois to work in the steel and wood industries. In 1971 he founded Ivey Electronics to produce bookshelf speakers encased in a burn and spill-proof walnut laminate for the student market of Northwestern University.

Loyd joined the Consumer Electronics Association in 1974 and presented his first product there before merging with American Case Company to create American Acoustic Labs.

American Acoustic Labs became MiTek Corporation in 1979, which went on to become one of the United States' largest manufacturers of car and home speakers. MiTek has grown into a global enterprise with offices around the world.

Loyd has been married to his wife Debi since 1968 and is the father of two sons. He also serves as a sheriff's deputy and department pilot in Bollinger County. It is my privilege to recognize his achievements and lasting contributions before the House of Representatives.

HONORING LUBA GLASSER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religion often has the power to inspire and motivate a person in truly remarkable ways that can shape entire communities. That has certainly been the case with Luba Glasser, a constituent of mine who has volunteered her time and energy for numerous Jewish organizations.

Luba was born in Moscow and immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of four. She was enrolled in a Jewish Day School so that she would receive a Jewish education, something she could not have attained in the former Soviet Union, and began to gain a love and appreciation for Judaism.

Luba's faith became the impetus for her volunteerism, which began in 2005 with the Russian American Jewish Experience (RAJE). Luba spent all of her free evenings and weekends helping the RAJE with the organization of their Shabbat and holiday programs, social events, and student trips to Israel, all while successfully maintaining a day job as a Real Estate Tax Consultant for New York Water Management.

In 2006, Luba joined RAJE as their full-time Fellowship Coordinator, where she was responsible for the student and young adult Jewish identity and community development programming. Over the next three years Luba staffed over 15 trips to Israel.

Luba's devotion to the Jewish community led her to return to school, where she received her LMSW from Yeshiva University in 2011. She then began working with Holocaust survivors at the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island and joined the Northeast Jewish Center (NEJC) community, which became her permanent home.

Luba married Craig Glasser in 2012 and shortly thereafter became the proud mother of Aaron Dov. In spite of everything on her plate,

Luba continues to open her home to the community for Shabbos dinners, cook for synagogue events, maintain the NEJC website, and teach classes. She is a beacon of light for the NEJC community and was incredibly deserving of being the organization's honoree in 2014.

GENERAL LEAVE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 46–50 due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted no on #46, yes on #47, yes on #48, yes on #49, and no on #50.

HONORING MARGARET O. GRIFFIN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a life filled with civic engagement enriches the soul and has the ability to raise entire communities. Such has been the case with Margaret O. Griffin, better known to her friends and family as Ollie, whose dedication to the St. Joseph's Medical Center and beyond has had a profound and lasting impact in Yonkers and the surrounding areas.

Ollie was born in Yonkers and attended St. Denis Grammar School, then Sacred Heart High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University and upon graduation began working as a research aide at Sloan-Kettering Institute in Rye. After working for the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Ollie returned to school for a Master of Science degree followed by a Ph.D. in Biology from Fordham University.

In 1994, Ollie retired from research and teaching which allowed her to increase her involvement in community affairs. She served on the boards of Fox House and the Ireland Fund and was a trustee of the Woman's Institute for many years. Ollie was also a long-time member of the Saint Joseph's Seminary Festival Chorale, which she was privileged to sing with at the Pallium ceremony in Rome.

Ollie continues to be an active member in several other community clubs, including the Morsemere Garden Club, the Bonita Quilters, the Pelican Patchers and the Pelican Landing Singers. The highlight of Ollie's community service though has been her work at St. Joseph's, which began in 1993 as a trustee. She has served as an active and enthusiastic member until September of 2014 and made many great contributions to the center's development and success.

Ollie's other great passion has been her three children, Colleen, Daniel, and Katherine, who she raised with her beloved husband, William, to whom she was married for 52 years. She also takes great pride in her six grandchildren, Shannon, William, Jack, Michael, Sean, and Brian.

St. Joseph's Medical Center honored Ollie with the 2014 Outstanding Service Award, and

a more fitting honoree they could not have found. Congratulations to Ollie on receiving this wonderful honor.

LNG PERMITTING CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 351—the LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act.

H.R. 351 eliminates the ability for Washington bureaucrats to needlessly block the construction of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities. Once the Department of Energy receives an application and environmental reviews have been completed, this legislation will place a thirty day deadline on the DOE in order to expedite permitting. One month is plenty of time for a determination to be made once all studies have been completed.

Mr. Speaker, for the past five years this process has been painfully slow. Since 2010, the DOE has only fully processed five of the 37 applications received for LNG export to countries where a Free Trade Agreement is not in place. These delays have inhibited our ability to reach our potential as a global energy producer, and the bill we have before us will remove some of the burdensome regulations that currently exist.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, H.R. 351 will help put hardworking Americans back to work. A NERA Economic Consulting report informs us that making the needed investment to construct LNG export facilities will put 45,000 of our nation's unemployed back to work.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation also has the ability to be used as a strong economic foreign policy tool. Less than a year ago, Vladimir Putin attempted to increase his power through force with the acquisition of Crimea and the prolonged stand-off in Eastern Ukraine. As a result, a number of our allies in Europe were placed in a tough spot because Russia is such a significant natural gas producer across the continent.

Despite the current economic woes that plague the Russian Federation, in order for us to prevent future aggressive posturing by Putin, we must undercut his ability to hold the region hostage because of energy. H.R. 351 will allow us to build our domestic infrastructure, which will give our European allies a place to turn in the event of future Russian aggression.

Mr. Speaker, for our own economic benefit, as well as the economic diplomacy that expanded LNG exports will provide, I ask all of my colleagues to support H.R. 351.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed votes on January 27, 2015. I missed recorded votes # 46–48. I would like to

reflect how I would have voted if I were present.

On Roll Call #46, I would have voted YEA (Adoption of H. Res. 48—The rule providing for consideration of H.R. 351—LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act).

On Roll Call #47, I would have voted YEA (Passage of H.R. 469, Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act).

On Roll Call #48, I would have voted YEA (Passage of H.R. 246, To improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking).

HONORING NADEM J. SAYEGH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, there are few professions that serve the public good like healthcare. Committing one's life to providing people with excellent medical care is a noble calling, a calling Nadem Sayegh has answered with distinction.

A lifelong resident of Yonkers, Nadem decided to pursue a career in medicine, and became a specialist in the field of Endocrinology.

Following medical school, Nadem opened a private practice in 1994 and later became Manager of Southern Westchester Diabetes, with offices in both the Bronx and Yonkers. In addition, he also operates Broadway Medical Services, a clinic in Yonkers serving a diverse population of residents. The clinic was scheduled to close in 2009, but through Nadem's incredible efforts the clinic is not only open, but thriving, and now treats more than 15,000 patients every year, an incredible feat.

Nadem has been recognized by many organizations over the years for his commitment to healthcare excellence. He was honored by the Jessie Banks Foundation for his contributions to those affected with diabetes, and in 2013 received the Father of the Year Award by the American Diabetes Association, an organization of which he was later named New York Chapter President.

Nadem's community involvement also extends beyond the field of medicine. He has served the Virgin Mary Church since its inception in 1966 and has done public speaking and counseling work for numerous organizations.

But for Nadem, his greatest blessing has always been his family; his beautiful wife Diana, and their three sons, all currently enrolled in college. Their love and support has been instrumental to Nadem's success and the growth of his work.

A true pillar of the healthcare community, Nadem served on the medical board of St. Joseph's Medical Center and became its President in 2006–2007. The center decided to honor Nadem with the 2014 Outstanding Service Award, and it is safe to say they found a particularly deserving honoree. Congratulations to Nadem on the honor.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOHN
"ROB" MARSH ON BEING NAMED
THE 2014 COUNTRY DOCTOR OF
THE YEAR

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, the character of a community is often defined by the individuals who call it home and the actions of those individuals in service to others. Dr. John "Rob" Marsh of Middlebrook, Virginia, who practices medicine in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, exemplifies this type of service that is truly for the betterment of his community.

It is my honor to congratulate Dr. Marsh on being named the 2014 Country Doctor of the Year by StaffCare. The Country Doctor of the Year Award recognizes "the spirit, skill, and dedication of America's rural medical practitioners." This is indeed a well-deserved recognition.

In times of great change, especially in the field of health care, it is encouraging to know that someone like Dr. Marsh is still engaged in the practice of medicine. He is dedicated to serving those in his community and not always in conventional settings. He drops by for regular house calls, makes rounds at the hospital, and presides over a long-term care facility. Dr. Marsh also serves others who are just passing through at his clinic located alongside a truck stop by the interstate in Raphine, Virginia.

Dr. Marsh's service in the United States Army as a military physician is well known. He cared for the wounded members of Delta Force in war zones and nearly lost his own life in a mortar attack in Somalia; despite his own wounds, Dr. Marsh continued to tend to others who had been injured. Dr. Marsh is a decorated military physician, having received the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Meritorious Service Medal.

With his wife, Barbara, and their children, Dr. Marsh has deep roots in Virginia, and for that I am grateful. It has been an honor to know Dr. Marsh over the years as well as his father, former Virginia U.S. Representative and Secretary of the Army, John Marsh.

For many in the Shenandoah Valley, Dr. Marsh is much more than a doctor. He is a friend, a fellow farmer, and a pillar of the community. Dr. Marsh's contributions are immeasurable, and this award is only the smallest token of gratitude he is owed. I wish him and his family the best.

HONORING FRANK RITI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, civic minded community groups are only as strong and effective as the members who lead them. That is why the Bronx-Westchester South Division of Kiwanis, under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Frank Riti, has been so successful.

As Lieutenant Governor, Frank has overseen 12 Kiwanis Clubs in his division, includ-

ing those in Bronx Shore, Hartsdale, Mount Vernon, North East Bronx, Riverdale and Yonkers. He has made 3 official visits to each club and during his tenure has made a point of hosting events that bring all divisions together to create a communal spirit in the Kiwanis organization.

Working to fulfill the goals set forth by New York State Kiwanis Governor Joseph Aiello, Frank encouraged all of his clubs to participate in the Governor's Project which centered on autism awareness. With Frank's hard work the South Division was able to raise critical funds for autism causes and hold programs dedicated to raising awareness. Frank was also instrumental in the "Treats for Troops" Kiwanis program which sent gift packages to our young men and women serving overseas. Both the Governor's Project and "Treats for the Troops" were highly successful.

Frank was also a big supporter of the Kiwanis International project "Eliminate" which deals with maternal neo-natal tetanus issues plaguing families on a global scale. Frank's ability to bring his 12 clubs together to support these causes was what made them successful, and led to their collective contributions being recognized by both the New York State District and International Kiwanis respectively.

Prior to his wonderful work with Kiwanis, Frank worked in the health care field, serving as head of occupational therapy in nursing homes in both Westchester and the Bronx. Frank was beloved by both his staff and patients and gave many years of service to the field.

The Yonkers Kiwanis Club honored Frank at a dinner which celebrated their 85 years of service to the Yonkers community in 2014. I believe there was no more fitting honoree than Frank Riti, and wish to offer him my sincerest congratulations on that wonderful recognition.

HONORING LT. COL. ED SAYLOR

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Lt. Col. Ed Saylor. Lt. Col. Saylor was part of the infamous Doolittle Raiders who risked their lives during World War II. These men were responsible for raising the morale of an entire nation after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor.

Lt. Col. Saylor passed away Wednesday, but he is not gone from our hearts. His heroic actions will tell his story long after we are gone. Without him, the USS *Hornet's* plane number 15, also known as "TNT" and a critical part of the Doolittle Raid, would never have flown in 1941. Sgt. Saylor, as he was then, was able to remove and repair the engine of "TNT"—the first time this had ever been done at sea. He was also responsible for writing the words "Democracy's Ace in the Hole" on the side of the plane just before take-off. This message and symbolism would resonate for the duration of the war, helping to remind our troops that our side was fighting the right battle.

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Col. Saylor went above and beyond the call of duty. He served our country in the military for 28 years; he helped America rise to greatness from the brink of despair,

propelling us to victory. We will never forget him and I am proud to have called him my friend. I will always cherish his gift of a stained glass B52 Bomber he had hand-made himself.

HONORING BEATRICE CASTIGLIA-CATULLO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, sometimes a simple civic organization intended to help and improve a small community can turn into a pillar of hope for an entire city. That has undoubtedly been the case with Regional Aid for Interim Needs, or RAIN, thanks in large part to its founder, Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo.

Bea has given her life to her community and always advocates on behalf of those marginalized. RAIN was founded in 1964 to serve those in need as a multi-social service agency. It provides an array of invaluable services to the senior community of the Bronx, many of whom are handicapped, home bound, or otherwise incapable of providing themselves with certain necessities.

RAIN has full-service neighborhood senior centers, home-delivered meals, transportation services, assistance with benefits and entitlements, case management and elder abuse services, in addition to community-based mobile meals for homeless and hungry persons. Their commitment to helping the elderly population has also led to the sponsorship of two residential housing projects for low-income seniors and an affiliated home attendant program that provides in-home attendant and care services.

Building off their incredible success in the Bronx, RAIN has recently expanded its services to Manhattan and has licensed to provide Home Health Care in all five New York City boroughs as well as Westchester County.

This type of wonderful advocacy has all been made possible by Bea, whose passion and drive is still to this day the heartbeat of the RAIN operation. Her legacy of procuring funding for 1600 meals on wheels, 325 daily meals to the hungry and homeless, and 11 senior centers is truly remarkable, and her life has been a tremendous inspiration to me as I serve the public in Congress.

RAIN celebrated Bea's 98th birthday at their 50th Anniversary celebration on October 30th, 2014. I want to personally thank Bea for all she has done and all she continues to do for the constituents in my district and well beyond. She has created something truly phenomenal and should be incredibly proud of the achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD CABELL BRAND

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative BOB GOODLATTE, I submit these remarks in honor of the remarkable life of (Edward) Cabell Brand and his

dedicated service to our nation and our community. Among other things, Mr. Brand was a philanthropist, public servant, and an activist, widely recognized for his efforts to improve the lives of others. Though we may not have agreed with all of his political views, we can say without a doubt that Mr. Brand made an indelible difference in the Roanoke Valley.

Born and raised in Salem, Virginia, Mr. Brand graduated in 1940 from Andrew Lewis High School. He attended Virginia Military Institute (VMI), and while there, was called to serve his country in World War II in the 70th Infantry Division. He returned to VMI to complete his education, and graduated in its class of 1944 as valedictorian.

Mr. Brand continued his studies at the Harvard Business School and at the University of Virginia. He became an economic analyst in the Intelligence Office of Berlin's Military Government and with the United States Foreign Service in Europe. By the end of his military service, Mr. Brand held the rank of Captain, and also received the Bronze Star.

Mr. Brand returned to Salem, and worked at The Ortho Vent Shoe Company, which his grandfather had started a half-century earlier. He worked his way up to President of Ortho Vent, and took it public as the Stuart McGuire Company in 1970 before selling it in 1986 to the Home Shopping Network.

In 1965, Mr. Brand founded Total Action Against Poverty (now called Total Action for Progress), which he believed to be his greatest achievement. This program provides more than 30 programs to the Roanoke Valley, including the Head Start Program, the Virginia Water Project, and more. Mr. Brand also served as Chairman of Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP) until 1996.

In 1987, Mr. Brand established the Cabell Brand Center for International Poverty and Research Studies. As a result of this Center, more than 500 students were given the opportunity to learn and pursue various public service opportunities.

Mr. Brand received numerous awards for his efforts, including the VISTA award, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Humanitarian Award, the Virginia Governor Gold Medal Award, the first Jonathan Daniels Award from VMI, the Noel Taylor Humanitarian Award, the Salem Rotary Club's Outstanding Citizen Award, and the Roanoke-Salem Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award. He also received honorary degrees from institutions including Washington & Lee University, Roanoke College, Ferrum College and Virginia Western Community College, and Lynchburg College. Mr. Brand was a proud author, and was also featured in other publications for his leadership and service.

Mr. Brand passed away on January 13, 2015, at the age of 91. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Shirley; infant daughter, Ingrid Pichen Brand; sons, Marshall Cabell Brand, Edward Cabell Brand Jr., Richard Franklin Pence, and John Wilson Pence. He is survived by daughters, Sylvia Brand Knaup (Gunther) of Columbia, Tenn., Miriam Brand Kline (John) of Richmond, Va., Caroline Brand Mateja of Charlottesville, Va., and Liza Pence Urso of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, Brandon Kline, Kathryn Kline, Philip Urso, Laura Urso, Christin Urso, Cabell Keating Brand, Rachel Pence, Shelley Pence, Thomas John Pence, Benjamin Pence, Maggie Mateja, Patrick Mateja, Jack Mateja, and Caleb Pence; niece,

Virginia Hurt Johnson of Washington, D.C.; sister, Mary Holmes Smith of Alexandria, Va.; and other nieces and nephews.

The Roanoke Valley has lost one of its finest. Though we note with great sadness Mr. Brand's passing, we are confident his legacy will live on. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Brand's family and loved ones.

HONORING LOUIS NAVARRO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, those who selflessly give of themselves to serve their country and community are a special breed. Such is the case with Louis Navarro, who currently serves as Director of the City of Yonkers Office of Veterans' Affairs.

Louis was appointed to that position in 2013 under current Mayor Mike Spano. The appointment was an easy one for the mayor, based on Louis' impressive career in the armed forces. He served his country with distinction in the United States Army for over three decades as both an active duty and reserve soldier.

Louis received numerous medals for his time in the armed forces, including the Vietnam Campaign Medals, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Louis is also a member of several important veteran related organizations, including the Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.

On a more local level, Louis has taken an active role in many Yonkers events and committees. He served as Chairman of the Puerto Rican Day Parade Committee and was the 1st Vice Commander of the Yonkers Central Committee of Veterans Organizations, where he also doubled as the Chairman of the Yonkers Memorial Day Parade in 2013.

Despite a lifetime of great accomplishments serving his country and community, Louis remains most proud of the love and support he receives from his family, including his wife, Donna, and their children, Kaylan and James.

In 2014 the Salvation Army added to Louis' list of accomplishments by honoring him at their annual dinner. I want to echo their sentiments of congratulations to Louis Navarro for all he has done to protect and better the lives of Americans and the brave men and women who have served in our armed forces for many years. This honor is extremely well-deserved.

EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF HOMELESS FOR VETERANS

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, across the country, too many victims of domestic violence feel that there is nowhere for them to turn. Lacking resources, help and a safe place to go, some victims stay with their abusers.

Tragically, too often women veterans are among those who find themselves in this horrible situation. According to the VA, 39% of

our women veterans report experiencing domestic violence, well above the national average.

In order to qualify for benefits available to homeless veterans through the VA, an individual must meet the definition of "homeless" codified as part of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. In 2009, the HEARTH Act expanded the definition of homeless to reflect our present reality and include individuals in transitional housing, persons living in motels and persons who would imminently lose their housing. A change was also made to the McKinney-Vento Act to expand the definition of homeless to include individuals fleeing a situation of domestic violence or some other life-threatening condition. This change, however, is not currently reflected in the definition of "homeless veteran."

These women are part of a growing number of homeless veterans. That is why I am reintroducing this legislation, which will correct and expand the definition of "homeless veteran" to include veterans who are fleeing situations of domestic violence. This small change will allow those veterans who find the courage and the means to leave their abusers the chance to access the benefits that should be available to all homeless veterans.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that this especially vulnerable population of veterans has the chance to access benefits the Department of Veterans Affairs already provides. This bill is one small step to ensuring every homeless veteran can access the benefits they deserve.

HONORING MARY HOAR

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a lifetime of service to one's community is a truly astonishing

feat, which is why I want to take a moment to recognize the contributions of Mary Hoar to Yonkers.

Mary's story is one of continued service to better her community, both as a professional and in her personal life. Following her graduation from Cornell University, Mary began her career as a school teacher in Yonkers. Computer technology was always a big part of Mary's interests as an educator, and became a primary component of her teaching. She went on to teach computer technology to adults later in life.

While Mary was cultivating her professional career she was simultaneously beginning her foray into community service. She started by giving her time to Yonkers Jay-N-Cee, serving as Secretary, Treasurer and President. In 1977, Mary received one of the state division's highest honors, the Distinguished Service Award, and was later bestowed the Key to the City of Yonkers for her work with the organization.

Mary soon began branching out after her success with Jay-N-Cee, first by giving her time to the Yonkers Red Cross, serving as Branch Chairman and Vice Chairman as well as Chair of their Centennial, Youth Services and Competition Committees.

Mary then became involved with the Westchester March of Dimes, working on the very first Yonkers Walkathon Coordinating Committee. She then served on the Executive Board of the Northern Metro Chapter of the March of Dimes for 17 years, and was instrumental in the organizations Reading Olympics, Golden Gala and Tennis Tournament.

Mary's list of volunteer services has also included stints on the mayor's Community Relations Committee, the board of Family Services Society in Yonkers and, currently, she serves as president of the Yonkers Historical Society.

The Salvation Army honored Mary for all she has done for Yonkers at their 2014 annual dinner. The honor was incredibly well deserved. Congratulations to Mary Hoar on this recognition.

HONORING DR. TERRY BREWER

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Terry Brewer, the founder and president of Brewer Science, who recently received the 2014 SEMI award for North America as a result of his impact on the manufacturing of integrated circuits in the semiconductor industry. The SEMI Award recognizes outstanding technical achievement, and is the highest honor conferred by SEMI. As a global industry association that is composed of 1,900 member companies that are the engine of the future, SEMI creates smarter, faster, and more economical products that improve our lives.

Dr. Brewer has distinguished himself not only as a leader, but as an innovator in the field of technology. Brewer Science is a global technology leader in developing and manufacturing innovative materials, processes, and equipment used in electronics such as tablet computers, smartphones, digital cameras, televisions, and LED lighting. On May 5, 2014, Brewer Science unveiled its new high-volume manufacturing facility at the Rolla National Airport. This expansion accommodates product demand growth and exemplifies the company's commitment to continuous improvement. From its headquarters in Rolla, Missouri, Brewer Science supports its worldwide customers through a service and distribution network in North America, Europe, and Asia.

It is my pleasure to commend Dr. Brewer for his achievements, and I am confident that his business will continue to stay on the forefront of technological advancement.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S667–S675

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 324–326, and S. Res. 59–60. **Page S673**

Measures Passed:

Liberation of the Auschwitz Extermination Camp 70th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 35, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S674**

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 59, raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2015 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”. **Pages S674–75**

National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 60, supporting the goals and ideals of observing the National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month from January 1 through February 1, 2015, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, modern slavery. **Page S675**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Home-

land Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. **Pages S667–71**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, January 30, 2015, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. **Page S667**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, that if the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill is agreed to, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S667**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 a.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S675.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 622–633; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 12; and H. Res. 65–66 were introduced. **Pages H666–67**

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 Rooney (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H665**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. James Dance, Chaplain, United States Navy, Office of the Chief of Navy Chaplains, Washington, DC. **Page H665**

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative Pitts. **Page H666**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on page H665.

Senate Referral: S. 1 was held at the desk.

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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 2:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 596, to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 2 through February 6, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 203, Clay Hunt SAV Act. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of the bill.

On *Tuesday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act. If the motion to

invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill is agreed to, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the findings of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

February 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

February 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Guantanamo detention facility and the future of United States detention policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 4, to hold hearings to examine private sector experience with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) framework, focusing on building a more secure cyber future, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 4, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of vessel discharge regulations on shipping and fishing industries, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

February 5, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine data breach and notification legislation in the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 4, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to examine impacts of the proposed waters of the United States rule on state and local governments, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Finance: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the Internal Revenue Service Operations and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

February 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 5, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 3, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Global Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine understanding the impact of United States policy changes on human rights and democracy in Cuba, 10 a.m., SD-419.

February 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ending modern slavery, focusing on the best way forward, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 3, to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on innovation to meet the needs of students, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the “joint employer” standard and business ownership, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 4, to hold hearings to examine deferred action on immigration, focusing on implications and unanswered questions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 4, business meeting to consider S. 184, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, S. 209, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, S. 246, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and an original bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine loan leveraging in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 5, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 3, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 5, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 4, to hold hearings to examine combating financial exploitation of vulnerable seniors, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, February 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 3, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Wounded Warrior Program Update”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Final Recommendations from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget”, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Expanding Opportunity in America’s Schools and Workplaces”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to Seasonal Influenza”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 5, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on H.R. 212, the “Drinking Water Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 4, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Exploring Alleged Ethical and Legal Violations at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 3, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “The Strategic Importance of the Western Hemisphere: Defining U.S. Interests in the Region”, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cuba: Assessing the Administration’s Sudden Shift”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 4, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “The Palestinian Authority’s International Criminal Court Gambit: A True Partner for Peace?”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 5, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Human Rights in Cuba: A Squandered Opportunity”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 3, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “A Review of Access Control Measures at Our Nation’s Airports”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, February 4, Full Committee, hearing on committee funding for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Adequacy and Enforcement of Our Nation’s Immigration Laws”, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 4, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing on the “Legal Workforce Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 4, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 526, the “Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2015”, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Inspectors General: Independence, Access and Authority”, 10:15 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, February 3, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 50, the “Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015”; and H.R. 527, the “Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, February 3, Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, joint hearing entitled “NSF’s Oversight of the NEON Project and Other Major Research Facilities Developed Under Cooperative Agreements”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 3, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “How the Changing Energy Markets Will Affect U.S. Transportation”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 3, Full Committee, hearing on the President’s fiscal year 2016 budget, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, February 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, February 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 203, Clay Hunt SAV Act. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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