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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 24, 2013.

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

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

PRAYER

The Reverend William Gurnee, Blessed John Paul II Seminary, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious Lord, as we approach the day of remembrance for the fallen heroes of our country, we take the opportunity to give thanks for each and every one of them. We recall their heroic sacrifice and we ask that You shine the perpetual light of mercy on their souls. Our gratitude and our sympathy are directed as well to the families who helped shoulder the burden of service and grieved the loss of their loved ones. May the time soon come when such sacrifices are no longer necessary.

God of heaven, we implore Your blessings upon the House of Representatives today and every day. May those who serve in this body continue to do

so with honor, patience, and a genuine care for all Members. Give them wisdom, give them joy in their office, and give them the lasting memory that they have served their country well.

We ask all these things in Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 232, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

MAY 24, 2013.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following mes-

sage from the Secretary of the Senate on May 24, 2013 at 9:06 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 17.

Appointments:
Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged concurrent resolution:

S. CON. RES. 17

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Thursday, May 23, 2013, through Friday, May 31, 2013, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12:00 noon on Monday, June 3, 2013, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Thursday, May 23, 2013, through Friday, May 31, 2013, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and House, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, 113th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Monday, June 3, 2013, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1612. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2014 and the OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal year 2014, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 902(d)(2); to the Committee on Appropriations.

1613. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John W. Morgan III, United States Army, and his advancement on the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1614. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Kevin M. McCoy, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1615. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the 2013 Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Annual Reports (MARs); to the Committee on Armed Services.

1616. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report on discretionary appropriations legislation within seven calendar days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

1617. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research — Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program — Rehabilitation Research Training Centers [CFDA Number: 84.133B-7] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1618. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Priorities. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research — Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers [CFDA

Numbers: 84.133B-3, 84.133B-4, 84.133B-5, and 84.133B-6] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1619. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research — Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers [CFDA Number: 84.133B-9] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1620. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Priority; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects — Inclusive Cloud and Web Computing [CFDA Number: 84.133A-1] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1621. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priorities and definitions — NIDRR DRRP — Community Living and Participation, Health and Function, and Employment of Individuals with Disabilities [CFDA Numbers: 84.133A-3 and 84.133A-9; 84.133A-4 and 84.133A-10; and 84.133A-5 and 84.133A-11] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1622. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Priority. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research — Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program — Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers [CFDA Number: 84.133E-1] received April 26, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1623. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on Tobacco Product Exports That Do Not Conform to Tobacco Product Standards; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1624. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — State Medicaid Fraud Control United; Data Mining [OIG-1203-F] received May 16, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1625. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan Program [CMS-9995-IFC3] (RIN: 0938-AQ70) received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1626. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana, 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan and 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets [EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0021 and EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0022; FRL-9812-4] received May 10, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1627. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-

cy's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Dioxide Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0406; EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0083; FRL-9811-6] received May 10, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1628. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend [EPA-R05-OAR-2011-0328; FRL-9811-7] received May 10, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1629. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Canton-Massillon 1997 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets [EPA-R05-OAR-2012-0968; FRL-9812-2] received May 10, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1630. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina; State Implementation Plan Miscellaneous Revisions [EPA-R04-OAR-2007-0602; FRL-9813-5] received May 10, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1631. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revocation of TSCA Section 4 Testing Requirements for One High Production Volume Chemical Substance [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0033; FRL-9369-1] (RIN: 2070-AD16) received May 10, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1632. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances — Fire Suppression and Explosion Protection [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0111; FRL-9800-9] (RIN: 2060-AQ84) received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1633. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule: Revision to Best Available Monitoring Method Request Submission Deadline for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems Source Category [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0417; FRL-9806-7] received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1634. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision to the Washington State Implementation Plan; Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area [EPA-R10-OAR-2012-0712; FRL-9817-1] received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1635. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Support; Lifeline and Link Up Reform; Virgin Mobile USA, L.P. Petition for Forbearance; Cox Communications, Inc. Petition for Forbearance; Time Warner Cable, Inc. Petition for

Forbearance; i-wireless, LLC Petition for Forbearance; Q Link Wireless, LLC Petition for Forbearance; Global Connection Inc. of America Petition for Forbearance [WC Docket No.: 09-197] [WC Docket No.: 11-42] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1636. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Connect America Fund [WC Docket No.: 10-90] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1637. A letter from the Deputy Chief, CGB, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Implementation of Sections 716 and 717 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010; Amendments to the Commission's Rules Implementation Sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by the Telecommunications Act of 1996; In the Matter of Accessible Mobile Phone Options for People who are Blind, Deaf-Blind, or have Low Vision [CG Docket No.: 10-213] [WT Docket No.: 96-198] [CG Docket No.: 10-145] received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1638. A letter from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support [WC Docket No.: 10-90] [WC Docket No.: 05-337] received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1639. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Regulatory Guide 1.57; Design Limits and Loading Combinations for Metal Primary Reactor Containment System Components received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1640. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on gifts given by the United States to foreign individuals for Fiscal Year 2012, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2694(2); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1641. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a notice of a proposed lease with the Government of Canada (Transmittal No. 02-13) pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1642. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 13-22, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1643. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 13-24, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1644. A letter from the Acting Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting Periodic Report on the National Emergency Caused by the Lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 for August 26, 2012 — February 25, 2013; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1645. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-059, pursuant to the reporting re-

quirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1646. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-035, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1647. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-071, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1648. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-054, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1649. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-039, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1650. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-062, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1651. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-014, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1652. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-060, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1653. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-052, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1654. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-061, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1655. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 13-018, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1656. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Announcement of Effective Date for Regulations Implementing the Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty between the United States and Australia (RIN: 1400-AD38) received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1657. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter regarding violations of retransfer obligations by the Government of Albania; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1658. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting a letter regarding the unauthorized retransfer of defense articles; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1659. A letter from the Presiding Governor, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting the Broadcasting Board of Governors' 2012 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 305(a)(9) of the U.S. International Broadcasting Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-236, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6204; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1660. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Status and Designation of Critical Habitat for *Eriogonum codium* (Umtanum Desert Buckwheat) and *Physaria douglasii* subsp. *tuplashensis* (White Bluffs Bladderpod) [Docket Nos.: FWS-R1-ES-2012-0017; FWS-R1-ES-2013-0012] (RIN: 1018-AX72) (RIN: 1018-AZ54) received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1661. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for 38 Species on Molokai, Lanai, and Maui [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2011-0098] (RIN: 1018-AX14) received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1662. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 48 [Docket No.: 120814336-3408-02] (RIN: 0648-BC27) received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1663. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures for the 2013 Tribal and Non-Tribal Fisheries for Pacific Whiting [Docket No.: 130114034-3422-02] (RIN: 0648-BC93) received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1664. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 120918468-3111-02] (RIN: 0648-XC581) received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1665. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Exempted Fishery for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery in the Waters East and West of Cape Cod, MA [Docket No.: 120905422-3394-01] (RIN: 0648-BC50) received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1666. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries in the Western Pacific; American Samoa Pelagic

Longline Limited Entry Program (RIN: 0648-XC629) received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1667. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2013 Accountability Measures for Species in the U.S. Caribbean [Docket Nos.: 100120037-1626-02 and 101217620-1788-03] (RIN: 0648-XC574) received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1668. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Visas: Classification of Immediate Family Members as G Nonimmigrants (RIN: 1400-AD21) received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1669. A letter from the Staff Director, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting the Commission's report entitled, "2012 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics", pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1670. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0333; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-080-AD; Amendment 39-17436; AD 2013-08-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1671. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-18033; Directorate Identifier 2004-CE-16-AD; Amendment 39-17400; AD 2004-21-08 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1672. A letter from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Copayments for Medications in 2013 (RIN: 2900-AO58) received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1673. A letter from the Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement [USCBP-2012-0007] [CBP Dec. 13-08] (RIN: 1515-AD86) received May 24, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1674. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standards of Identity for Pisco and Cognac [Docket No.: TTB-2012-0001; T.D. TTB-113; Re: Notice No. 126] (RIN: 1513-AB91) received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1675. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a letter stating that the Department will begin implementing the standard set of extraordinary measures that enable them to protect the full faith and credit of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1676. A letter from the Assistant Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Regulations Enabling Elections for Certain Transactions under Section 336(e) (RIN:

1545-BD84) (TD 9619) received May 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1677. A letter from the Assistant Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Biodiesel and Alternative Fuels; Claims for 2012; Excise Tax [Notice 2013-26] received May 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1678. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Credit for Carbon Dioxide Sequestration 2013 Section 45Q Inflation Adjustment Factor [Notice 2013-34] received May 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1679. A letter from the Assistant Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Applicable Federal Rates — June 2013 (Rev. Rul. 2013-12) received May 20, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1680. A letter from the Assistant Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula (Revenue Ruling 2013-8) received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1681. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Opinion and Advisory Letters for Section 403(b) Pre-approved Plans (Revenue Procedure 2013-22) received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1682. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2013-28] received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1683. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula (Revenue Ruling 2012-27) received May 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1684. A letter from the Assistant Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2013-28] received May 23, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1685. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Program; Medical Loss Ratio Requirements for the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs [CMS-4173-F] (RIN: 0938-AR69) received May 21, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

1686. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department requests be enacted during the first session of the 113th Congress; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform, Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services, the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs.

1687. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department requests be enacted during the first session of the 113th Congress; jointly to the

Committees on House Administration, Financial Services, Natural Resources, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, and Appropriations.

1688. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting proposed legislation, titled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014"; jointly to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Rules, Financial Services, Natural Resources, House Administration, Foreign Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform, Science, Space, and Technology, Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and the Judiciary.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (for himself and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York):

H.R. 2211. A bill to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide for a timetable for verification of medical debt and to increase the efficiency of credit markets with more perfect information; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2212. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 3-year recovery period for all race horses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCCAUL (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 2213. A bill to incorporate into the design and construction of reconfigured and new ports of entry certain concerns relating to border location-dependent businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. CHU, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. MICHAUD):

H.R. 2214. A bill to amend the securities laws to require that registration statements, quarterly and annual reports, and proxy solicitations of public companies include a disclosure to shareholders of any expenditure made by that company in support of or in opposition to any candidate for Federal, State, or local public office; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCDERMOTT:

H.R. 2215. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1991 with respect to the application of such Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

33. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to Senate Resolution No. 71 memorializing the Congress and the President to fully fund all special education mandated by Federal Laws or regulations; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

34. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14 recognizing May 2013 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

35. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 memorializing the Congress to take whatever actions necessary to encourage and support the reunification of Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

36. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Resolution No. 25 requesting that the Secretary of Commerce to take such actions as necessary to require the regional administrator of NOAA Fisheries Service's Southeast Regional Office to provide information on the red snapper season; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

37. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, relative to Senate Resolution No. 18-10 urging the Congress to officially acknowledge the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as Native Americans; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

38. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4 urging the federal government to fund necessary improvements at the San Ysidro, Calexico, and Otay Mesa Ports of Entry; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

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40. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Resolution No. 10 recognizing the importance of continued access to safe and legal abortion; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and the Workforce.

41. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8 requesting the President and the Congress to pass the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Natural Resources, and Energy and Commerce.

42. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8 requesting the President and the Congress to pass the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Natural Resources, and Education and the Workforce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

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

By Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California:

H.R. 2211.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power to regulate interstate commerce).

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2212.

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

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

By Mr. McCAUL:

H.R. 2213.

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

Article I, Sec. 8, Clause 1 and Clause 3

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 2214.

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

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. McDERMOTT:

H.R. 2215.

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

Article I Section 8—To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 176: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 241: Mr. COBLE.

H.R. 351: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 451: Mr. GARCIA.

H.R. 792: Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois and Mr. HUDSON.

H.R. 924: Mr. HIMES, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 940: Mr. HUDSON and Mr. STEWART.

H.R. 1010: Ms. MENG.

H.R. 1015: Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 1029: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 1179: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 1431: Mr. HORSFORD and Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 1528: Mr. BUTTERFIELD and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1731: Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.

H.R. 1759: Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 1761: Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, and Mr. KING of Iowa.

H.R. 1767: Mr. CAPUANO.

H.R. 1771: Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. MENG, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. PERRY.

H.R. 1797: Mr. COTTON, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1809: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 1812: Ms. MENG.

H.R. 1824: Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1825: Mr. TIPTON.

H.R. 1869: Mr. ENYART and Ms. JENKINS.

H.R. 1898: Mr. KLINE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SALMON, Mr. RUNYAN, Mr. JONES, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 1904: Mr. BARBER.

H.R. 1950: Mr. WOMACK and Mr. YOHO.

H. Res. 112: Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. WELCH, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. FINCHER.

H. Res. 213: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

22. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Municipal Government of Orocovis, Puerto Rico, relative to Resolution No. 53 rejecting the application of the Death Penalty by the Federal Court of the United States for the District of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

23. Also, a petition of the City of Tuscon, Arizona, relative to a Memorial urging the Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MISHI JAIN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Mishi Jain is a junior at Elkins High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, what role should government play in our lives?

Thomas Jefferson once said "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only objective of [a] good government." Jefferson is correct when he describes the objectives of a government. A government's role is not to coerce or force citizens, but, rather, a government's roles include guiding, assisting, and taking care of the lives of citizens. A government's primary obligation is to uphold the best interest of the people and to take actions that will enhance societal welfare.

To begin, the government must function as a mechanism that protects its people from foreign invasions and other threats. In order to fulfill its primary obligation, a government must take all and any actions necessary to protect our nation and its people. It has become evident through past events where the United States was under attack or under threat, and necessary action was taken to preserve the safety and wellbeing of the people. Whether it be against foreign threats or domestic threats, a government must make the nation a safe place to be. Furthermore, governments must also regulate companies and the market to ensure that corruption should not take place. To prevent a situation like that of during the late 1800s where corruption was prominent and big businesses acted as monopolies, a government, like ours today, is needed to ensure that there is a sufficient standard of economic wellbeing and that all businesses are getting a fair chance. Therefore, a major role of the government is to monitor economic practices and place laws to regulate those as well. Finally, a government's obligation is to take care of those who are underprivileged or may not be as lucky as others. It must regulate social security, help out the unemployed, and assist families that are financially unstable. As a government, it is of the utmost importance that it takes into account all of the issues mentioned and ensure that these issues are taken care of. Many people in our country need help, and in order to uphold societal welfare, a government must help out everyone equally.

In retrospect, a government's main and most important role is to secure the lives of

its people. These lives are extremely significant and a government must take all actions necessary in the best interest of the society and its people. Therefore, Jefferson was correct and making the assertion that "the care of human life and happiness [. . .] is the first [. . .] objective of a government."

REINTRODUCING "JUSTICE FOR
WARDS COVE WORKERS ACT"

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the "Justice for Wards Cove Act" to correct a grave injustice against thousands of Asian-American workers that took place over a quarter century ago.

In the 1970s, workers of Filipino, Samoan, Chinese, Japanese and Native American descent traveled north during the summer to work in the fish canneries in Alaska. Management at the Wards Cove Packing Company treated these migrant workers differently from white workers. They were forced to eat in separate dining halls, sleep in separate bunkhouses, and were unable to rise to top-paying positions in the company.

In 1973, two Seattle Filipino labor activists named Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes led several class-action lawsuits on behalf of these Asian-American and Native American cannery workers alleging discrimination in the workplace. In 1989, the Supreme Court ruled against the Wards Cove workers, in *Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio*, which became a major impetus for the civil rights community to reverse the tide against employee rights. The result was the Civil Rights Act of 1991, which became the most comprehensive civil rights legislation signed into law since the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

However, what most civil rights communities forgot was that in the final hours before passage of the Civil Rights Act, a highly unusual and narrow amendment was inserted by two Senators from Alaska that exempted the Wards Cove workers from the expansive protections against workplace discrimination outlined in the Civil Rights Act. They feared that the Civil Rights Act could be applied retroactively to the workers.

The Senators' amendment was inserted in Section 402(b) of the Civil Rights Act, and its sole target was the Wards Cove workers. To date, the Wards Cove workers remain the only people who have been denied the rights promulgated by the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

Mr. Speaker, while my bill cannot retroactively alter the Supreme Court's ruling or grant retroactive rights for the Wards Cove workers, it does remove Section 402(b) of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 as a symbolic measure to right the wrong.

This is a legislative fight that I started in 1991, when I first introduced this bill. Each time I introduced this bill, it received bipartisan

support but was never voted on the floor of the House of Representatives. In 1993, then-President Bill Clinton wrote a letter of support for my bill, stating, "It is contrary to all of our ideas to exclude any American from the protection of our civil-rights laws."

Too often, the struggles of Asian-American and other ethnic minorities do not get the attention they deserve by policymakers and law enforcement officials. This issue is about justice and fairness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Wards Cove workers by supporting this bill.

TRIBUTE TO PALLAVI DEV

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

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Pallavi Dev is a junior at Glenda Dawson High School in Brazoria County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

THE NEWTOWN SHOOTING

The worst events in our country's history happened when we least expected them. As citizens we carry on with our normal lives, busy within our own bubble of school, family, work, holidays, and so on. But every so often something happens that shakes the foundations upon which our existence is built, and we are reminded of how fragile our bubble is and how easy it is for someone to pop it.

That someone for the people of Newtown, Connecticut was Adam Lanza, a 20-year-old who killed his mother and 25 other students, teachers, and staff in Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. Twenty of those he killed were young children, between the ages of 5 and 10, who would have had bright futures before them had their lives not been cut short. The motives for Lanza's actions are still unclear, but it is known that he used a military-style rifle to end the lives of those mentioned and his own. The tragedy of this event has intensified the debate over gun control in the U.S., but more importantly, has reminded us to take a break in our busy lives and be thankful for our family, friends, and everything else we have.

Today the grief that has settled over the nation is like a thick fog that seeps into

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every corner, never seeming to disappear or be forgotten. Tomorrow it will lift slightly, and ten years from now for many it will have faded to only a memory. However, we cannot allow what happened in Newtown to vanish from our minds. It is a warning to American citizens that something needs to change. Our nation has become a safe haven for people from all over the world who come to seek protection under our democratic government and its infrastructure. But in this moment, the people of America are shaken and the majority of the population is worried for the safety of their own children and families. The path to preventing a catastrophe like the Newtown shooting faces many difficulties ahead. Our government will have to overcome a load of disagreement before a solution is reached. However, I, along with my fellow citizens, have faith that they will take the right action, and that a small quantity of good will come out of this event that has caused an immeasurable amount of pain. At the end of the day, we are all united as citizens who only want the best for their country and the people who live in it.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF VICE
ADMIRAL KEVIN M. MCCOY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly today to honor Vice Admiral Kevin M. McCoy, United States Navy, who is retiring after more than 34 years of faithful service to our nation, culminating in his service as the 42nd Commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command, NAVSEA.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Vice Admiral McCoy held several key leadership positions over the course of his distinguished career, including the NAVSEA Deputy Commander for Ship Design Integration and Engineering, NAVSEA Deputy Commander for Industrial Operations, and the 80th Commander of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire. He also served aboard USS *Daniel Webster*, USS *L.Y. Spear*, and at the naval shipyards at Mare Island, California; Charleston, South Carolina; Puget Sound, Washington; Norfolk, Virginia and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Vice Admiral McCoy's initiative, vision and wise counsel were of extraordinary value to the Department of the Navy during a period of significant change and challenge. Leading the Navy's largest Echelon II Command, he oversaw more than 60,000 civil service and military personnel at 38 major shore locations nationwide and an annual budget of more than \$30 billion.

A leader in the acquisition community, McCoy stewarded NAVSEA's associated Program Executive Offices through the design, contracting, construction, testing, and delivery of the *San Antonio*-class Amphibious Transport Dock program, the *Virginia*-class submarine program, the *Freedom*-class Littoral Combat Ship program, the *Lewis and Clark*-class Dry Cargo Ammunition program, the Mobile Landing Platform program, the Joint High Speed Vessel program, the *Zumwalt*-class DDG 1000 program, the *Gerald R. Ford*-class Next Generation Carrier program and the USS *George H.W. Bush*. Vice Admiral McCoy was integral to successfully transitioning the Littoral

Combat Ship from concept to first deployment in a fraction of the time required for earlier ship classes.

Most notably, he was the driving force behind significant improvements in performance across the shipbuilding industrial base, the execution of maintenance and modernization in both public and private shipyards, process changes to improve the overall readiness of the Fleet, innovative business practices to garner savings for Navy leadership to reinvest in high priority requirements and human capital strategies designed to continue the development of the future workforce.

Under his leadership, the naval shipyard community experienced the highest workload faced by the four Naval Shipyards in two decades, resulting in the execution of 72 major depot-level availabilities, 8 submarine refueling overhauls and an additional 31 minor maintenance periods all supported by a \$15.2 billion operating budget. Vice Admiral McCoy's leadership and focus was directly responsible for the successful execution and completion of the bow wave of submarine depot maintenance work begun ten years earlier resulting from an overlap in the life cycle maintenance plan of submarine refueling and depot maintenance work. The annual rate of submarine days lost due to depot availability delays at Naval Shipyards dropped during this period to an all time low of 205 days—the lowest value ever achieved. Compared to historic averages in the 900-plus day range, this is the equivalent of providing the fleet with an additional two submarines for their use every year.

However, his achievements did not stop there. Vice Admiral McCoy led a number of wide-sweeping improvements to ensure that our surface and submarine fleets can reach their expected service lives. For example, he led a series of initiatives to increase support and improve maintenance practices across ship classes, while also modernizing the fleet to keep pace with mission requirements. Vice Admiral McCoy was also the driving factor within the Navy to improve surface ship material readiness. He developed an end-to-end surface maintenance, modernization, and sustainment process to better ensure readiness and meet service life and total ownership costs. This process led to the development of the Surface Ship Maintenance Engineering Planning Program, SURFMEPP, which re-established surface ship maintenance requirements similar to those used by carrier and submarine communities, and the reconstitution of the Regional Maintenance Centers. He also spearheaded the stand up of Surface Team One, which brought together maintenance and modernization stakeholders, operating as a single community, to measure surface fleet materiel readiness. Similarly for submarines, Submarine Team One was chartered to develop, champion, and improve cross-organizational processes for the planning and execution of submarine depot availabilities and provide a structure for the management and long term systematic improvement of cost, schedule, and quality performance.

The cornerstones of Vice Admiral McCoy's corporate operations were sound corporate strategy, mission focus, a dedicated attention to detail, and a devoted commitment to meet fiscal and technical goals. Demonstrating a consistent drive to streamline the organization, he instituted a process for services contracting reviews that ensures constant vigilance of

contracting and respect for the tax dollars that fund it. This process is now in use across the Navy. Additionally, through his efforts as the NAVSEA commander, his organization has offered the Navy more than \$2.7 billion in Future Year Defense Program savings in response to calls for cost reduction through Total Ownership Cost reduction projects and corporate efficiencies.

As important as his achievements in the shipbuilding maintenance area, Vice Admiral McCoy also took a leading role in the Wounded Warrior Program to offer education counseling, internships, apprenticeships and employment to injured veterans culminated in the hiring of more than 1,500 Wounded Warriors in the NAVSEA enterprise—the largest single-organization Wounded Warrior hiring effort in the nation. Under his leadership, NAVSEA was recognized as a Top 50 Employer Award winner four times.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have been fortunate to work closely with Vice Admiral McCoy both at many appearances before the committee, and working with him and his great staff directly to address workload shortfalls in our submarine maintenance programs. He has consistently been accessible, thoughtful and forthright, and I am grateful for all his assistance. With his retirement, our Navy—and our nation—will lose a tremendous leader and friend both to our men and women in uniform and our defense industrial base. I am sure though that he will write a new, interesting chapter in his life of amazing service to our nation. I thank him and his family for his honorable service in the United States Navy and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him “fair winds and following seas” as he concludes a distinguished naval career.

TRIBUTE TO PAULINA AGYEI

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Paulina Agyei is a sophomore at Travis High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

Even though I myself am too young to vote, I still like to be involved as much as possible in the political process. If not I just become one of the ignorant masses who knows nothing of how our world works, causing them to make asinine comments on political infrastructure. Ignorance is not a quality that should be coveted, it should be sniffed out and destroyed. To be a member of the United States of America one must know the most elementary basics of government.

When you know little to nothing about politics that is when you are swayed by politicians and biased media corporations who will twist and pervert the truth to fall in line with their own beliefs and ideas. The whole point of living is having free will to make our own choices, and think for ourselves. This is impossible when one doesn't arm himself with the best weapon in the universe, knowledge.

That being said, I as a teenager technically have no say in government (i.e. voting) but there are other ways I, and others who fall into the same category as me, can still have our voices be heard and take a stand on issues we feel strongly about.

Now let's say, hypothetically speaking of course, that a Senator from Maryland is lobbying to have a national law pass that will have all dogs be dyed blue. I myself am not a dog owner, but I still feel strongly that dog owners should have a choice in the colors of their dogs. I could then start a petition against the bill, at the same time raising awareness.

Using the newfound power of social media, I could create a Facebook Page about the unjustness that Senator from Maryland wanted to thrust upon the American people. I could raise even more awareness by creating a Reddit page, then a Twitter, and even a Myspace. I would be very involved in the legislation of this law, without even voting.

In conclusion it is extremely important to be as involved as possible in the political process that runs essentially our whole lives as Americans.

CONGRATULATIONS CHAIRMAN
JAMES G. REBHOLZ

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2013

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate James G. Rebholz, Chairman of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, ESGR. James is serving his second and final term with the ESGR and I am very grateful for his service.

Chairman James Rebholz has demonstrated great leadership throughout his tenure with the ESGR by helping the Department of Defense agency fulfill its mission developing and promoting a culture of employer support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve and their families. Throughout his 31 years of service in the United States Air Force Reserve, his long history of community service, and his success as a small business owner, James has proven his dedication to our great nation. His programs have been extremely beneficial in working with John Green, Chairman of the South Carolina ESGR, and Major General Bob Livingston, the South Carolina Adjutant General.

As Chairman James Rebholz's service with the ESGR comes to an end, I would like to wish him and his wife Jean Boser best wishes in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN AHART

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

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Lauren Ahart is a senior at Stephen F. Austin High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

It is crucial for everyone in the United States to be involved with the political process because every vote counts and you have the right to represent what you believe. In my opinion, if someone does not vote they should not complain about anything that goes on in the country. Therefore if someone wants something to be different or to make a change, they must put their voice out there to be heard. This concept of speaking out for what one believes is held sacred throughout society and should be maintained during political times.

If someone votes, they have expressed their thoughts and have helped the tally. The number of people that vote conclude the winner. So, obviously it would be smart if everyone marked their ballot for the people they want to rule so we will get a reliable source of votes. The number of people that did not vote was terribly low, during the 2012 presidential election, which makes me frustrated. The right of freedom to vote is something that we should take advantage of and without it our country would not be how it is today.

People that fight for the freedom everyday and give up their lives so we can have all the rights we do today, would find it disrespectful if they knew that someone was simply staying home and not voting. If the right causes are not supported and the issues of the times are not addressed, our society are at risk for a less secure and overall quality of living. As a citizen, everyone should be able to participate and take one hour from your day to stand up and pay your respect for our country and its governing bodies.

From my point of view, when someone votes they are speaking their values and beliefs, and showing what they would like to see in this country. It's the participant rate that helps guide our country for the greatest good of all. If you want to live the life you dream of, you must help the cause of a healthy political process. The decision to vote should be a given, but because the people have not cared as much about what happens this leads to our country not reaching the full potential of a fair democracy. So please take part in putting your ideas and your wants for America out there, be knowledgeable at election time and ultimately go vote your ballot.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 24, 2013

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for a vote on Thursday, May 23. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 181.

HONORING MEGAN EMILIANI

HON. PETE OLSON

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Megan Emiliani is a sophomore at Travis High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

DESEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act was passed. Civil rights issues in our nation have a long history dating back to the Civil War but this legislation came at a critical time during the 1960's civil rights movement. The 1964 Civil Rights Act, introduced by President Kennedy and signed by President Johnson, opened the door to providing more opportunities and limiting discrimination for all minorities. The legislation dealt with voting rights of minorities, prohibited segregation in public places, and addressed desegregation in public schools. While the 1954 Supreme Court ruling on Brown vs. the Board of Education had already began the process of desegregating schools, the Civil Rights Act continues to enforce equality in schools. It encouraged desegregation in public schools to help give minorities more rights in education.

Not long ago, schools were separated by color. Since the Civil Rights Act, schools claim that race is not important and should not affect the way a student is viewed. However, my experience has been that students, while not separated by schools, are still classified by race. When we take PSAT, TAKS, or STAAR test, why do we have to check a box with our race? Why is race a factor looked upon when reviewing test scores? Students and their test scores are being categorized by race. Additionally in our society today, there are many multiracial people, including myself, but on those tests you only get to choose one box. I am Mexican, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Irish and I am sure a few other things. What box should I pick? On some forms mixed is an option, but that does not seem accurate either. I am the American Melting Pot.

America is a group of immigrants and to separate us by such limited race designations does not help to end segregation. The

purpose of the Civil Rights Act was to help check off a box, it only emphasizes the dif- not think classifying me by this really says
create equality, and every time we have to ferences. I am proud of my heritage, but I do who I am as a student. I am an American.

Daily Digest

Highlights

House agreed to S. Con. Res. 17, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 17 until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills were introduced. **Pages H2964–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2965**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2961**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend William Gurnee, Blessed John Paul II Seminary, Washington, DC. **Page H2961**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 17, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Pages H2961–62**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2961.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 10:05 a.m., pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 17, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, June 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 954, the Farm bill, with up to two roll call votes on or in relation to Moran Amendment No. 987 and Coons/Johanns Amendment No. 1079, at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, June 3

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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