

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes:

1. Pompeo amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted “no” on this amendment.

2. McNerney amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this amendment.

3. Bridenstine amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this amendment.

4. King (IA) amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted “no” on this amendment.

5. Cohen amendment No. 1 to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted “no” on this amendment.

6. Cohen amendment No. 2 to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this amendment.

HONORING THE CALIFORNIA STATE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the AAA Northern California, Nevada and Utah, formerly known as the California State Automobile Association, (CSAA) upon its 100th anniversary of supporting the insurance needs of AAA members. The club is one of the largest motor clubs in the American Automobile Association (AAA) National Federation, serving members across Northern California, Nevada, and Utah.

The club has a long history of having done so, tracing its roots to a 1900 meeting of car buffs in San Francisco’s Cliff House. Recognizing the need for better roads, given the dearth of paved roads, signage, and consistent traffic laws across the region, those car owners formed the Automobile Club of California (ACC) to deal with barriers that hindered acceptance of the auto throughout the state. The club’s efforts began to pay off in 1905, when the legislature passed a set of uniform regulations governing the use of motor vehicles on California highways. This legislation facilitated safe and efficient movement, as drivers were able to follow a consistent legal structure.

In 1907, ACC merged into the newly founded California State Automobile Association, which formally affiliated with the AAA in that same year. The new club’s focus was “Good Roads and Just Legislation.”

CSAA sent teams of cartographers to survey California’s roads for the production of maps, with the first ones produced in 1909. The organization also helped post thousands of porcelain on steel traffic signs throughout the State and continued to do so until the State of California took over the task in the early 1950s.

CSAA began to offer automobile insurance in 1913 and homeowner’s insurance in 1974.

The club changed its name to AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah, or AAA in 2008. However, it still legally retains the California State Automobile Association name.

In 2013, the insurance company changed its name to CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA Insurer. In 2014 the California State Automobile Association or the CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA insurer, celebrates 100 years of supporting the insurance needs of AAA members.

The CSAA employs more than 3,500 Americans and sells AAA-branded insurance in 23 States and Washington DC. The CSAA Insurance Group, one of the Nation’s most long-standing property and casualty insurance companies, provides auto and home insurance to nearly 2.4 million Americans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating CSAA Insurance Group on its 100th anniversary of providing quality insurance to AAA members. Their history of providing quality service and security for their members has benefited us all. I look forward to a rich future of continued success by CSAA.

TRIBUTE TO BOB KING

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the distinguished career of Bob King as the United Auto Workers (UAW) assembles for their 36th Constitutional Convention next week. Bob King—as an individual, as a 44-year Member of the UAW and its President since 2010—vividly represents the proud and historic tradition of the UAW. Like his union, he has devoted his life to the rights to workers, to the fundamental belief in collective bargaining, to the strength of diversity, and to the cause of economic justice and civil and human rights for all.

Bob King combines in his leadership a generous spirit—a kindness—and a tenacious determination. At his core, he is an organizer in the finest tradition knowing that workers are stronger when their voices are united. He listens broadly, and acts decisively, always with the best interest of workers at the UAW and throughout the U.S. and around the world at the forefront of his efforts.

Bob King started his career in his twenties at Ford Motor Co.’s Detroit Parts Depot and began his electrical apprenticeship in 1972. He joined Local 600 where he later served as President. He served three terms as Regional Director and three terms as a Vice President. He took the lead as the National Organizing Director and participated in many successful negotiations. He has also played a leading role on the international stage bringing together the efforts of workers around the globe in common cause.

From serving his country in the U.S. Army, to serving the workers of the UAW, Bob King is a unique individual who is smart, thoughtful and results-oriented. It has been a privilege to work alongside of him on so many policy issues. Mr. Speaker, next week, Bob King will oversee the transition of leadership at the UAW, and while he no longer will serve as the President, I am confident that he will continue to serve—and work on behalf of the rights of workers. I also know that he will continue to

speaking out on behalf of the economic and social justice issues that are vital to creating opportunity and ensuring fairness in our society. I offer my best wishes to Bob and his wife, Moe and look forward to the next chapter in advancing the causes they devote their lives to.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. WOLF. Madam Chair, I want to again recognize and thank all of the staff members who worked on this bill, including the Appropriations Committee staff members as well as the associate staff who work in the personal offices of the members of our subcommittee. They have all worked hard to help us hold nine hearings in just over a month and then prepare this bill for markup, the earliest it has been advanced by the House in many years.

I would like to again thank the majority staff for their hard work, including the subcommittee’s clerk, Mike Ringle, as well as Leslie Albright, Jeff Ashford, Diana Simpson, Colin Samples and Taylor Kelly. I also want to thank Bob Bonner and Matt Smith on the minority staff. They worked together to produce an excellent bipartisan bill that the committee should be proud of.

I also want to recognize my personal office staff, especially Tom Culligan, Elyse Bauer Anderson and Dan Scandling.

In addition to serving as my office’s legislative director, Tom Culligan has served as my associate staff to the Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations subcommittee since 2008, while I served both as ranking member and, more recently, as chairman. Tom has been my senior policy adviser on key issues this subcommittee has prioritized in recent years, including counterterrorism, cybersecurity and space exploration policy, and I have appreciated his strategic focus and knowledge of these issues. He has also managed many of my oversight investigations while I have chaired this subcommittee, aimed at keeping our country safe and competitive, as well as preventing waste and abuse at federal agencies. The bill, report and oversight hearings over the last several years reflect this focus and I appreciate Tom’s work on these issues.

Elyse is on her fourth tour of duty in my office. She is my top staffer for my work on the State & Foreign Operations subcommittee as well as the congressional Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, which I co-chair. Many of those issues run parallel to the work in the CJS bill. Elyse’s knowledge of Congress and world affairs is a huge asset. She also is a gifted writer whose words always make me sound better.

Dan has served as my chief of staff and press secretary for the last 14 years and has been an invaluable manager of my office and adviser on many issues, including on this bill. Dan has been an outstanding leader of my staff and has helped me ensure that balance my responsibilities to the 10th District as well as this subcommittee. He has planned trips and travelled with me around the world—including to China, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and Egypt—to conduct oversight on U.S. national security and human rights policies. This would not have been possible without Dan's hard work, guidance and support over the years.

RECOGNIZING BOB LAPP

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bob Lapp for his nearly 40 years of service to The Timken Company. Since joining the company in 1975, he has served in a number of unique positions, ranging from supervising general accounting to investor relations and public affairs. As the outgoing Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Relations, he leaves behind a legacy of trustworthiness, honesty, and reliability that made him an asset to not only The Timken Company, but to Northeast Ohio. I consider Bob a friend and I am grateful for his counsel throughout my time in office. I know I can always count on Bob to provide me with accurate, relevant information about an issue, putting aside politics and getting to the heart of good policy.

Born and raised in Coshocton, Ohio, Bob is a graduate of two great Ohio schools, earning his bachelor's degree from Miami University and his master's degree from the University of Akron. An active member of our local community, Bob has served on the board of several organizations including the Ohio Manufacturers Association, Stark County Government Leadership Academy, and the Ohio Steel Council. He also has chaired the Ohio Prosperity Project, an organization that educates and informs Ohioans about public policy issues and elections.

Bob's retirement will allow him to spend more time with his family, especially Kaci and his six-month-old granddaughter, Kyli.

I'd like to thank Bob for his years of hard work and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE PENDERBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR EARNING THE 2013 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN CHAPTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Penderbrook

Community Association located in Fairfax County, Virginia, for earning the 2013 Community Association of the Year Award (Very Large category) from the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Community Associations Institute.

The Penderbrook Community Association (PCA) consists of 1,776 single family homes, townhomes, and condominiums located in the heart of the Fair Oaks area about 20 miles west of Washington, DC, and it is home to over 4,000 residents. The PCA is a Master Association, which unites seven separate land bays with exceptional amenities including a fitness center, swimming pool complex, golf course, tennis courts, basketball courts, clubhouse, boardroom facility, and tot lots. The association amenities serve as a hub for a wide variety of community events that offer something for everyone who calls Penderbrook home.

In addition to the topnotch amenities, PCA emphasizes frequent and robust communications with residents. The PCA employs an interactive website for instant correspondence, a weekly email newsletter to inform residents of local issues, meetings, and events, and an onsite office to manage day-to-day operations and provide immediate assistance to residents. Resident input and involvement is solicited, encouraged, appreciated, and recognized. Open lines of communication also are utilized in an ongoing effort to solicit association volunteers for various committees and projects. Volunteerism leads to true community ownership, fosters friendships, and motivates neighbors to serve the common good.

The PCA prides itself as an association that gives back to the community. The clubhouse hosts the annual Fairfax County Police Foundation Santa's Ride Banquet, biannual blood drives, and serves as a Fairfax County election polling facility. The PCA annually donates use of the facilities to the Special Olympics for event practice, and the Penderbrook Clubhouse is an official collection site for Toys-for-Tots.

Each year the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Community Associations Institute honors communities that demonstrate excellence in all facets of association operation and governance, and which best represent common-interest community living. There are four categories: Very Large (1,000+ units), Large (500–999 units), Medium (150–499 units) and Small (1–49 units).

The Penderbrook Community Association was selected based upon a review of the community's governance, board procedures, financial management, committee structure, crime prevention efforts, community communications, and insurance preparedness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Penderbrook Community Association for earning this honor and in thanking the volunteers and Board Members who devote countless hours toward the ultimate goal of creating an ideal home and serving our entire community.

THE SEEING EYE OF MORRISTOWN
85TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on almost any day of the year, if you were to find yourself in the middle of Morristown, New Jersey, you would be almost certain to see a remarkable partnership being developed. You might notice a well-behaved, bright-eyed young dog wearing a special vest as it navigates, with a trainer, the crosswalks and sidewalks of the bustling Morristown Green. This dog is being trained to join a long line of dogs that have provided a "seeing eye" to thousands of Americans under the tutelage of The Seeing Eye, a remarkable organization that is marking its 85th Anniversary this year.

In 1927, Morris Frank, a young blind man, read an article about dogs being trained as guides for blinded veterans of World War I. Mr. Frank decided to reach out to the author and dog trainer Dorothy Harrison Eustis for help. Ms. Eustis, who was in Switzerland at the time, agreed to help Mr. Frank if he could come to Switzerland.

He made the trip and a year later Mr. Frank returned to New York City with his dog, "Buddy." Buddy and Mr. Frank captured the attention of many reporters as the two proved the ability of a guide dog and his master. This partnership among Ms. Eustis, Mr. Frank, and Buddy would launch an effort that would change the world for people who could not see.

In 1929, Dorothy Harrison Eustis, who trained the first dog, returned to America, and with the help of Morris Frank, E.S. Humphrey, and Willi Ebeling, founded The Seeing Eye, Inc. on January 29, in Nashville, Tennessee. Two years later, The Seeing Eye moved its headquarters to Whippany, New Jersey, and has remained in the area since then.

A few years after settling into their new headquarters, the organization decided to create a way to reach students, graduates, and other interested people in order to share inspirational stories and updates on new developments and programs. In 1935, the Seeing Eye published the first issue of the Guide magazine, which is published quarterly even today.

On December 8, 1941, the day after the attacks on Pearl Harbor, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution, "to supply Seeing Eye dogs, without charge, to eligible members of the armed forces who lose their sight in the line of duty." Since then, these American heroes have been given priority over all other applicants.

The first women's dormitory opened in 1950, allowing women to become students at the Seeing Eye. Within the first year of the new dormitory opening, one third of the students were female.

In 1952, Warner Brothers brought the inspiration story of The Seeing Eye to moviegoers everywhere with the release of the motion picture called, "The Seeing Eye." The Seeing Eye's story would inspire other moviemakers through the years.

In 1966, Walt Disney filmed the movie, "Atta girl, Kelly!" on the Seeing Eye campus. Jim Kutsch, the current president of the organization, watched this film as a young child. Years