

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor from Wednesday, December 19 through Friday, December 21, 2018. Had I been present, I would have supported all bills considered under a suspension of the rules, with the following exceptions:

I would have voted no on S. 1934 as I feel that it is important that environmental standards in remote areas must be strengthened whenever possible to preserve natural landscapes.

I would have voted against H.R. 7388. While I support long term reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program, I feel that it is important to avoid any lapse in the program to ensure continuity for homeowners and those looking to purchase a home. To that end, this bill would have been counterproductive by creating uncertainty about the NFIP by sending the extension back to the Senate at the 11th hour.

I would also like to add a few comments on a couple bills that I would have supported:

In particular, as an original cosponsor of the Codifying Useful Regulatory Definitions (CURD) Act, I would have voted yes on final passage of S. 2322. This bill would give real Wisconsin cheese makers the certainty they need to produce a special natural product.

I also would have voted yes on the Space Frontier Act of 2018, despite serious concerns about process. Just as Ranking Member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee BERNICE JOHNSON stated on the floor, I support NASA's mission and thus would have supported this bill.

Additionally, I would have opposed the following bills considered under a rule:

I would have voted against H.R. 88. A \$100 billion boondoggle, H.R. 88 would have arbitrarily extended some important credits but not others, leave some communities suffering from disasters out in the cold and inject unnecessary social politics into our tax code. As I said on the floor on November 29th, the first time this bill was brought to the floor, I would have opposed the package.

I would have voted against H.R. 695, as amended. Rather than providing pay for dedicated public servants over the holidays, particularly TSA agents working to protect Americans traveling to see loved ones over the holidays, House leadership rejected a unanimous agreement in the Senate to keep the government open. Instead, they passed a blatantly partisan package that had no chance of passage in the Senate and virtually ensured a government shutdown.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF KEITH ROYAL

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sheriff Keith Royal, who is retiring from the Nevada County Sheriff's Office after more than 40 years in law enforcement.

Sheriff Royal is a life-long public servant dedicated to protecting and serving his community. His father Kenneth, a Deputy with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, was killed in the line of duty while attempting to apprehend a robbery suspect. His two brothers, Ken and Patrick, and nephew Steven all served in the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, where his son-in-law Jeff is currently a Deputy.

Keith was born and raised in Northern California and remains an active member of his community. After graduating from Cal State Sacramento with a degree in Criminal Justice, he served as a California DMV Investigator, shortly after which he began training at the Sacramento Sheriff's Academy. As an Executive Lieutenant, he served in various roles with the Sacramento Sheriff's Office, including as a Jail Manager, Reserve Coordinator, and Vice Detail.

First elected as Nevada County Sheriff in 1998, Royal's leadership led to an overall drop in the crime rate. He worked to modernize the dispatch center, expand the Neighborhood Watch and Volunteer programs, and establish the School Resource Officer Program. Additionally, Sheriff Royal amassed \$8 million in special revenue funds for the Sheriff's Office, implemented computerized jail management and high-band radio systems, and obtained a new evidence facility and DNA lab. During this time, he also served as President of the California State Sheriffs' Association, and as Chair of its Undersheriff's Committee.

These are just a handful of the things that Sheriff Royal was able to accomplish over his tenure, which has created a safer and more prosperous community for the residents of Nevada County.

Having been the second-longest serving Sheriff in the history of Nevada County, Sheriff Royal is now ready to spend more time with his daughters and granddaughters. Along with teaching them to fish, he hopes to spend time maintaining his garden, golfing, and enjoying some much-needed down time.

Sheriff Royal's service has left a lasting impact on Nevada County, and I thank him for his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE HERMANN BEARCATS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISSOURI CLASS 2 STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Hermann Bearcats Volleyball team for winning the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Volleyball Championship.

This team and Coach Linda Lampkin should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Hermann Bearcats Volleyball team for a job well done.

FARM BILL CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Agriculture Committee and a member of the Farm Bill Conference Committee, I am pleased that the Conference report will strengthen the existing SNAP Employment and Training program by facilitating better connections between existing workforce development efforts and employers in local communities. Specifically, conferees rejected the one-size-fits-all approach to training programs that H.R. 2 had initially adopted, as these programs have consistently proven to be ineffective—too often failing to match low-income adults with the types of training and job opportunities they need. Instead, the Farm Bill conference report supports collaboration between workforce development programs and employers already tackling this job in their communities to better serve SNAP participants—a win for both participants and for local employers.

I am also pleased that the Conference report includes several provisions that will improve the types of programs that SNAP employment and training can provide. The conference report reinforces the requirement that states properly assess clients and assign them to programs appropriate to their needs and skills. It also recognizes the important role case management services can play in helping to address barriers to work by requiring states to provide these types of services. Additionally, conferees prioritized the funding of innovative employment and training pilot programs, including pilot programs that serve specific groups with known barriers to work. These types of smart investments will have a

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