

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NO MORE SOLYNDRAS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6213) to limit further taxpayer exposure from the loan guarantee program established under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, contrary to all the rhetoric around this legislation, H.R. 6213 does not terminate the Title 17 loan guarantee program. In fact, when Republicans were offered a chance to end this Bush-era initiative in the Energy and Commerce Committee, the motion failed by a vote of 3–39.

Instead, H.R. 6213 retains the \$34 billion of existing loan guarantee authority—and then arbitrarily limits the competition for that authority to the roughly 50 projects that had submitted their applications before the end of 2011. In other words, under this bill, a loan guarantee commitment can be issued in 2020 to a company that applied in 2010—but any better, cheaper or more promising proposal that arises between now and then need not apply.

This is the worst kind of governing by bumper sticker, and it has unfortunately become emblematic of the Republican majority in the 112th Congress.

Mr. Chair, we can and should be investing in clean energy. We simply cannot afford to cede this rapidly growing market to the Chinese and other international competitors. In that regard, the Title 17 loan guarantee program has caused tens of billions of dollars in private capital to be invested in clean energy projects. It has helped double renewable energy generation. It has created 60,000 jobs and saved over 300 million gallons of gasoline. And it has done all of this with a default rate of 3 percent, which is less than the half the default rate in the federal student loan program whose current interest rates a bipartisan majority in this House recently voted to extend.

It is time to stop demagoguing and time to start governing. I urge a no vote.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, during the course of the week, I was absent for legislative business; had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 557—H.R. 6122—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—“yes.”

Rollcall 558—H.R. 2139—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—“yes.”

Rollcall 559—H.R. 6186—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—“yes.”

Rollcall 560—H. Res. 773—On Ordering the Previous Question—“yes.”

Rollcall 561—H. Res. 773—On Agreeing to the Resolution—“yes.”

Rollcall 562—H.R. 4264—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—“yes.”

Rollcall 563—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—“no.”

Rollcall 564—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—“no.”

Rollcall 565—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—“no.”

Rollcall 566—H.R. 5544—On Agreeing to the Amendment—“no.”

Rollcall 567—H.R. 5544—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—“no.”

Rollcall 568—H.R. 5544—On Passage—“yes.”

Rollcall 569—H.R. 5949—On Passage—“yes.”

Rollcall 570—H.R. 3857—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—“yes.”

Rollcall 571—H.R. 5865—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—“no.”

Rollcall 572—H. Res. 778—On Ordering the Previous Question—“yes.”

Rollcall 573—H. Res. 778—On Agreeing to the Resolution—“yes.”

Rollcall 574—H. Res. 779—On Agreeing to the Resolution—“yes.”

Rollcall 575—H.R. 1775—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—“yes.”

Rollcall 580—S. 3245—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—“yes.”

Rollcall 581—H.R. 6213—On Agreeing to the Amendment—“no.”

Rollcall 582—H.R. 6213—On Agreeing to the Amendment—“no.”

Rollcall 583—H.R. 6213—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—“no.”

Rollcall 584—H.R. 6213—On Passage—“yes.”

RECOGNIZING SARKIS TATIGIAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sarkis Tatigian, who will celebrate 70 years of combined military and federal civil service on September 26, 2012. At the age of 90, Mr. Tatigian shows no signs of slowing down. Retirement eligible since 1973, he still finds work far more exciting than the prospect of retirement. As Associate Director of the Small Business Programs Office at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) he is not only a champion for the Navy's mission critical work but also for providing opportunities for small business growth and development.

Mr. Tatigian has always been fascinated by the possibilities of the world around him. In fact, his hobby of radio communication led to his career in the Navy. In July 1942, he took the oath of office for a war service appointment as a Jr. Inspector of Radio at the Naval Aircraft Factory in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. In 1944, Mr. Tatigian arrived in Washington, D.C. to work as part of the Navy's BAT program which was developing an aircraft-launched air-to-surface radar-guided glide bomb being developed for use in the war. The BAT became operational in January 1945 as the first naval aircraft-launched guided weapon.

After leaving military service in 1946, Mr. Tatigian returned to the Navy as a civil service employee with the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C. He began his distinguished career as a small business analyst for the bureau. While in this position, Mr. Tatigian developed a Small Business Mobile Exhibit that traveled coast-to-coast visiting state capitals and cities with populations exceeding 400,000, and received congressional recognition for his organizational efforts on the exhibit.

In June 1979, he was appointed Associate Director of the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office, the position he continues to hold today in the current NAVSEA Small Business Programs Office. The experience and technical background Mr. Tatigian gained from serving his country allow him to interface with the engineering and technical communities at NAVSEA with great ease and understanding, another benefit of his long and distinguished career. Mr. Tatigian has received numerous awards including the U.S. Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Although an expert in business processes, he is still committed to finding innovative yet strategic ways to prepare his office for the future. When asked why he continues to work, Tatigian responds, “If you love what you do, it's not really work.” I ask the House to join me in commending Sarkis Tatigian for his outstanding accomplishments as a federal employee and his continued commitment to the work of the Navy.

COMMENDATION FOR THE CREW OF THE USS WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, since this nation's earliest beginnings, America's navel defense has played an integral, essential role in the survival, sustenance and ultimate prosperity of this country.

From our French ally's blockade during the Battle at Yorktown to our unparalleled command of the seven seas today to maintain peace abroad and here at home, the men and women of the United States Navy continue to serve and defend in a long and proud tradition.

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Perhaps no greater service in size and scope has been witnessed in our nation's remarkable naval history than that of our Pacific Fleet in World War II. The Pacific theater of war on the high seas and islands called for extraordinary men and women of the highest caliber and perseverance.

Today, it is my great privilege and honor to recognize the crew of one ship in the Pacific Fleet, which made an immortal mark in naval history and the preservation of liberty. The crew members of the USS *West Virginia* will gather one more time, perhaps for the last time, in my State of West Virginia at the end of September this year. West Virginians welcome these sons of our namesake ship.

Since at least 1955, they have met in reunion, to warm old friendships and forge new ones. They bring their wives and enjoy venues around the country, though we know the upcoming West Virginia reunion will hold a particularly warm place in their hearts. They revel in the "Wee Vee's" history and those who served aboard her. They enjoy swapping stories still fresh in their now well-seasoned memories.

But beyond the camaraderie, the chance to flesh out new histories of their venerable voyages and ensuing battles, and the opportunity to trip the light fantastic once more with an inviting dinner dance, there is an ancient noble cause these brave American souls continue to answer with humility, dignity and honor.

They continue their commitment to serve our nation by recording and sharing their legacy aboard the USS *West Virginia* on their website and in their newsletters, thus illuminating lessons for ensuing generations who can certainly benefit from them tremendously. Through the decades, what has become a labor of love for their membership is, in truth, the life blood of our Republic for the rest of us. If only we will listen and learn.

I ask my colleagues and countrymen to visit their web page at www.usswestvirginia.org to witness the first-hand accounts of the life aboard the West Virginia—the guts and glory, the courage and valor of battles exhibited by those who served aboard this ship. A ship that was resurrected from the depths of Pearl Harbor to serve in the battles at Midway, Leyte Gulf, Surigao Straits, Mindoro Island, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

Today, as a nation, we commend these distinguished seamen, these dedicated sailors for their service and their sacrifice and that of their fallen brothers in battle and over the decades. Let their experiences guide our purpose and path as we face the future.

Mr. Speaker, where would this nation be without such men as these? We humbly thank the Almighty for sharing them with us.

I am happy to report that on September 30th, the USS *West Virginia* reunion will travel to my hometown of Beckley, West Virginia, to witness a true wonder of American Naval history. They will tour the Raleigh County Veterans Museum and inspect a magnificent, half-ton scale model of the USS *West Virginia*.

The replica's master designer, architect and builder is none other than our own, Jim Toler, who has dedicated seventeen years of his time and talent to complete this unique homage to a ship and its sailors. Jim's outstanding service and dedication in preserving our veterans' heritage stand as a sterling monument in its own right. We are truly blessed by his many good works on behalf of so many others.

Mr. Speaker, I close with lyrics adopted for the Naval Hymn. They reflect the prayers of a grateful nation for those of our greatest generation, who once and forever more serve a ship named, the *West Virginia*:

"O Father, King of earth and sea,
We dedicate this ship to thee.
In faith we send her on her way;
In faith to thee we humbly pray:
O hear from heaven our sailor's cry
And watch and guard her from on high!
"And when at length her course is run,
Her work for home and country done,
Of all the souls that in her sailed
Let not one life in thee have failed;
But hear from heaven our sailor's cry,
And grant eternal life on high!"

CELEBRATING HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON THE
OCCASION OF HER JUBILEE

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, recently I was asked by a resident of Connecticut's Fourth Congressional District to enter into the RECORD a letter from Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her Jubilee.

GREENWICH, CT,

June 12, 2012.

YOUR MAJESTY, Congratulations on Your Diamond Jubilee!

I put pen to paper to send You these few lines. We watched every frame of the Jubilee—every 'moving part' was superb. You

looked so elegant as did Prince Philip. And, The 'Young' have won the hearts of millions!

I salute You for the magnificent job You have done and accomplished over the many decades of Your Reign. Your wisdom is these changing times is admirable.

Both Mrs. Reed and I have the most wonderful memories of Your State Visit to the US of A (May, 1991) when I served a Chief of Protocol of The White House. We were thrilled to be Your traveling hosts to Florida and Texas. Your Team was 'the best' led by Lord Airlie.

It was yours truly who was responsible for the 'protocol gaffe' of 'The Talking Hat' at the Welcome Ceremony on the South Lawn.

Wherever I go on Mission for the United Nations to the nations of the Commonwealth I can start up a warm conversation with the history of 'The Talking Hat'.

You said it all when You kindly asked me to join You on the *Britannia* in Cyprus during a Commonwealth meeting—When I arrived You pointed at me and said 'You should have 'The Talking Hat' on your tombstone'!

We hope and pray that the Duke of Edinburgh regains full health.

With respect, admiration and every good wish.

Long May You Reign!

JOSEPH VERNER REED.

GREENWICH, CT

June 12, 2012.

DEAR MR. GEIDT, I hope you have recovered from the Jubilee!

I appreciate Her Majesty must be inundated with messages and correspondence in connection with the Jubilee. I hesitated to write to Her Majesty but, was so overwhelmed with the Jubilee events that I could not resist sending Her Majesty these few lines.

Mrs. Reed and I think that Her Majesty and Prince Philip have accomplished the most wonderful job during Her Reign.

We will always be mindful of the fabulous ten days we spent steering Her Majesty's Team during Her State Visit to the US of A in the Spring of 1991. Of course, 'The Talking Hat' at the Welcome ceremony at The White House was a protocol fiasco which is still talked about in Federal City. Barbara (Mrs. Bush) has never forgiven me! Her Majesty won the hearts of all of Washington when the day after the 'gaffe' Her Majesty came to the Rostrum of the House of Representatives and looked out across the jammed Chamber and in a distinct magisterial voice and facial expression said . . .

'I hope you can see me today!'

If and when things calm down and you see fit to have Her Majesty look over my letter please present it to Her.

With special thanks and good wishes,
JOSEPH VERNER REED.