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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOUSTANY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 17, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHARLES W. BOUSTANY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:  
Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit of peace, honesty, and fairness during this long weekend of constituent visits. May the ears and hearts of all the Members of Congress be open to listen to the hopes and needs of those whom they represent.

Bless the people of this great Nation with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that they might responsibly participate in our American democracy.

Please keep all who work for the people's House in good health that they might faithfully fulfill the great responsibility given them in their service to the work of the Capitol.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done here this day be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday next.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 20, 2015, 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:

1176. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting FY 2016 budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human

Services, Homeland Security, the Interior, Justice, State, and Transportation, as well as the General Services Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Small Business Administration, the Social Security Administration, and also the Legislative Branch; (H. Doc. No. 114-27); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1177. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense, transmitting the "Report to Congress on the Activities of the National Guard Counterdrug Schools for Fiscal Year 2014", pursuant to Sec. 901(f) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-469, as amended, 32 U.S.C. 112 note; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1178. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's FY 2014 report describing activities under the Equal Opportunity Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1691f; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1179. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Lead-based Paint Programs; Extension of Renovator Certifications [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0304; FRL-9925-71] (RIN: 2070-AK04) received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1180. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Carbofuran; Reinstatement of Specific Tolerances and Removal of Expired Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0162; FRL-9925-70] received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1181. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

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Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho; Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter [EPA-R10-OAR-2013-0581; FRL-9926-52-Region 10] received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1182. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama: Non-interference Demonstration for Federal Low-Reid Vapor Pressure Requirement for the Birmingham Area [EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0867; FRL-9926-41-Region 4] received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1183. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Implementation Plan; Florida; Attainment Plan for the Hillsborough Area for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0220; FRL-9926-34-Region 4] received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1184. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; CO Monitoring [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0294; FRL-9926-29-Region 5] received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1185. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan; SO<sub>2</sub> Rules [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0188; FRL-9926-31-Region 5] received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1186. 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; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Request and Associated Maintenance Plan for the Pennsylvania Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2014-0863; FRL-9926-43-Region 3] received April 15, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1187. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report certifying that the export of the listed items to four different end users in the People's Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to Sec. 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261), as amended by Sec. 146 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277), and the President's September 29, 2009, delegation of authority (74 Fed. Reg. 50,913 (Oct. 2, 2009)); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1188. A letter from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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1198. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1199. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's "Office of Justice Programs Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2013", pursuant to Secs. 102(b) and 810 of Pub. L. 90-351, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3712(b) and 3789e; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1200. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2015-0489; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-013-AD; Amendment 39-18112; AD 2015-05-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1201. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0752; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-079-AD; Amendment 39-18110; AD 2015-04-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1202. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0579; Directorate Identifier 2014-SW-020-AD; Amendment 39-18115; AD 2015-05-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1203. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers & Harland Ltd. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-1001; Directorate Identifier 2014-CE-034-AD; Amendment 39-18103; AD 2015-04-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1204. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Stemme AG Gliders [Docket No.: FAA-2015-0633; Directorate Identifier 2015-CE-005-AD; Amendment 39-18121; AD 2015-06-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1205. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-1093; Directorate Identifier 2014-CE-035-AD; Amendment 39-18119; AD 2015-06-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1206. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0749; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-051-AD; Amendment 39-18118; AD 2015-05-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1207. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-1002; Directorate Identifier 2014-CE-033-AD; Amendment 39-18127; AD 2015-06-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1208. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0284; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-011-AD; Amendment 39-18125; AD 2015-06-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 14, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. McCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1731. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance multi-

directional sharing of information related to cybersecurity risks and strengthen privacy and civil liberties protections, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-83). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

**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. RYAN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 1890. A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Budget, 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 Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. BASS, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 1891. A bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. MEEHAN):

H.R. 1892. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Budget, 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 Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. AMODEI, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. YOHO):

H.R. 1893. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DUFFY (for himself, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. PERLMUTTER):

H. Res. 210. A resolution affirming and recognizing the Khmer, Laotian, Hmong, and Montagnard Freedom Fighters and the people of Cambodia and Laos for their support and defense of the United States Armed Forces and freedom in Southeast Asia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRUJALVA, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. HONDA, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. JOLLY, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT):

H. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that veterans deserve the health and living standards they fought to protect; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.

**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. RYAN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 1890.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution

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By Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia:

H.R. 1893.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

**ADDITIONAL SPONSORS**

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

H.R. 427: Ms. MCSALLY.

H.R. 449: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 600: Mr. BENISHEK.

H.R. 610: Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 624: Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Ms. MENG, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Mr. POLIS.

H.R. 628: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky and Mr. RICHMOND.

H.R. 789: Mrs. COMSTOCK.

H.R. 823: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 869: Mr. KLINE.

H.R. 915: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 918: Mr. FLORES.

H.R. 999: Mr. TIPTON, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, and Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 1142: Mr. ROSKAM and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 1174: Mrs. TORRES, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. WALDEN.

H.R. 1269: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1293: Mr. RANGEL and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 1394: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 1479: Mr. GUTHRIE and Mr. JOYCE.

H.R. 1599: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 1608: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 1613: Mr. MESSER.

H.R. 1886: Mr. HANNA, Mr. TURNER, Mr. NUNES, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina, and Mr. PETERS.

H. Con. Res. 38: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. SERRANO.

H. Res. 130: Mr. POE of Texas and Mr. MEADOWS.

H. Res. 207: Mr. COFFMAN and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN HOTEL OWNERS ASSOCIATION'S 26TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. AMI BERA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2015

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the success of the Asian American Hotel Owners Association, known as AAHOA. Founded in 1989, AAHOA is the world's largest hotel owners association and the leading voice of hotel owners in the United States. I am proud to count myself and my family as members.

This year, AAHOA celebrates its 26th anniversary in Long Beach, California at its annual convention. AAHOA's growth and success over the years serves as a testament to the American dream. As first and second generation Indian Americans, AAHOA members and their families immigrated to the United States seeking opportunity. These entrepreneurs found this opportunity in the hotel business, and over a quarter century later, AAHOA members have a profound influence on the hospitality industry.

AAHOA is comprised of more than 14,000 small business owners who own nearly 50 percent of all hotels in America, employ more than 600,000 workers, and have an annual payroll of almost \$12 billion. AAHOA members are critical to growing the economy, creating jobs, and providing safe, reliable, and affordable lodging for millions of travelers. And, we in Congress owe it to these small business owners to create an environment where they can grow.

I'm also honored to recognize AAHOA chairman Pratik Patel for his exceptional leadership this past year. A second generation hotelier, Pratik lives in San Antonio, Texas with his wife, Akta, his daughters, Jayna and Misha, and his parents, Ravindra and Lilawatiwns. As the co-founder and principal partner at REM Hospitality, he manages more than a dozen hotel and other real estate properties where he applies the lessons of hard work and perseverance he learned growing up in the hotel industry.

Since becoming AAHOA chairman, Pratik has lead the association to record levels of membership, a unified public policy advocacy program, and unparalleled industry leadership. I am proud to commend Pratik on his accomplishments and his dynamic leadership in his community and industry.

I would also like to recognize AAHOA's officers, Vice Chairman Jay "Jimmy" Patel, Treasurer Bharat "Bruce" Patel, Secretary Bhavesh B. Patel and President Chip Rogers, along with AAHOA's 25 past chairmen whose dedication to the organization and the hospitality industry have helped to create jobs, promote investment in their local communities, and grow America's economy.

I am proud of AAHOA's growth and look forward to working with them in the future.

CELEBRATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2015

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), which was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law on April 10, 1979. The TRA provides a basis for relations between the United States and Taiwan. 36 years later, the TRA remains the foundation of the continuous bilateral relationship between our two countries and represents the United States' commitment to the people on Taiwan.

Since the enactment of the TRA, Washington and Taipei have enjoyed a robust partnership based on the shared values of democracy, economic freedom, and rule of law. Since passage of the TRA, Taiwan has flourished into a democracy and is well positioned to play an important role economically in the Asia-Pacific, and globally. In 2014, Taiwan became our 10th largest trading partner, surpassing India and Saudi Arabia. The TRA provides the confidence that has allowed Taiwan to govern itself, expand trade with the global marketplace, and engage in productive relations.

The United States and Taiwan share a common commitment to freedom, democracy, and a government elected by the people, for the people. As we commemorate the 36th anniversary of the TRA, I look forward to Taiwan's continued growth as a trade and security partner and celebrate its relationship with the United States.

IN HONOR OF THE ROWAN-KANNAPOLIS ABC BOARD AND ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOLS

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Rowan-Kannapolis ABC and Rowan-Salisbury Schools on educating more than 100,000 students on the dangers of underage drinking in middle schools and high schools across Rowan County.

The Rowan-Kannapolis ABC Board and Rowan-Salisbury Schools have worked together for more than a decade encouraging students not to drink underage through a series of assemblies at schools in the region. Since the Rowan-Kannapolis ABC started the program in 2003, their initiative has served as a model for similar programs across the state.

Over the years, they have partnered with former Washington Redskins coach and current NASCAR team owner Joe Gibbs to bring

famous athletes and other notable guest speakers to talk with the students and share real-life testimonies of struggles they have faced.

This year's assembly series, called "Game Plan for Life," will emphasize that "decisions equal our destiny." The assembly series will impact about 4,650 students in North Carolina's 8th Congressional District.

I am proud to commend this program for bringing together our community to make a difference in student decision-making regarding alcohol. I would also like to commend Mr. Terry Osborne of the Rowan-Kannapolis ABC Board, Rowan County Sheriff Kevin Auten, and Salisbury Police Chief Rory Collins for their continued support of this program.

HONORING "ARE YOU KIDDING" SOCK COMPANY

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2015

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly innovative set of brothers. Just last month, I met with Brandon and Sebastian Martinez, business-savvy 7- and 9-year-old brothers and students who I have the honor to represent in Congress. They are an example of how one is never too young to follow their dreams. Ever since Sebastian and Brandon were toddlers they had a fascination with socks. They had collected a variety of colorful, eccentric, and patterned pairs. Their mother, Rachel Martinez, decided to have them design their own. They began in May of 2014 with their small business "Are You Kidding?" and rapidly skyrocketed onto the national stage when they presented their idea to Daymond John, an investor on the hit television show 'Shark Tank', and George Stephanopoulos from 'Good Morning America'. They have sold their socks to many different stores and have donated thousands of dollars of their earnings to the American Cancer Society. Small businesses like that of the Martinez brothers make up the fabric of our economy. They have demonstrated their commitment to charitable causes and today I would like to recognize them for their leadership and commitment to our community.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN

**HON. JOHN KLINE**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2015

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to point out an absurdity that my constituents have long realized—and communities in Minnesota have had to deal with—but one that remains lost on the Administration.

Xcel Energy's Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant sits on an island in the middle of

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the Mississippi River in Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District of which I proudly represent.

This plant provides 30 percent of electricity for Xcel Energy customers in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Michigan making it an important part of the region's energy infrastructure.

However, without Yucca or a comparable solution, all fuel generated in its 42 years of operation has been stored on-site. That equates to 2,550 used fuel assemblies and close to 1000 metric tons of nuclear waste sitting on an island in the middle of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Speaker, this is absurd.

In 2009, the Administration ended the Yucca program without any alternative strategy and after taxpayers already spent 15 billion dollars to ensure the safety and security of the Yucca Mountain site.

The dereliction by the Administration leaves us open to both environmental and national security risks. Minnesotans know too well the threat of home-grown terrorism with recent threats made to the Mall of America. We need a safe and secure site to store our nuclear waste out of the reach of potential terrorists. We need to move forward with Yucca Mountain.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents and all Minnesotans deserve better and I join my colleagues today in urging support for the Yucca Mountain site.

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INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT VETERANS DESERVE THE HEALTH AND LIVING STANDARDS THEY FOUGHT TO PROTECT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that veterans deserve the health and living standards they fought to protect. This resolution pays tribute to the vast numbers of men and women who have served our nation in uniform, yet return home from service homeless, some of whom survive war to die on the streets of this country.

Today, we are completing the two longest wars in U.S. history at great sacrifice to many soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines and their families. When these men and women return home they utilize their skills and leadership as wonderful assets in their communities. But for some, there are no homes.

In the words of one homeless veteran, "When we go into the military, we learn self-discipline, and we learn not to ask for anything, we learn to get it for ourselves, or just do without it. And we are a proud people, us military veterans. We don't ask for anything.

But it should never be a society that allows their veterans to go across the water to protect this country and come back and have to live on the streets. It shouldn't be that way."

These courageous Americans have stood up in defense of our freedom, and we owe them more than our gratitude—we owe them our firm commitment to ensure that they receive the care and benefits they earned through their service.

On any given night, nearly 50,000 military veterans sleep in homeless shelters or on the streets. Furthermore, approximately 260,000 veterans use homeless shelters or other services during the course of a year.

Homeless veterans have become a focal point in the broader fight to prevent and end homelessness in America. We may all take pride and comfort in the recent finding that homelessness among veterans has begun to decrease. One of the biggest contributors to the decreased number of homeless veterans has been the increased federal investment in efficient and effective programs. In addition, there has been significant progress, but more must be done. It is time that we recognize these unsung heroes who have returned from service to face hard times and homelessness.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we recognize our nation's homeless veterans. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this critically important resolution.

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TO HONOR THE CAREER OF  
CAPTAIN DARRELL BURGESS

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2015*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanly County Sheriff Captain Darrell Burgess for his faithful service over the last 40 years to North Carolina's 8th Congressional District.

Captain Burgess has served professionally with the Stanly County Sheriff's Office where he moved up in the ranks from an employee of the Communications Division, to a sworn Deputy Sheriff after his completion of Basic Law Enforcement Training, and finally to Captain of Patrol. He has been chosen twice by his peers as the Stanly County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

During his time with the Sheriff's Office, Captain Burgess served as one of the first K-9 officers in Stanly County, where he worked with a bloodhound named Lucky. He holds a certification as a state instructor from the North Carolina Police Work Dog Association, as well as with the North American Police Work Dog Association. Additionally, Captain Burgess volunteers with the North Carolina Canine Emergency Response Team.

Captain Burgess has dedicated his time to Stanly County, both as a volunteer and public servant, since 1970 when he first started working for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Captain Burgess was one of the

first Emergency Medical Technicians in the state, served with the Oakboro Rural Fire Department, and volunteered for more than 30 years with the Stanly County Rescue Squad, where he even served as chief. Despite a kidney transplant in 2008, Captain Burgess has never slowed down and returned to work and volunteering after only three months.

Because of his lifetime of service through his volunteer work and vocation, Captain Burgess was bestowed the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" award in April 2015, which is the highest civilian honor awarded in North Carolina. Our state and local community have greatly benefitted from his servant leadership.

It is an honor to extend these remarks today to congratulate Captain Burgess on his retirement and receiving the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" award.

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CELEBRATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 17, 2015*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note that on April 10—while Congress was out of session—we celebrated the 36th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). As a Taiwan-born American immigrant, I take pride in this landmark piece of legislation, which has provided Taiwan with a great deal of stability and support as it transformed itself into a vibrant democracy, advanced economy and civil society.

The TRA was intended by Congress to endure, continuing the important relationship between close friends and allies. I am heartened by the strengthening of ties that have taken place in recent years, from Taiwan's admission to the U.S. Visa Waiver Program in 2012, the first visit of a Cabinet-level official since the Clinton Administration in 2014, and Taiwan's shift from our 12th-largest trading partner in 2013 to our 10th-largest in 2014.

As Los Angeles County's fourth largest trading partner, Taiwan has a unique relationship with my district. With the largest Taiwanese population in the country, it is no coincidence that Los Angeles County is often seen as the international gateway between the United States and Taiwan.

Taiwan has much to offer the international community. It has proven a responsible global citizen by assisting international organizations during humanitarian crises and disasters, from its efforts following the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami to its contribution of 100,000 sets of Personal Protective Equipment to West Africa last year for use in the fight against Ebola. These acts are emblematic of a people with whom we share many values.

On this occasion of the 36th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our greetings and best wishes to the people and leaders of Taiwan.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 1890–1893; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 210–11, introduced. **Page H2315**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H2315**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1731, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance multi-directional sharing of information related to cybersecurity risks and strengthen privacy and civil liberties protections, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–83). **Pages H2314–15**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boustany to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2313**

**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 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on challenges facing the bureau for a modern, cost-effective survey, 3 p.m., SD–342.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

2 p.m., Monday, April 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, April 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of S. 178, Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of George C. Hanks, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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