

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING OFFICERS JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN M. GIBSON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, members, officers, and staff of the House, it was 15 years ago today that Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John M. Gibson of the U.S. Capitol Police gave their lives in the line of duty, defending the Capitol against an armed gunman.

In the decade and a half since their sacrifice, the memory of their heroism has never dimmed. The sacrifices they and their families made will never be forgotten by this institution or by the people of the nation we serve.

At 3:40 p.m., the House will observe a moment of silence in memory of these officers. At that time, leaders of the House and the Senate will gather with their families for a wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial Door.

We give thanks for all the brave men and women of the Capitol Police force who honor the legacy of Officers Chestnut and Gibson on a daily basis through their service and commitment to protecting our nation's greatest symbol of freedom and democracy.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. MARVIN "BUZZ" OATES

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Marvin "Buzz" Oates, a third-generation Californian. Buzz is the founder of The Buzz Oates Group of Companies, a \$1.5 billion commercial real estate development company. But before his American dream was realized, Buzz was just a boy with very humble beginnings and an entrepreneurial spirit. Even at a very young age, he earned money mowing lawns and collecting bottles. Buzz graduated from Sacramento High School in 1941. He then served as a bombardier in World War II and attributes much of his business success to time serving his country in the military.

Buzz survived a mid-air collision during training in New Mexico and was eventually stationed in Asia flying missions over Japan in a B-29 Superfortress.

When two bombs engaged to be dropped from his jet at 23,000 feet failed to deploy, Buzz knew he had to act quickly. The two 100-pound bombs hung on the rack of the B-29, and with no oxygen on the bomb-bay doors open, Buzz inched across a cat walk

eight inches wide to wrestle both bombs out of the plane. For his bravery, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Buzz returned home a decorated war hero to open a locksmith business—A&A Key Shop—which later turned into a building supply company. Since then, Buzz steadily grew his company into the largest commercial real-estate and management company in Sacramento.

Buzz is also well-known in the community for his generous spirit, charitable giving and commitment to God and his Christian faith. Thousands have worshipped in church buildings donated by Buzz and on the land he sold at a reduced rate. In the past several years, he donated \$2.5 million and one acre of land to Mercy Ministries, a group home for women. The group was able to open a home in Lincoln, California where 40 women recovering from drug addiction, sexual abuse and other problems, find sanctuary receiving free room, board and counseling.

Buzz has been honored with many awards throughout the years for his charitable contributions, most recently in 2011 as the Trainor Fairbrook Humanitarian of the Year Award and the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Fame Award in 2007.

Buzz's heroism, hard work, business acumen, and his spirit of public service make him a man to be honored and admired. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Buzz Oates and thank him for his dedication to country and community.

HONORING MARILYN E. HARRIS

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mrs. Marilyn Harris for receiving the Rural Development Site Manager of the Year award for Elderly Projects. This award was presented to her on June 11th, 2013 at the Council for Affordable and Rural Housing Annual Meeting and Legislative Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

Marilyn was nominated by her friends and colleagues at Richland Senior Citizens Housing, Inc. in Ellettsville, Indiana. She was nominated for not just being an exceptional property manager but also being a dear friend to those senior citizens who count on her for a safe and comfortable living environment. She also enjoys the privilege of helping with several other properties that her company manages, including PRAC 811 properties for the developmentally challenged and a Rural Development property for families. As a Regional Manager of these properties, she oversees the daily operations of these communities in Indiana and Tennessee.

Being both state and nationally recognized, Marilyn's hard work has not gone unnoticed, and it goes without saying, that this sort of accomplishment is not reached overnight, but through a career dedicated to exceptional work. I once again commend Marilyn for all that she has done, and thank her for her service to South Central Indiana, as she stands as testimony to Hoosier compassion and work ethic.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN
FREDERICK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, with sadness, we acknowledge the passing of Stephen Frederick, a talented music teacher and mentor who spent 29 of his 35 years in education in the North Penn School District as high school band director and principal of North Penn Junior High School and North Penn High School. Earlier, he was an elementary music teacher in the Central Bucks School District, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. His career also included conducting the Montgomery County Concert Band. Although he retired as a high school principal from the North Penn School District, he later was welcomed back as a consultant. A husband, father and grandfather, Mr. Frederick had a rapport with students who recall his advice, and interest in their future: Never accept less than your own best effort—and often times the work is more important than the destination. Stephen Frederick leaves a personal legacy of achievement, his guidance and grace, and the example he set for others to follow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COTTON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. COTTON. Mr. Speaker, during a late-night series of votes yesterday on amendments to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act FY2014 (H.R. 2397), I intended to vote "yes" on the Fleming amendment (roll-call No. 392), but inadvertently voted "no." Mr. FLEMING's amendment prohibits funds from being used to appoint "non-theistic" military chaplains, which would contravene current DOD policy. As I witnessed firsthand in Iraq and Afghanistan, chaplains are essential to our Armed Forces and they minister to troops of all faiths—and none. I strongly support the spiritual role of our military chaplains and I'm pleased Mr. FLEMING's amendment passed with bipartisan support.

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HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NASCAR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, greetings to all those gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the NASCAR Technical Institute.

For over sixty years, NASCAR has captured the hearts and minds of millions of Americans. Skilled mechanics and technicians are the lifeblood of the industry. The individuals graduating from the NASCAR Technical Institute each year are a crucial part of the teams that ensure the sport's safety and continued success.

Additionally, the Institute is an important part of the Mooresville community and the entire region. NASCAR Tech consistently boasts exceptionally high graduation rates as well as high rates of employment upon graduation. You provide your students with many opportunities to learn and excel, such as partnerships with some of the world's best known manufacturers and access to state-of-the-industry technology. All of this enables graduates from this Institute to transition easily from the classroom to the workforce.

Race City, USA, and NASCAR would not be the same without the influence of the NASCAR Technical Institute and its alumni. The Institute's growth and accomplishments in just ten years are amazing, and I look forward to watching your continued success in the next ten years and beyond.

Suzanne and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.

HONORING BUFFALOUIE'S OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, my home state of Indiana takes pride in its long tradition of Hoosier innovation and small business entrepreneurship. Hoosier businesses across Indiana's 9th District strive to offer quality products and services that become integral parts of their local communities. One such small business is BuffaLouie's, a popular restaurant in Bloomington, Indiana, which is known throughout the state for their amazing selection of buffalo-style chicken wings and homemade sauces.

BuffaLouie's has been a mainstay in Bloomington since they first opened their doors in 1987. It is a popular hangout for Indiana University (IU) students and Bloomington residents alike, who come and enjoy great food in a comfortable atmosphere. In fact, BuffaLouie's has such a strong reputation that they earned national recognition from USA Today as one of the Top Ten Wing Joints in the country.

Today, I commend BuffaLouie's on the success of their business, as well as their commitment to improving the local Bloomington community. As part of my commitment to acknowledge Hoosier small businesses and the

critical role they play in my home state, I want to recognize BuffaLouie's as the first in a series titled the 9th District's Hoosier Small Business Spotlight.

Jay Lieser, an IU student and native of Buffalo, New York, founded BuffaLouie's. His mother and father, Ed and Trudy—or Mr. and Mrs. Louie as they are often referred—joined their son in his venture, bringing their family recipes to BuffaLouie's. BuffaLouie's is truly a family business, getting its name and company logo from another member of the Lieser family, Jay's grandfather Lou. This tradition of family and service to the community has been carried on by the current owners, the husband and wife team of Ed and Jamie Schwartzman.

The Schwartzman's have continued to build on the cornerstone of what makes BuffaLouie's great: working hard to "serve quality food, prepared fresh and made to order using the finest ingredients in a family friendly atmosphere." It is not uncommon to see both Mr. and Mrs. Schwartzman at the restaurant helping serve customers and personally thanking patrons for their business. It is this philosophy and commitment that has garnered a loyal following of wing lovers in Bloomington.

BuffaLouie's strengthened its local ties when it relocated from its 17th street location to the famous Gables building on Indiana Avenue. The Gables, once known as the "Book Nook," often played host to the famous jazz musician and IU graduate Hoagy Carmichael. It is where the famous musician penned part of his immortal song "Star Dust." In keeping with this tradition BuffaLouie's hosts musical performances that allow customers to enjoy the historic venue.

BuffaLouie's has become a landmark in Bloomington, Indiana—exemplifying the spirit of Hoosier small businesses across Indiana's 9th district. The family friendly atmosphere and nationally recognized wings continue to bring satisfied customers through the doors of the historic Gables building. I would like to congratulate BuffaLouie's on more than 25 successful years in business and thank them for the dedication they show their customers. I wish them continued success for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN "KIRK" KIRKPATRICK AND HIS CAREER IN SERVICE TO OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John "Kirk" Kirkpatrick. Born and raised in Owensboro, Kentucky, Kirk has strived to better his surrounding community in every way possible.

Kirk's career began with Owensboro on the Air, Inc., where he served in a number of capacities. Kirk also handled public relations for the city's television system before joining WaxWorks/VideoWorks in 1984. Kirk served as President and CEO of the RiverPark Center Foundation for two years, working to help develop the riverfront. After facilitating major improvements to The RiverPark Center, he returned to WaxWorks/VideoWorks to continue his career until his recent retirement.

Kirk's background in communications made him a natural for Master of Ceremonies for the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce's monthly Rooster Booster meetings. Kirk branded "the good news phone" as his signature personality to share the great happenings of Owensboro. For more than 35 years, Kirk has served in this capacity, with the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce recognizing him as "Member of the Year" three times.

Serving in numerous Board of Director positions, it is evident that Kirk has dedicated his career to serving the greater Owensboro community—for both current and future generations. Kirk recently accepted his latest role as an ambassador for the Owensboro Convention Center. I couldn't think of anyone better suited for this important role. Recently named an All-America City with Kirk's help, Owensboro is fortunate to call Kirk one of its residents.

I look forward to seeing Kirk's new endeavors and would like to thank him for all he has and will continue to do on behalf of Owensboro, Kentucky.

IN HONOR OF CLINT G. QUILTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clint G. Quilter on the occasion of his retirement, with just shy of twenty-four years of service to the residents of Hollister. Since he first began his service in 1989, he held multiple posts with the city. Clint began as Public Works Inspector, where he was responsible for the upkeep of water, sewer, grading, storm drains and all city roads. In 1992 he was promoted to Assistant Engineer and the following year to Associate Engineer. In 1997, Clint assumed the Acting Director of Public Works position and within a matter of months was promoted to Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer. Because of his fine work, the following summer he became the Public Works Director/City Engineer position where he was responsible for the overall operation and maintenance for the city's entire infrastructure. He became Interim City Manager on May 10, 2004 and finally served as City Manager from May 17, 2005 through July 19, 2013.

During his tenor as City Manager Clint dealt with a number of challenges in governing the city but was dedicated to working with people to find solutions. When Clint took the City Manager position, the city was operating at a \$4 million deficit, but with time he was able to balance the budget. Clint also helped steer the city to a solution for its sewer treatment capacity and out of the building moratorium.

I had the pleasure of working with Clint on a number of federal projects and community events. In 2005, Clint assisted my office with the plans for my annual "Proud to be An American" Citizenship Ceremony held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in downtown Hollister. We had over 250 new citizens from twenty-five different countries sworn-in as American citizens from the tri-county area. In the summer of 2009, Clint again facilitated the use of the Veteran's Memorial Building for my Hollister Health Care Town Hall meeting,

where we had over 450 people, a record turnout of San Benito County residents.

It has also been a pleasure to work with Clint on issues pertaining to the Hollister Airport. Clint's expertise and knowledge was extremely important to my office, when the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was leaning to deny the Hollister Airport's through-the-fence access. With his help, the FAA issued a no objection letter to the through-the-fence access at the airport business park. This was a great accomplishment involving many but Clint's work was noteworthy and has opened up other business opportunities as well as federal funding to do upgrades including the airport taxiways. It was great having him on my San Benito County team.

Mr. Speaker, Clint has had a long and successful career with the City of Hollister and has gained the respect of his fellow workers and members of the community as well as the business community. I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes for her success and much success and happiness in his retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 2397, the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, for Fiscal Year 2014 and to recognize the important role played by management companies in the successful operation of the Department of Defense's Defense Personal Property Program, or DP3.

I would like to thank Chairman YOUNG and Ranking Member VISCOSKY for including report language I submitted to the Subcommittee on Defense regarding the DP3 program. I am proud to note that one of the management companies that helps make this program successful is located in my congressional district.

Both the Chairman and the Ranking Member have long standing commitments to improving the quality of life of military members and their families. Our members of the military are required to make countless moves during their military service. Providing high-quality moves that provide satisfaction to the service member and his/her family is important to morale, well-being and retention.

The Department of Defense also understands the tremendous challenges associated with completing the countless number of defense personal property moves. Because of dissatisfaction and nightmares associated with previous military personal property movement programs, the Department of Defense adopted the Defense Personal Property Program with the goal of achieving efficient, satisfactory, and seamless military moves.

My purpose in speaking today is to note the significant contributions that management

companies are making to DP3 by assisting transportation service providers to reduce costs and improve the quality of each military move. While improving these critical moves, DP3 has improved the quality of life enabling higher levels of personnel readiness.

Madam Chair, again, I offer my thanks to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Defense for their inclusion of this important language on the DP3 and for allowing me the opportunity to comment on the important role that management companies play in the success of this program.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESTY. Madam Chair, my amendment would add five million dollars for support services for members of the National Guard and Reserve to the Defense-Wide Operations and Maintenance account in Title IX of the bill.

To prevent an increase in spending, the funding for suicide prevention is offset by reducing the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by thirty-eight million dollars. This amendment is not only fiscally responsible, but urgent and timely.

The cover of Time Magazine from exactly one year ago today described the tragedy of military suicide with the simple headline: "One a Day." It drew attention to the grim reality that military suicide rates were at record levels. By year's end, a record three-hundred-and-fifty active duty troops committed suicide in 2012, amounting to almost one suicide per day. We lost more troops to suicide than we did to combat.

One year later, these rates have barely budged. The Department of Defense reported one-hundred-and-sixty-one potential suicides among active-duty service members, reservists and National Guard members through April. This is a pace of one suicide every eighteen hours.

We owe far better to those who wear the uniform and serve this nation.

I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their leadership on this issue. Your tireless, bipartisan commitment to suicide prevention is reflected in the additional twenty-million dollars for the Suicide Prevention Office provided in this bill.

My amendment seeks only to bolster your efforts by strengthening outreach and awareness programs to combat stigma and improve access to resources. As the chairman has often reminded us, we should focus our efforts on prevention. This amendment gives our outreach and prevention programs greater support to assist service members in need. It is our job to serve our troops as well as they serve us. We cannot—we must not—wait; it's up to us to act.

I urge Members to support this amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Flores/Gingrey/Conaway/Hensarling Amendment to H.R. 2397 that will prevent funds in this legislation from being used to carry out Section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Section 526 prohibits all federal agencies from contracting for alternative fuels that emit higher levels of greenhouse gas emissions than "conventional petroleum sources." This means that if a federal agency—particularly the Department of Defense—has the ability to utilize an alternative fuel that even has one scintilla more of carbon emissions than conventional fuels, it cannot be used. As a result, Section 526 severely stifles innovation from DoD to improve clean carbon capture technologies for alternative fuels, thereby increasing our dependence on foreign oil, and will only further increase fuel costs.

Mr. Chair, I support a full repeal of Section 526 because the cost of refined product for DoD has increased by over 500 percent in the last ten years when volume only increased by 30 percent. This amendment takes a very important step towards achieving this goal by prohibiting funding to carry out Section 526 for the upcoming fiscal year in the DoD.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, the Mulvaney, Van Hollen, Coffman, Murphy amendment matches the President's budget for Overseas Contingency Operations, OCO, and also provides an additional \$1.5 billion for National Guard and Reserve Equipment Modernization. The amendment expressly protects all the funding increases made in the OCO account by the Appropriations Committee for the National Guard and provides sufficient funding to fully accommodate the President's OCO request for National Guard military personnel, operation and maintenance (including depot maintenance), and counter drug activities.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Chair, I rise today to address the crucial need for retaining the U.S. military's force structure at Lajes Field.

Due to Air Force planners' short-sighted decision to draw down at Lajes, the United States is poised to surrender a military asset of unparalleled strategic value. Located on the Azores island chain between Europe and the United States, Lajes is like the Hawaii of the Atlantic Ocean—only closer to the American mainland. The islands belong to Portugal, a strong U.S. ally since World War II that has never prevented us from conducting operational missions.

The base at this crucial location has bolstered the United States' control of the Atlantic since World War II, proving critical to our tracking of Soviet submarines during the Cold War. It allows for U.S. access to Europe, the Middle East, and western and sub-Saharan Africa, and enables the expeditionary movement of warfighters, aircraft, ships, and global communications to AFRICOM and CENTCOM's joint, coalition, and NATO operations.

It is also a vital site for countering a major regional threat, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, which has known ties to al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and other violent groups. In fact, from Lajes, ten of the eighteen African countries that hold State Department Travel Warnings can be reached within six hours. Further, Lajes is well-positioned to act as a logistical hub not only for the Defense Department, but also for USAID, the State Department, and other agencies.

Having engaged with Portuguese officials for years on this issue, I know that the consequences of drawing down the base will be dire. Our strategic planners may believe we can leave a mere skeletal operation at Lajes and retain access there, but in reality, the Air Force's decision to draw down at the base means a total end to the U.S. presence at Lajes. This will severely impact the Azorean economy, forcing Portugal to find a new tenant for the site. In light of the weak Portuguese economy, we do not want to make Azoreans choose between their alliance with the United States and their ability to feed their families.

While our strategic planners may not want to be in the Azores anymore, leaders of other nations feel differently. Several high ranking Chinese officials have visited the islands in recent years, including a sojourn by China's Ambassador to Portugal just a few weeks ago, as well as a June 2012 visit to Terceira by then-Premier Wen Jiabao. The Chinese did not divulge what all these delegates were doing there, but I assure you they weren't sipping port and enjoying the pleasant climate.

In the wake of the decision to wind down Lajes, we cannot assume the Portuguese will

exclude China or other bad actors from the site simply out of allegiance to the U.S.; the recent decision to send a rapid reaction force of 500 U.S. Marines to Moron, Spain—a contingent that would have much more flexibility at the logistics hub of Lajes—could easily be interpreted as a calculated insult to our Portuguese friends.

These Marines could easily be located in Lajes, which is a safe environment that allows for forward basing at Rota, Spain, or Sigonella, Italy, or if necessary, for the deployment of troops in Western and sub-Saharan Africa. This amendment would give Defense Department planners the opportunity to think outside the box. If they did, they would realize this solution would allow the Air Force to scale-down at Lajes, provide maximum strategic flexibility for the Marines, and fully utilize the Lajes facility.

The retention of Lajes was not an issue for seventy years because prior planners never contemplated giving up something so crucial to U.S. interests. Because this Congress does not assume that Chinese and Russian subs will voluntarily stop sailing beneath the Atlantic Ocean or that jihadists will stop training in sub-Saharan Africa, we need the flexibility that Lajes' unique location provides.

As we reduce our European footprint—comprising 110,000 personnel and dozens of military installations—we need to base our decisions on each site's global strategic value and tactical and strategic flexibility. It would cost billions to build a base like Lajes today, and we must understand that the decision by Air Force planners to draw down at Lajes means closing the site and losing our access there.

Therefore, Mr. Chair, I encourage my colleagues to vote for this amendment to retain the current force structure at Lajes Field, and to keep this crucial military asset fully staffed and fully operational.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Chair, I thank my colleagues Mr. WALBERG (R-MI); Mr. COHEN (D-TN); Mr. RIGELL (R-VA) for crafting this smart, commonsense amendment which would simply reduce the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund by \$79 million and redirect those funds to the Spending Reduction Account, saving taxpayer dollars.

This is a targeted and smart cut, at a time when we are asking all to do more with less.

And in fact, with this amendment, we would simply be funding this account at the level which this body passed last year.

Now more than ever, we need to make smart investments in our own infrastructure to create jobs and improve efficiency for our businesses.

A business owner in my district recently told me how his drivers lose two hours a day sitting in traffic . . .

. . . And many citizens in Connecticut are pleading to widen 1-84 around Waterbury and to modernize our interchanges.

Additionally, Newtown has recommended rebuilding Sandy Hook Elementary School, and there is an appropriate role for the Federal Government.

We must prioritize our investments and find ways to reduce our deficit.

I urge Members to support this amendment.

THE 1965 LANIER HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, 1965 will always be remembered in American History as a year of turmoil, unrest and great change. The Civil Rights Movement was in full swing, with marches, demonstrations and often dramatic confrontations by brave African Americans that were attacked, beaten and jailed as they struggled for equal rights. Their struggles shocked the world and made front page news and formented a change in the deep south.

Meanwhile as the war over civil rights raged, few noticed a sports revolution in the small city of Jackson, MS. They were seven skinny kids from Lanier High School and they dared to take on all corners. Under Principal Luther Buckley and Assistant Principal Will Anderson, legendary basketball coaches Harrison Barnes and Ormond Jordan, this team honed their skills, speed and prowess and developed into an unstoppable force whose starters came to be known as the Lanier Magnificent Seven. Known for their quickness, scoring offense and devastatingly tough defenses, this team ran up an amazing in-state record of 43 and 0 and averaged over 100 points a game in eight minute quarters and this was before the three point shot had been instituted into the game. With each game their record and legend grew and they not only won the State championship, in March 1965 they were invited to compete in the National Invitation Interscholastic Basketball Tournament, the NIIBT at Alabama State College in Montgomery Alabama.

On March 6, 1965, those seven inner city kids from Jackson, MS took on the best in the Nation, the vaunted Bears from Booker T. Washington High School from Suffolk, Virginia. The Bears were a force to reckon with, with two fantastic guards and the team was described by some sportscasters as the "team of the century." While both teams were known for their scoring prowess and dynamic offenses, the game was a defensive struggle from the very beginning. It featured heart-stopping action, amazing shots and stellar defense by both teams that dazzled the spectators and fans. The papers described it as an amazing game between two titans of high school basketball that featured great ball handling, tough perimeter defense and some of the best high school players and most electric shooting many had ever seen. At the buzzer the Lanier High School Bulldogs prevailed 58 to 55 and had done it. They beat the team of the century and won the coveted National High School Basketball Championship and were deemed

the best in the Nation. These proud, defiant and jubilant national champions rode a public bus back to Jackson, a bus also loaded with Freedom Riders determined to change the hearts and minds of a Nation. The Lanier Basketball Team came home winners but their triumph was swallowed up by the news of the day and the rabid turmoil of the civil rights movement.

These young men, heroes to their legion of fans at Lanier High School, the city of Jackson and the entire State of Mississippi never got their due. True champions, they held their heads high with their national championship trophy in their hands and placed it in the Lanier Trophy Case where it has sat for 48 years gathering dust and forgotten. But not anymore. Thanks to the efforts of Jackson businessman Johnny Morrow that has now changed. Morrow demanded that these men be recognized and put his name and clout behind the effort. He organized and brought together city, county and State government entities, local businesses and talented individuals to help with his cause. He energized schools and local and even national media and forced this recognition ceremony which he developed to right this long overdue wrong. And now due to his efforts they will be recognized.

Now is their time to be remembered and recognized. They have been called the best team you never heard of. Well now you have. Take pride Jackson. In 1965 seven inner city young men took on the best in the Nation and won. As we salute the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, let us not forget our local heroes. Help us to remember, congratulate and salute the 1965 Lanier High School Basketball Team, the only Mississippi high school basketball team to ever win a NATIONAL championship.

We invite everyone to come out and show your love, support and admiration for what these men accomplished. On January 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Mississippi Sports Hall, the State will finally salute and give their due to the 1965 Lanier High School Basketball team. Come and meet the men who accomplished this amazing feat and learn of their daring, their courage and of their basketball dominance in 1965. Come and meet the only Mississippi High School Basketball Team to ever win a national championship. Come and meet the men who were and are the Lanier High School Basketball Team Bulldogs of 1965. The National Champions.

Joe Usry Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram is sponsoring the National Championship Rings to be presented to the surviving team members. Please join us on January 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in Jackson, Miss. Come and meet the Magnificent Seven and the other members of the 1965 Lanier Basketball Team!

Coach Harrison Barnes and Assistant Coach Ormond Jordan

Team Members: Marvin Scott, Cornell Warner, Larry Hayes, Eddie Clanton, James Hudson, Elliot Guinn, Mitchell Johnson, George Amerson, Louis Tucker, Arthur Brown, James Garland, Charles Dalley, Robert Mayberry, Otha Mitchell, Henry Brown Jr.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,116,336,111.15. We've added \$6,111,239,287,198.07 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. JOHN B. BOY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. John B. Boy, the former President and C.E.O. of the U.S. Sugar Corporation, who died on July 16, 2013 at the age of 96. He spent 41 years at U.S. Sugar, serving as its President for 17 years until his retirement.

John held a degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Under his leadership, the Bryant Sugar House was built in Canal Point, Florida. Additionally, John acquired the South Bay Growers vegetable and sugar cane operations, where he began growing oranges and producing orange juice. Among his lasting contributions while serving as an engineer in his company's agricultural equipment shop, are the many important mechanical advancements in Glades agriculture that are still used today.

During World War II, John served in the U.S. Navy, becoming captain of three ships. After the war, he moved from Ohio to Clewiston, Florida, where he began his employment in the sugar industry. John contributed immeasurably to his community, and encouraged employees at U.S. Sugar, as well as those around him, to do the same.

As a measure of their appreciation for all that he did for the sugar industry, Clewiston's civic auditorium, located within sight of the U.S. Sugar plant, is named after him.

John is survived by his daughter, Betsy Terrill (Jim); sons, John Boy, Jr. (Connie) and H. Lane Boy; grandchildren, Jamie Terrill, Christopher Smith, Jennifer Price, Suzanne Boy, Stephanie Crawford, and Rachael Boy; and 10 great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, words cannot express how deeply sorry I am for John's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and all of those in the sugar community. I was privileged to know him and call him my friend. He will be dearly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 22, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following rollcall votes: Nos. 375 for H.R. 1542 and 376 for H. Con. Res. 44. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on these two rollcall votes.

Additionally, on July 23, 2013, I was also unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 377, on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 312. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on this vote.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID G. RICH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of David G. Rich, who left a lasting impact on the 23rd District of New York. After fighting a courageous battle against cancer, David, of Falconer, New York, passed away July 11, 2013, in the presence of his beloved high school sweetheart and wife, Cindy, as well as his friends and family.

Following graduation from Falconer Central School in 1961 and the completion of bachelor's, master's, and superintendent's degrees at the State University of New York at Fredonia, David enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served as a first lieutenant in Vietnam, First Air Cavalry Division, until he suffered critical wounds in action in 1968. After his honorable discharge, David taught Social Studies at Cassadaga Valley Central School from 1970 to 1998. During this period, he volunteered as an adviser for the student council, the junior and senior classes, the chess club, and he contributed to the production of school plays. David's long tenure at Cassadaga allowed him to positively impact the lives of generations of students.

David's community involvement stretched beyond his devotion to Cassadaga students. He served as a Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Falconer and went on to work as the Lieutenant Governor and Foundation Coordinator of the Southwestern Division of New York Kiwanis. David also volunteered in other clubs and organizations including the Falconer American Legion, the Eastern Star, the Travel Club of Herons Glen, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. With an exceptional affection for animals, David was also considered a "Legacy of Love" member of the Chautauqua County Humane Society.

Through his dedication to others, David G. Rich made his community a better place. Although David will be greatly missed, his legacy will continue for generations to come. I am proud to honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 381, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

MD ANDERSON CANCER HOSPITAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am always pleased to see my fellow Texans succeed. Today, I want to take a moment to recognize yet another accomplishment by the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Hospital. MD Anderson has been ranked as the top cancer treatment center by the latest US News & World Report’s “Best Hospitals” study. Of course this should not come as a surprise considering that the hospital has been ranked number one by the study for the last six years in a row.

The accomplishments of MD Anderson do not stop there. In several subspecialties, the hospital has been ranked highly. In particular, the Ears, Nose, and Throat subspecialty is ranked third. MD Anderson Hospital succeeds because of the dedicated people that labor tirelessly every day with one shared purpose: fighting cancer. Under the direction and leadership of President Ronald DePinho, 20,000 employees and 1,100 volunteers help countless individuals through their expertise, research and simple compassion.

MD Anderson has had a huge impact on many children and gave them the hope of life despite adversity. For Joey Nichols, he received a diagnosis of lymphocytic leukemia at the young age of three. He couldn’t understand what that meant or why he felt ill. Today, Joey acknowledges that he has no clear memories during his time at MD Anderson, but he sees it as a defining moment in his life. MD Anderson saved his life, and because of its work, Joey has aspirations to become a pediatric oncologist and to work at MD Anderson one day.

MD Anderson’s dedication to fighting children’s cancer should be acknowledged and celebrated. In a separate survey, the MD Anderson Children’s Cancer Hospital was ranked 21st in the nation. MD Anderson’s services go beyond the well-being of the patient. The children’s hospital provides support groups, activities, and camps for families of children with cancer. In a difficult time for a family, there is some comfort in knowing that we have such knowledgeable and compassionate people to fight cancer alongside them.

Mr. Speaker, these remarks only scratch the surface of the accomplishments achieved by the MD Anderson Cancer Hospital. I am confident that the hospital will continue to exceed expectations and to remain as one of the top cancer centers in the United States. I am proud to see such a prestigious hospital in the great State of Texas—and the great City of Houston.

And that’s just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for rollcall vote No. 389. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

CELEBRATING THE 24TH ANNUAL
BRONX DOMINICAN DAY PARADE**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to twenty-fourth annual Bronx Dominican Day Parade, La Gran Parada Dominicana del Bronx, which will take place on Sunday, July 28, 2013. This celebration of heritage and culture is one that is eagerly anticipated by the Dominican and Bronx communities each year.

Under the leadership of Felipe Febles and Rosa Ayala, the Bronx Dominican Day Parade has grown exponentially in size, scale, and significance over the years. It has morphed into the extraordinary cultural celebration that it is today. For years the United States has largely recognized the Dominican-American community for its success on the baseball diamond, however, there are thousands of Dominican professionals and students that serve as community leaders in the fields of government, law, media, science, and technology.

As the second largest Latino community in New York City, Dominicans have made invaluable contributions to the city, as well as to the entire nation. Although the highest concentration of Dominican New Yorkers live in Northern Manhattan, a significant, and growing, number have enriched The Bronx with their unique culture, spirit, and drive to live the American Dream. I am grateful that so many have chosen to make The Bronx their home.

The Bronx Dominican Day Parade is a unique event that celebrates the diversity of New York City, the distinct heritage of one of its most important communities, and the strong sense of unity that can be found in celebrating our different cultures. As a New Yorker, I am very pleased to see this event grow every year, and extremely proud to march alongside everyone celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of Dominican men and women in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to marching in the twenty-fourth annual Bronx Dominican Day Parade, and I am confident that this event will exist as a cultural landmark celebration for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
SGT. JUSTIN R. ROGERS**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Justin R. Rogers, a brave soldier and devoted family man who served our country for the past five years in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sgt. Rogers was only 25 years old when he passed away in Bagram, Afghanistan on June 28, 2013. He leaves behind his wife, Stefanie, daughter, Nateli, and his mother and stepfather, Teresa and Stan Vicki, who reside in Sgt. Rogers’ hometown of Barton, New York.

Sgt. Justin Rogers enlisted in the Army in 2008 following his graduation at Tioga Central High School. While attending Tioga Central, Rogers was a standout athlete and leader, captaining both the football and wrestling teams. He utilized these leadership skills in his career as a soldier, earning multiple awards during his service including, two Army Achievement Medals and an Army Good Conduct Medal.

Sgt. Rogers was devoted to his country and planned on making the Army a career. A few weeks before his death, he had reenlisted to serve another three years as a horizontal construction engineer with the 101st Airborne Division based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Today we remember the commitment and dedication of Sgt. Justin Rogers. He selflessly served his country to protect our freedom and it is imperative that we honor his sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 383, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

A TRIBUTE TO CIVILIANS WHO
HAVE SERVED IN DIFFICULT RE-
GIONS AROUND THE WORLD**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to personally thank and honor the civilians who faithfully serve in war zones and high threat security environments alongside our military in so doing further our national security and peacefully advance American interests.

I am especially grateful to those civilians who served side-by-side with members of our armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These civilians, as well as contractors and former military who return as civilians work for and with the U.S. military and varied U.S. government agencies, deploy into conflict zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan and into high threat security posts.

Dr. Peter R. Mansoor, the Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History and the

former Executive Officer to Gen. David Petraeus, when he was commander of the multinational forces in Iraq had this to say about civilian service: "The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been difficult ventures, but the nation could not have achieved its objectives in either conflict without the support of American civilians, who came to the fight with a number of critical specialties and who shouldered more of the load than their numbers would suggest. The Nation owes our civilian veterans a great deal of gratitude for their service in the nation's wars since 9/11."

In September 2007 there were actually more contractors in Iraq than combat troops. According to a 2013 report of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR): "In September 2007, the United States had more than 170,000 combat personnel in Iraq as part of the counterinsurgency operation, with more than 171,000 contractors supporting the mission." These contractors are credited in the report for supporting "the counterinsurgency mission in unstable, yet strategically significant, areas such as Baghdad, Anbar, and Babylon provinces."

More and more civilians are serving in conflict zone jobs traditionally held by the military. This proximity to dangerous and unstable security situations has come with a cost. The New York Times reported on February 11, 2012 that, "More civilian contractors working for American companies than American soldiers died in Afghanistan last year for the first time during the war," reporting that "at least 430 employees of American contractors were reported killed in Afghanistan: 386 working for the Defense Department, 43 for the United States Agency for International Development and one for the State Department."

More recently, just last year four of these civilians became household names—U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens, information officer Sean Smith, and CIA security contractors Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty—when they were killed in Benghazi, Libya. Other civilian contractors were seriously wounded.

As with the military, casualties and serious injuries only tell part of the story. There are other costs associated with prolonged wars, including PTSD, depression and traumatic bereavement.

I was pleased to learn of the recent formation of an organization called We Served Too—a group dedicated to honoring and supporting American and international civilian service in conflict zones and high threat security environments.

Writing in the Huffington Post, author and professor Anne Speckhard reported that when Major General Arnie Fields was asked to comment on the founding of We Serve Too, he remarked on how the shift to asymmetrical warfare now places civilian workers in the same danger that front line soldiers traditionally faced:

The dynamics of war have considerably changed in recent years. The past ten years have been most significant. The parameters that have heretofore defined the battlefield or battle space have been dramatically altered. Military commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan have learned early on that the conventional 'front' and 'rear', which in earlier wars defined the most dangerous areas of the battlefield and the safest, respectively, do not exist. The enemy's threat is virtually omnipresent. Soldiers not in direct pursuit of the enemy are in almost as much danger

as those who are. This new paradigm, often referred to as asymmetrical warfare, places civilians assisting in the war effort in about as much imminent danger as the traditional uniformed warrior . . . For example, as a civilian department of State employee in Iraq and as the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, I wore my military flak jacket and helmet with more consistency while conducting my work than I did on active military duty in the Marine Corps.

Unlike soldiers who are trained and prepared to face armed conflict, civilians who serve alongside them are often ill-equipped for what they experience. This can have lasting implications even after their return home.

I am pleased to recognize We Served Too and commend their aim of supporting and honoring the civilians who served alongside their military counterparts.

While we don't often remember the sacrifices of civilian workers in conflict zones, we have an obligation to recognize that they too sacrificially served this country and their service is worthy of our gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during rollcall vote No. 382 on July 23, 2013, regarding an amendment to H.R. 2397 offered by Representative Blumenauer of Oregon. I would have voted "yes."

2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES RESOLUTION

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, after over a decade abroad, the Special Olympics World Games are returning to the United States. Two years from today, thousands of athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters will descend on Los Angeles to see and cheer the skills and accomplishments of people with intellectual disabilities.

The Special Olympics were started by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who saw how unjustly and unfairly people with intellectual disabilities were treated, and how many children with intellectual disabilities didn't even have a place to play. Her vision grew into the Special Olympics, and in 1968 the first International Special Olympics Summer Games were held in Chicago. For 45 years, the Special Olympics has harnessed the power of sport to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people.

I could not be prouder that my city and my country are hosting these games. And I want the athletes, their loved ones, and those with intellectual disabilities across the world to know that the United States House of Representatives is with them.

So today, two years before the 2015 Special Olympics World Games open, I am introducing a celebratory resolution with Representative

KENNEDY—who is continuing his family's commitment to the Special Olympics—Representative HOYER, and the full bipartisan Los Angeles delegation. I hope our colleagues will join us in supporting these games, and the achievements of those with intellectual disabilities everywhere.

HONORING BORING, OREGON AND DULL, SCOTLAND

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two communities who, though oceans apart, found a way to honor their shared identities. I am honored to represent one of these communities in Congress: Boring, Oregon, a small community a few miles outside of the Portland Metro region. The other is Dull, Scotland, in the northern United Kingdom.

These two communities share cultural and geographic similarities, in addition to their quirky names. Both communities lie at the base of prominent regional mountain ranges and neighbor cherished farmland. The county surrounding Boring, Oregon, Clackamas County, plays a prominent role promoting and hosting equestrian events and I am told the same is true of Dull, Scotland's Perth and Kinross Counties.

The Oregon Legislature recently passed House Bill 2352 establishing August 9 as Boring & Dull Day. As a result of this alliance, both communities have received significant attention and have seen growth in economic activity and tourism. I was delighted to be contacted by the Boring Community Planning Organization to share in a celebration honoring this occasion. It is my hope that this "Pair for the Ages" thrive well into future.

RETIREMENT OF FRANK SAMMARTINO

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my ranking member, Congressman VAN HOLLEN in recognizing the service of Frank Sammartino, who is retiring on July 26th after 33 years of public service, with 26 of those years in Congressional service. Frank is currently the Assistant Director for Tax Analysis at the Congressional Budget Office, where he has worked for most of his career. Frank's first job in Washington was as a staff economist at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. While there, he designed and developed a microsimulation model to analyze policies affecting Social Security, taxes, and means-tested transfers. Frank brought that modeling knowledge to CBO, where he developed the first microsimulation model used by the agency for analyzing tax policy. That model became the basis for CBO's individual income tax projections and its analysis of the

distribution of federal taxes. Frank also served for two years as Chief Economist and Deputy Director at the Joint Economic Committee.

As leader of the Tax Analysis Division at CBO, Frank has led his staff in providing high quality and timely analysis of tax policy and budget issues. He has directly contributed to and overseen numerous baseline projections, policy studies, and cost estimates. His expertise on a wide range of public policy issues has been a valuable resource for members and staff. In addition, everyone who has worked with Frank appreciates his warm manner, gentle sense of humor, and helpful spirit. We wish him well in his retirement from CBO and hope he will continue to contribute to our understanding of public policy issues for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 385, I inadvertently voted "yes." I respectfully request that the record reflect my corrected vote of "no."

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. SARAH MOTEN

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life and work of Dr. Sarah Moten, a woman who dedicated her life to furthering the causes of education and development in Africa. Dr. Moten passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Dr. Moten will be missed, but her legacy lives on in the lives of those she touched through her work. Her prolific career in federal and international agencies and organizations serves as an inspiration for all of us who strive to impact others' lives in a positive way.

Dr. Sarah Moten was an accomplished academic. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Hampton University, a Master's in Education, Guidance, and Counseling from George Washington University, and a Doctorate in Education, Administration and Supervision from Clark Atlanta University. She was awarded honorary doctorates from Elizabeth City State University, Chicago State University, and the University of Massachusetts Boston. Dr. Moten also served as the Director of International Affairs at the University of the District of Columbia.

Dr. Moten was dedicated to uplifting children in Africa through education, with particular regard to equal access to education for girls. In her decades-long career, Dr. Moten worked tirelessly as Country Director in Swaziland, Kenya and Sierra Leone and also as Special Assistant to the Africa Director for the U.S. Peace Corps. In addition, Dr. Moten served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Refugee Assistance at the Department of State. She also served as Special Assistant to the President Emerita for the National Council of Negro Women, the Coordi-

nator of the Education Democracy Development Initiative for Africa, and the Chief for the U.S. Agency for International Development's Africa Bureau Office of Sustainable Development, Education Division, among other notable positions.

Dr. Moten's continuous work on areas including education, refugee affairs, diplomacy, and economic development influenced countless lives and earned her a reputation as one of the greatest champions for Africa.

For her work, Dr. Sarah Moten was awarded the Medal of Freedom by the Foundation for Democracy in Africa, the Worldwide Award for Women in Education and Government by Swarthmore College, the Outstanding Partners in Education Award by World Education, the Distinguished Leadership Award from Boston University's African Presidential Archives and Research Center, and the John L. Withers Memorial Award from USAID, among other distinguished recognitions.

During this time of bereavement, I hope all who grieve find comfort and peace in remembering the profound impact Dr. Moten had on so many. Dr. Moten will live on through those who knew her and through those who were touched by her work.

Mr. Speaker, today we remember and celebrate the life of a generous and remarkable woman. I send my thoughts and prayers to all who knew Dr. Sarah Moten and all who mourn her loss.

TRIBUTE TO MARCO WATSON MCMILLIAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Marco Watson McMillian was born April 23, 1979, to the union of Airy McMillian, Jr., and Patricia Unger in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Marco accepted Christ at an early age at the New Jerusalem M. B. Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Johnny B. Woods, Sr.

Marco was educated in the public schools of Clarksdale, Mississippi. He was an honor graduate of Clarksdale High School. He was a magna cum laude graduate of the W.E.B. DuBois Honors College at Jackson State University. Marco received his master's degree from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in the area of Philanthropy and Development. Marco also held a certificate in fundraising management and was a graduate of the Fundraising School at Indiana University. Additionally, he studied at Mississippi State University in the area of Public Policy and Administration and Boston University in the area of Financial Planning. Marco was a graduate of Huntsville/Madison County Leadership Connect Program, Youth Leadership Clarksdale, National Young Leaders Conference of Washington, DC, and the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals' Leadership Program in Bowie, Maryland.

Hailed by *Ebony* magazine in 2004 as one of the nation's 30 top leaders who are 30 and under, Marco was appointed as the Leadership Effectiveness Initiative Program Manager for New Leaders Memphis and had since been promoted to Director of Recruitment and

Operations. Formerly, Marco served as the Executive Assistant to the President (Chief of Staff) at Alabama A & M University in Huntsville, Alabama. As a member of the President's cabinet, Marco was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Office of the President. In addition, he was responsible for the university's strategic partnerships and legislative affairs in which he assisted the university in receiving its largest state appropriation ever—\$38 million. During his tenure as Associate Director for Development at Jackson State, he was responsible for managing the university's fundraising operations and programs, which led to the institution securing more than \$16 million in private support. Additionally, he assisted as one of the principals in the development of the \$50 million campaign for Jackson State University.

Most recently, Marco served as International Executive Director for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, a role he officially assumed on July 16, 2007, and served until October 1, 2011. As the Chief Operating Officer of the organization, whose membership is more than 150,000 and headquartered in Washington, District of Columbia, Marco was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the almost 100-year-old men's fraternity. Of the organization's six COOs since its establishment in 1914, Marco was by far the youngest person to ever hold this top post in the fraternity. During his tenure, Marco secured a half-million dollars (\$500,000) for the organization including a federal contract for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., a first for the organization. Additionally, he professionalized many of the organization's systems and procedures and introduced electronic voting for delegates at the organization's 2011 national convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Notably, Marco led the charge for the organization's first international service project in Nigeria, South Africa; and was the organization's first and only Executive Director to travel internationally to visit a chapter (Seoul, Korea).

Previously, Marco served as Assistant to the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Jackson State University where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Division of Institutional Advancement.

Prior to Jackson State University, Marco served as a program coordinator and classroom instructor for Clarksdale Public School District and Noxubee County School District, respectively. As a program coordinator, he supervised 20 classroom teachers and revised the district's class-size reduction program.

Marco, who was honored by the Mississippi Business Journal as one of the "Top 40 Leaders under 40," was a lifetime member of the NAACP, Coahoma County Branch; a former member of Arms of Love National Project; Community Bridge Builders, Incorporated; the Mississippi School for the Blind Community Health Council, and the Kiwanis Club International President's Advisory Council. He was also a former Student Government Association President for Jackson State University, a former International Second Vice President for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and past National Parliamentarian for the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Incorporated.

Most recently, Marco, a certified grants specialist, registered meeting planner and certified event planner, served as secretary for March of Dimes, National Capital Area Chapter

Board of Directors; chair for the William E. Doar, Jr. Public Charter School for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC Board of Trustees; president for Pigtown Main Street, Inc. in Baltimore, Maryland Board of Directors and was a member of the 100 Black Men of Maryland, Inc., the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Rotary Club of Washington, DC. He was also a member of the Executive Committee for the National Pan Hellenic Council; a member of the Eunice Kennedy Shiver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development at NIH Community Ambassadors Council, and board member for the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation. Currently, Marco served as a member of the International Community Ambassadors Network (! CAN).

Marco was featured as one of 27 interesting personalities in the Who's Who in Black Washington, D.C. inaugural publication and was the recipient of the 2009 Thurgood Marshall Prestige Award presented by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. He has also been featured in the Who's Who in Black Washington, D.C. second edition and Who's Who in Black Baltimore inaugural publication. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, The Honorable Steve Beshear, commissioned Marco as a Kentucky Colonel; the Mayor of Augusta, Georgia, The Honorable Deke Copenhaver, recognized him for his outstanding service to the community; the Mayor of Meridian, Mississippi, The Honorable Cheri Barry, declared September 26, 2010, as Marco McMillian Day and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, The Honorable Tommy Battle, and City Council honored him for his contributions to the Tennessee Valley. Marco was also the recipient of President Barack Obama's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award.

Upon the former life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. and the NAACP was bestowed the honor of being the youngest member inducted into the Outstanding Sigmas of the Southern Region Chapter, the highest honor granted to a member of the fraternity by his region. He was the youngest person featured in Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's 100+ Most Influential Members publication, commemorating the organization's centennial celebration. Marco had received numerous other awards and accolades.

Marco leaves to cherish fond memories: his parents, Patricia (Amos) Unger and Airy McMillian, Jr., Clarksdale, MS; his brother, Darius Jones, Atlanta, GA; his grandmother, Louise Taylor, Clarksdale, MS; a surrogate mother, Bertha (Samuel) Blackburn, Clarksdale, MS; two godmothers, Daisy (John) Burnett, Clarksdale, MS and Bobby (Stanley) Morton, Lincoln, NE; godfather, Carter Womack, Columbus, OH; godson, Rustin Holt, Jackson, MS; two godsisters, Ermalecia Johnson, Fort Worth, TX and Augusta Morton, Lincoln, NE; stepsister, Pamela Unger, Clarksdale, MS; stepbrother, Eligha (Celika) Keaton, New Orleans, LA; three godbrothers, Emanuel, Stanley, Jr. and Le Quan Morton, Lincoln, NE; thirteen aunts, Mary (Jessie) Tate and Annie (Elvin) Todd, Clarksdale, MS; Shirley (Leon) Pettis, Oklahoma City, OK; Ouida Earl, Clarksdale, MS; Vivian Whaley, Goose Creek, SC; Beatrice (Arthur) Sanders, Evans, GA; Diane Marie Brewer, Stone Mountain, GA; Gloria Haynes, Chicago, IL; Bennie Thomas, Baltimore, MD; Shirley, Yvonne, Angela, and

Michelle Unger, all of Jackson, MS; ten uncles, Rickey Minor, Clarksdale, MS; Dennis (Jeanea) Butler, Houston, TX; Robert (Gail) Wilkins, Atlanta, GA; Terry Taylor, Chicago, IL; Ernest Taylor, Jr., Seoul, Korea; Donald Taylor, LaPlace, LA; Ronald Taylor, Hattiesburg, MS; Michael Taylor, Atlanta, GA; James Unger, Clinton, MS; Charles Unger, Chicago, IL; a special friend, Tinnia Holt, Jackson, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

CELEBRATING THE SEVENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL AIR
STATION WHITING FIELD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

Rich in its military history, Northwest Florida is home to several military installations that continue to play an essential role in contributing to our Nation's defense, including Naval Air Station Whiting Field located in Santa Rosa County. For seventy years, Whiting Field has provided support and training for some of our military's best aviation warfighters, and Northwest Florida is grateful and proud of its service to our community and our Nation.

In 1943, just months after the death of its namesake, Captain Kenneth Whiting, Whiting Field was already turning into a key naval air training facility. The need to quickly train elite aviators for missions led to Whiting Field becoming an efficient military flight school in a matter of months. The commissioning ceremonies for NAS Whiting Field were held on July 16, 1943, only six days after the invasion of Sicily. Whiting Field then became a leading training facility for our Nation's aviators that helped carry the United States to victory in World War II.

Whiting Field's storied history that includes a pilot training grounds and prisoner-of-war camp for German soldiers during World War II, a once home to the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team and the Navy's first jet training unit has today become the busiest Naval Aviation Station in the world where more than twelve hundred service personnel complete their essential flight training annually. It is situated on 12,000 acres, with 13 outlying fields and three separate and fully operational airfields. Whiting Field supports six Training Squadrons and two Instructor Squadrons, which comprises 141 T-6Bs and 124 TH-57s. Eleven percent of all of U.S. Department of Defense's flying hours are flown there, amounting to approximately 1.5 million annual flight operations. In fact, the majority of naval aviators can claim that they performed a substantial portion of their initial flight training at Whiting. Many helicopter students could say the same, resulting in hundreds of flights occurring each day. I am proud to have such a wonderful facility in Northwest Florida that is responsible for producing some of the best aviators in the world.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am pleased to recognize Whiting Field for reaching this important milestone. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating the military

and civilian personnel at Whiting Field and wishing them continued success in their mission to provide the best services and material support for training U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and International student aviators.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Chair, I rise today tell my colleagues this amendment is very simple. It prohibits the Department of Defense (DOD) from spending any appropriated funds in fiscal year 2014 to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140) states in its entirety:

No Federal agency shall enter into a contract for procurement of an alternative or synthetic fuel, including a fuel produced from nonconventional petroleum sources, for any mobility-related use, other than for research or testing, unless the contract specifies that the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production and combustion of the fuel supplied under the contract must, on an ongoing basis, be less than or equal to such emissions from the equivalent conventional fuel produced from conventional petroleum sources.

This provision, which prevents the federal government from purchasing alternative and potentially cheaper fuels such as liquid coal, could preclude the U.S. military from using crude oil derived from Canadian oil sands.

This section doesn't make sense when over 650,000 civilians are facing furloughs—including the 4,400 employees, who serve Offutt Air Force Base, in just outside of my district. They shouldn't be used as political footballs when we're spending our limited resources on programs in Section 526.

Section 526 restricts fuel choices. It is vague, ambiguous, and doesn't improve reliability of energy supplies, nor does it help our national security goals. Not to mention, expensive.

At a time when our nation is worried about its fiscal health, we should be advancing more initiatives giving our military real flexibility in fuel choice, rather than having the Department of Defense to commit millions of taxpayers' dollars on more costly, less efficient options.

Section 526 goes against the intent of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which declared that oil sands and other unconventional fuels are strategically important resources and directed the Department of Defense (DOD) to develop a strategy to use these fuels to reduce the reliance of oil from unstable regions of the world.

The Department of Defense is the government's largest consumer of fuel.

If we do not limit the use of Section 526, it could increase fuel costs for our military and

severely restrict the Pentagon's ability to get energy that originates from our strongest ally and number one trading partner, Canada.

Programs like Section 526 mandate that the Armed Services spend entirely too much money on fuels. If we didn't spend so much money on these fuels, we would be able to reduce the effects of the politically motivated furloughs and give DOD the resources it needs to responsibly implement sequestration.

It is imperative to ensure that our nation, in particular the military, is not inhibited from using cheaper and more abundant fuels produced with oil from our friendly neighbor to the north, Canada, which will reduce our reliance on imports from hostile areas of the world.

True national security rests when we can make sure our DOD civilian employees are on the job by using a secure, diverse fuel supply for our armed forces.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Chair, it has been over 10 years since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and it is extremely important that we continue to focus on addressing traumatic brain injury, TBI, and psychological health, PH, issues. Congress must properly allocate funds to care for wounded warriors and to improve research in these critical areas.

As you know, TBI continues to be the signature wound of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with some 100,000 troops diagnosed since 2003 with mild TBI. This number will only increase as detection becomes more accurate. The Department of Defense has made significant strides in improving assessment and diagnosis, but more needs to be done to evaluate troops' ability to return to duty and to follow them after exposure to blasts. Intensive and innovative rehabilitative care is also needed for those sustaining severe TBIs and left with varying levels of disorders of consciousness.

This year's Defense Health Program receives an increase above last year's level. Specifically, the bill contains \$33.6 billion—\$858 million above the fiscal year 2013 enacted level—for the Defense Health Program to provide for the health of our troops and retirees. Increases above the request importantly include \$125 million for traumatic brain injury and psychological health research, and \$20 million for suicide prevention outreach programs.

Our men and women serving in uniform must be given every possible opportunity for the best medical care, rehabilitation and community reentry assistance that we as a nation can provide. It is important these funds be used wisely to ensure that our men and women in uniform are getting timely and prop-

er care. Pre and post deployment testing, as well as long term care and family services are integral parts of preventing and treating TBI and PH. As a Congress, we must live up to our commitment to our troops when they leave the battlefield and in my capacity as co-Chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, I look forward to working with the DoD to make sure these funds are used effectively to address these invisible wounds.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on the rollcall vote, No. 386, for Rep. POE's amendment to H.R. 2397, I inadvertently voted "no," when I intended to vote "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 399 on the previous question, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 400 on agreeing to the resolution, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 401 on agreeing to the Jones amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 402 on agreeing to the LaMalfa amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 403 on agreeing to the Mulvaney amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 404 on agreeing to the Stockman amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 405 on agreeing to the Walorski amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 406 on agreeing to the Bonamici amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 407 on agreeing to the Kilmer amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 408 on agreeing to the Nadler amendment No. 69, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 409 on agreeing to the Nadler amendment No. 70, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 410 on agreeing to the Schiff amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 411 on agreeing to the Pompeo (for Nugent) amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 412 on agreeing to the Amash amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 413 on the Motion to Recommit with instructions I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 414 on the Final Passage of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (H.R. 2397) I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on Monday July 22, 2013, I missed the following votes:

H.R. 1542—WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall No. 375.

H. Con. Res. 44—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall No. 376.

PROTECTING AMERICANS'
PRIVACY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I voted for the Amash/Conyers amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act because it is the only means available to the House at this time to seek to prevent the Executive Branch from having sole custody of over a trillion records regarding the phone calls of ordinary Americans. I hope the Administration will soon put forward a proposal that would maintain our national security, while including greater privacy protections. We need more than a promise by the Executive Branch that it will hold records but not look at them except for "relevant" purposes. Possession is 9/10 of the law. Even a credible promise of the Administration may be less credible in future administrations. We cannot necessarily trust unknown future administrations to maintain the privacy commitments of this Administration.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and

any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 30

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Cecil E.D. Haney, USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, and Lieutenant General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA to be general and Commander, United Nations Command/United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine mitigating systemic risk in financial markets through Wall Street reforms.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 37, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 343, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, S. 364, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, S. 753, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, S. 1169, to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1300, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects, S. 1301, to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 1309, to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of

certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, and H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine standard essential patent disputes and antitrust law.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine containing health care costs, focusing on recent progress and remaining challenges.

SD-608

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Joseph Y. Yun, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Lilliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Kirk W.B. Wagar, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, and Daniel A. Sepulveda, of Florida, to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U. S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 134, to arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to study the impact of violent video games and violent video programming on children, S. Res. 157, expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas, S. 267, to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing through port State measures, S. 269, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement authorities for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, S. 839, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, S. 921, to

amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, S. 1068, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, S. 1072, to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes and the continued development of the general aviation industry, S. 1144, to prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, S. 1254, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, S. 1317, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2014 through 2016, S. 1344, to promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic, an original bill entitled, "Cyber", the nominations of Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, Bruce M. Ramer, of California, Brent Franklin Nelsen, of South Carolina, Howard Abel Husock, of New York, and Loretta Cheryl Sutliff, of Nevada, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Thomas C. Carper, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Thomas Edgar Wheeler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Mark E. Schaefer, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1240, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 31

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Workforce Investment Act of 2013", and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Federal Real Property Asset Management Reform Act", an original bill entitled, "Improper Payments Agency Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2013", S. 994, to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, an original bill entitled, "BETTER Border Act", S. 1276, to increase oversight of the Revolving Fund of the Office of Personnel Management, strengthen the authority to terminate or debar employees and contractors involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of security clearance background investigations, enhance transparency regarding the criteria utilized by Federal departments and agencies to determine when a security

clearance is required, H.R. 1162, to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office, S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 573 and H.R. 1171, bills to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property, S. 643, to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government, S. 1045, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment, S. 233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the "Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building", S. 668, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building", S. 796, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 302 East Green Street in Champaign, Illinois, as the "James R. Burgess Jr. Post Office Building", S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office", S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the "First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building", and the nominations of John H. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Katherine Archuleta, of Colorado, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine strengthening privacy rights and national security, focusing on oversight of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) surveillance programs.

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine preserving the rights of servicemembers, veterans, and their families in the financial marketplace.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia

To hold hearings to examine how prepared the National Capital Region is for the next disaster.

SD-342

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine implications for economic development in Central Asia, focusing on if the government can create the necessary conditions for more trade and exchange, including infrastructure development, ef-

ficient customs regimes and reliable transportation networks.

CHOB-340

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine how tax reform can boost economic growth, focusing on lessons from Reagan.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine energy drinks, focusing on exploring concerns about marketing to youth.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 524, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail, S. 618, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies, S. 702, to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as "The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor", S. 781, to modify the boundary of Yosemite National Park, S. 782, to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 869, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 925, to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, S. 1138, to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area S. 1151, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, S. 1157, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1168, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements, S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild

and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1253, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, H.R. 1033 and S. 916, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure

To hold hearings to examine principles for energy tax reform.

SD-215

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land, and S. 1352, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-determination Reauthorization Act of 2013.

SD-628

AUGUST 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

SEPTEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138