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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 8, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### PRAYER

Reverend Dominic Langevin, OP, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God, our Father, order our distracted minds to Yourself. Help us to be humble, knowing that all works are worthwhile only insofar as they come from You and are oriented back to You.

Bless the work of this House. Strengthen its Members to build bonds that will last: bonds of collaboration among themselves, bonds of fraternity and opportunity in our land, bonds of peace on our planet.

May the cooperation of these elected servants free us all for virtuous excellence rather than the ease of wantonness or the doldrums of indifference.

And, loving Father, as we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, accept our thanks for the love that You have shown us through our mothers. May we

cherish the dignity and sacrifices of those women whom You have called to bear and sustain life.

Through Jesus Christ, the Lord.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 223, 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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 6, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, 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 6, 2015 at 9:18 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to the Conference Report accompanying the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 11.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### 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:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 7, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, 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 message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 7, 2015 at 11:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1124.  
That the Senate passed S. 125.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

### 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:

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

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 7, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*The Speaker, 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 message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 7, 2015 at 4:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 1191.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF  
MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE  
18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
OF ILLINOIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from a staff member of the Office of the 18th Congressional District of Illinois:

MAY 4, 2015.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

After consultation with counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

MARGARITA ALMANZA.

COMMUNICATION FROM CON-  
STITUENT SERVICES SPECIALIST  
OF THE OFFICE OF THE 18TH  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF  
ILLINOIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Constituent Services Specialist of the Office of the 18th Congressional District of Illinois:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, April 27, 2015.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

GENEVIEVE DEJEAN,  
*Constituent Services Specialist.*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

MAY 7, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House, United States Capitol,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: Pursuant to Section 3056 of the Carl Levin and Howard "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), I am pleased to make the following appointments to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum:

Ms. Emily Rafferty of New York.  
Ms. Pat Mitchell of Georgia.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Democratic Leader.*

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-  
MITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, May 1, 2015.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On April 30, 2015, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open ses-

sion to consider resolutions to authorize two prospectuses, including one construction prospectus and one alteration prospectus included in the General Services Administration's FY2014 and FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing programs, respectively.

The Committee continues to work to cut waste and the cost of federal property and leases. The resolutions include projects that will reduce space and support consolidations into Government-owned facilities. The space reductions and consolidations will result in saving \$105 million in avoided lease costs. The projects as approved are within amounts included in the relevant appropriations bills.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on April 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,  
*Chairman.*

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES  
PROJECTS, VARIOUS BUILDINGS

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for the reconfiguration and renovation of space within government-owned buildings during fiscal year 2015 to improve space utilization, optimize inventory, and decrease reliance on leased space at a total cost of \$70,000,000, a prospectus as amended by the FY2015 Consolidation Activities Expenditure Plan for which is attached to and included in this resolution.*

*Provided, that an Expenditure Plan for the balance of the authorized amount not reflected in the attached Expenditure Plan be submitted to the Committee prior to the expenditure of any remaining funds.*

*Provided, that consolidation projects result in reduced annual rent paid by the tenant agency over the term of any occupancy agreements.*

*Provided, that no consolidation project exceeds \$20,000,000 in costs.*

*Provided further, that preference is given to consolidation projects that achieve an office utilization rate of 130 usable square feet or less per person.*

*Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.*

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**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION  
CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES PROJECTS  
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: PCA-0001-MU15

**FY2015 Project Summary**

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes the reconfiguration and renovation of space within government owned buildings during fiscal year 2015 to support the General Services Administration's (GSA's) ongoing consolidation efforts to improve space utilization, optimize inventory, decrease reliance on leased space, and reduce the government's environmental footprint.

**FY2015 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested.....\$100,000,000**

**Program Summary**

As part of its ongoing effort to improve space utilization, optimize inventory, decrease reliance on leased space, and reduce the government's environmental footprint, GSA is identifying consolidation opportunities within its inventory of real property assets. These opportunities are presented through surveys and studies, partnering with client agencies, and through agency initiatives such as Client Portfolio Planning (CPP) and Transforming Real Property Information and Management (TRIM). Projects will vary in size by location and agency mission/operations, however, no single project will be more than \$10M in costs or exceed a 5 year Estimated Economic Payback. All projects will aim for a typical Office Utilization Rate of 130 usf/per person or less.

Typical projects include the following:

- Reconfiguration and alteration of existing federal space to accommodate incoming agency relocation/consolidation. (Note: May include reconfigurations of existing occupied federal tenant space)
- Incidental alterations and system upgrades such as fire sprinklers or HVAC, needed as part of relocation and consolidation

Projects will be selected in line with the following criteria:

- First consideration will be given to projects that are identified as a reduction opportunity in a Customer Portfolio Plan which has been agreed to by both GSA and the subject agency and meet the remaining criteria.
- Proposed consolidation projects will result in a reduction in annual rent paid by the impacted customer agency.

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CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES PROJECTS  
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: PCA-0001-MU15

- Consolidation of expiring leases into GSA owned buildings will have preference over those business cases for lease cancellations
- Co-location with other agencies where there are shared resources/special space will receive preference over single agency occupancies
- Links to other consolidation projects will receive preference over stand-alone projects

**Justification**

Consistent with Administration initiatives such as the June 2010 Presidential Memorandum, *Disposing of Unneeded Federal Real Estate* and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-12-12, *Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, as well as Congressional efforts to dispose of excess and underutilized properties, GSA is continually analyzing opportunities to improve space utilization and realize long-term cost savings for the government. Funding for space consolidations is essential to ensuring that GSA can execute those opportunities.

Projects funded under this authorization will enable agencies to relocate from either leased or federally-owned space to federally-owned space that more efficiently meets mission needs. These relocations will result in improved space utilization, cost savings for the American taxpayers, and a reduced environmental impact.

**FY2015 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested.....\$100,000,000**

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CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES PROJECTS  
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

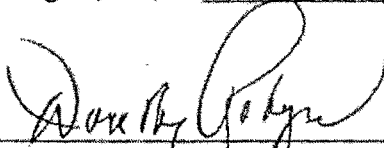
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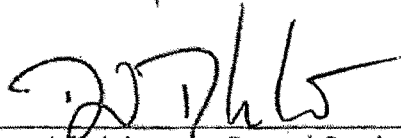
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**Certification of Need**

Current Administration and Congressional initiatives call for improved space utilization, lower costs for the government and a reduced environmental footprint. It has been determined that the proposed consolidation program is the most practical solution to meeting those goals.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on March 6, 2014

Recommended:   
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:   
Administrator, General Services Administration

**U.S. General Services Administration  
FY 2014 and 2015 Consolidation Activities Expenditure Plan  
March 19, 2015**

**FY 2015 – Original Submission**

<b>FY15 Projects</b>	<b>Original Total</b>	<b>Previous Change (Cumulative)</b>	<b>Current Change</b>	<b>New Total</b>
Cotter Federal Building – Hartford, CT (IRS)	\$ 4,247,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,247,000
Varick Street – New York, NY (DHS/ICE)	\$ 4,118,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,118,000
George H. Fallon Federal Building – Baltimore, MD (VA)	\$ 4,585,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,585,000
George H. Fallon Federal Building – Baltimore, MD (EEOC)	\$ 1,536,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,536,000
Enterprise Computing Center – Martinsburg, WV (IRS)	\$ 13,744,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,744,000
AUTEC Federal Building – West Palm Beach, FL (SSA)	\$ 5,213,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,213,000
Quincy Court – Chicago, IL (USDA)	\$ 1,032,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,032,000
Minneapolis Federal Building – Minneapolis, MN (HUD)	\$ 1,686,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,686,000
300 North LA – Los Angeles, CA (IRS)	\$ 1,919,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,919,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,080,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 38,080,000</b>

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**Cotter Federal Building – Hartford, CT \$4,247,000**

The Department of Treasury - Internal Revenue Service (IRS) currently occupies space in both the Cotter Federal Building and in a lease of approximately 11,710 USF in Hartford. IRS has agreed to consolidate its Hartford operations into the Cotter Federal Building. The completed project is expected to reduce IRS's footprint by approximately 23,000 USF in both owned and leased space, reduce its annual rent by approximately \$394,000, and save the taxpayer \$267,094 in annual private sector lease costs. This project will improve the office utilization rate from 229 to 180 USF per person, representing a 21 percent reduction.

In addition to the \$4,247,000 in Consolidation funding for build-out costs, IRS will provide approximately \$25,000 for move and other project costs. IRS also plans to leverage GSA's FIT program to provide the \$675,000 needed for furniture.

**201 Varick Street – New York, NY \$4,118,000**

The Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) currently occupies 74,326 USF at 201 Varick Street, formerly used as ICE's Detention Center. Due to a change in mission, ICE no longer operates or maintains detention facilities in Manhattan. This project allows ICE to consolidate remaining functions in the building with a target footprint of approximately 23,000 USF.

The completed project is expected to reduce ICE's footprint by 51,409 USF and reduce the agency's annual rent by \$2.5 million. It will improve the office utilization rate from 986 to 228 USF per person, representing a 77 percent reduction.

In addition to the \$4,118,000 in Consolidation funding for build-out costs, ICE will provide approximately \$3.4 million for furniture, move and other project costs.

**G. H. Fallon Federal Building – Baltimore, MD \$4,585,000**

The Department Veterans Affairs (VA) currently occupies 104,785 USF in the George H. Fallon Federal Building. This project allows VA to release 25,431 USF by renovating 79,354 USF of space to accommodate the agency's mission. The completed project is expected to save the agency \$500,000 annually in rental payments. The project also improves the office utilization rate by 41 percent, from 222 to 130 USF per person.

In addition to the \$4,585,000 in Consolidation funding for build-out costs, VA will provide \$1,975,000 for IT, furniture, move and other project costs.

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**G. H. Fallon Federal Building – Baltimore, MD****\$1,536,000**

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) currently occupies 22,834 USF of leased space in a larger, multi-tenant lease that expires in March 2018. All agencies in this lease will be moving to coincide with EEOC's relocation. The EEOC move into the Fallon Federal Building by February 2017 will reduce its footprint by approximately 7,743 USF. This project will save the taxpayer \$763,000 in annual private sector lease costs and reduce EEOC's annual rent by \$322,000. The project will reduce the office utilization rate by 42 percent, from 208 to 121 USF per person.

In addition to the \$1,536,000 in Consolidation funding for build-out costs, EEOC will provide \$135,000 to address IT, move and other project costs.

**Enterprise Computing Center – Martinsburg, WV****\$13,744,000**

The Department of Treasury - Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is consolidating its data centers to reduce costs and save energy. The Enterprise Computing Center (ECC) located in Martinsburg, WV, is one of three mission-critical national data centers identified for consolidation. The current data center project affects 104,584 USF in the owned facility and an adjacent 106,500 USF leased building.

The proposed project will consolidate all functions currently housed in the lease space into the adjacent owned facility, saving the taxpayer approximately \$3 million annually in private sector lease costs and reducing IRS' footprint by 106,500 USF. The project will eliminate an additional \$3.4 million in annual operating and security costs IRS pays directly to the landlord.

By consolidating IRS into the ECC, IRS will save \$1,615,000 in rent costs annually. The project will also implement IRS's new desk sharing/mobile work environment, reduce the number of workspaces by an estimated 29 percent, and reduce the office utilization rate from 183 to 90 USF per person.

In addition to the \$13,744,000 in consolidation funds for build-out costs, IRS will provide approximately \$5,146,792 to address IT, move, and other project costs. IRS also plans to leverage GSA's FIT program to provide the \$3,360,385 needed for furniture.

**AUTEC Federal Building – West Palm Beach, FL****\$5,213,000**

The Social Security Administration's (SSA) vacated its West Palm Beach Field Office (20,715 USF of leased space) in July 2014 due to concerns with the operation of this facility. GSA is relocating this office to the AUTEC Federal Building. Providing SSA a long term office solution



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is essential to SSA's continued operations in the West Palm Beach area, the busiest SSA office in the country.

This project will move SSA into vacant Federal space within the West Palm Beach central business district, closer to public transportation. The completed project yields a footprint reduction of 2,981 USF from their original leased location, saves SSA \$356,703 in annual rent, and reduces the Government's annual leasing costs by over \$670,000. The project also will reduce the office utilization rate by 14 percent, from 283 to 243 USF per person.

In addition to the \$5,213,000 in consolidation funds for build-out costs, SSA will provide approximately \$2,369,005 to address IT, furniture, move, and other project costs.

**Quincy Court – Chicago, IL \$1,032,000**

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General is currently located in a lease of approximately 12,574 USF that expires November 30, 2018, with termination rights that will be exercised sooner. USDA will move into the 11 W. Quincy Federal Building in Chicago, IL and reduce its footprint by about 2,600 USF. The move will save the taxpayer \$447,376 in annual private sector lease costs and save USDA \$135,982 in annual rent. Additionally, the project will reduce office utilization rate by 21 percent, from 258 to 204 USF per person.

In addition to the \$1,032,000 in Consolidation funding for build-out costs, USDA will provide \$282,126 to address IT, move, and other project costs.

**Minneapolis Federal Building – Minneapolis, MN \$1,686,000**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) currently occupies 25,626 USF of leased space in Minneapolis. This project will backfill 21,000 USF of vacant space in the Minneapolis Federal Office Building when HUD's lease expires in September 2015.

Consolidating into Federal space is expected to reduce HUD's footprint by 9,263 USF and save the taxpayer \$700,000 in annual private sector lease costs. During the five year amortization period for tenant improvements, the agency will experience a \$29,000 increase in rent. However, after the tenant improvement amortization period ends, the agency will save \$284,926 in annual rent, resulting in a rent savings of \$1,279,630 for HUD over their ten year occupancy agreement term. Additionally, the consolidation project is expected to reduce the office utilization rate by 37 percent, from 307 to 193 USF per person.

In addition to the \$1,686,000 in consolidation funding for build-out costs, HUD will provide \$556,500 to address IT, furniture, move, and other project costs.

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**300 North LA – Los Angeles, CA****\$1,919,000**

The Department of Treasury - Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is currently located in a 26,856 USF lease at 611 6th Street in Los Angeles and is moving into 300 N. LA Federal Office Building. By consolidating IRS into the Federal building, its footprint will decrease by 18,972 USF, and IRS will save approximately \$712,013 in annual rent. The taxpayer will save \$1,259,249 in annual private sector lease costs.

The project will also implement IRS' new desk sharing/mobile work environment, reducing the number of workspaces by an estimated 69 percent and improving the office utilization rate from 232 to 123 USF per person, a 47 percent reduction.

In addition to the \$1,919,000 in consolidation funds for build-out costs, IRS will provide \$137,000 to address IT, move, and other project costs. IRS also plans to leverage GSA's FIT program to provide the \$215,000 needed for furniture.

May 8, 2015

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

H2811

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
CONSTRUCTION—FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION, SAN JUAN, PR

*Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for construc-*

tion of a 154,783 gross square foot federal complex, with 211 structured and 109 surface parking spaces, at 150 Carlos Chardon Avenue in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to consolidate operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at a design and review cost of \$6,182,342, an estimated construction cost of \$78,294,090 and a management and inspection

cost of \$824,568 for a total estimated project cost of \$85,301,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution as amended by this resolution.

*Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.*

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**PROSPECTUS - CONSTRUCTION  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SAN JUAN, PR**

Prospectus Number: PPR-FBC-HR14  
Congressional District: 01

**FY2014 Project Summary**

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes construction of a new federal complex at 150 Carlos Chardon Avenue, San Juan, PR, to consolidate the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for their locations. The proposed FBI complex includes a new FBI field office, annex building, and a visitor screening facility totaling 192,794 gross square feet (gsf) as well as a secure parking garage.

**FY2014 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested**

(ECC & M&I) .....\$94,780,000

**Overview of Project**

As part of its FY2012 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, GSA proposed the construction of a new federal complex at 150 Carlos Chardon Avenue, San Juan, PR, to consolidate the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Design of the proposed facility and the construction of a new parking facility to support the continued need for parking at the adjacent facility were funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approved \$145,506,000 for the purpose of constructing a new federal building, but the funds have not been appropriated.

This proposed FBI complex includes a new FBI field office, annex building for vehicle maintenance, and visitor screening facility totaling 192,794 gsf along with a secure parking garage. The FBI complex will share the 27-acre Federal site in San Juan with the existing Federico Degetau Federal Building (Degetau FB), Clemente Ruiz Nazario U.S. Courthouse (FB-CT), and Rainforest Kids Child Development Center. The FB-CT will remain undisturbed during the construction of the project.

**Site Information**

Government-Owned..... 5 acres

**Building Area**

Building without parking .....192,794 gsf  
Building with parking .....292,794 gsf  
Structured parking spaces .....211

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**Project Budget**

Design (ARRA Funding) .....	\$ 12,107,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC) .....	88,608,000
Management and Inspection (M&I) .....	<u>6,172,000</u>
<b>Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)* .....</b>	<b>\$106,887,000</b>

\*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for alterations above the standard normally provided by the GSA.

**FY2014 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested**

**(ECC & M&I) .....\$94,780,000**

**Schedule**

	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
Design	FY2010	FY2013
Construction	FY2014	FY2017

**Tenant Agencies**

FBI

**Justification**

The FBI is currently housed in the Federico Degetau Federal Building (Degetau FB) in San Juan, PR and the GSA Center in Guaynabo, PR, approximately 3.5 miles apart. The San Juan Field Office (FO) currently is located within the Degetau FB, occupying office space on one and a half floors. At present, there is no space within the Degetau FB for expansion purposes and the building cannot support the FBI mission in San Juan. The mechanical and electrical equipment in the existing facilities do not meet the FBI's identified requirements and cannot meet the anticipated personnel growth with projected staffing levels anticipated to increase in the coming years.

The FBI FO needs to integrate additional operational and technical capabilities that are currently located off-site at the GSA Center. Once construction of the proposed FBI facility is completed, the GSA Center will be disposed of.

The FBI's criminal and national security mission increasingly relies upon an intelligence-driven approach. Efficient and cost-effective facilities support the FBI's intelligence-driven strategy and enable the FBI to successfully carry out its mission. For example, this building will support deployment of secure work space needed to handle classified

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information and will promote cooperation between the FBI and its various Federal, State, and local partners. Consolidation of their operations in new federal space will enable the FBI to effectively perform its mission in Puerto Rico satisfying their security and long-term housing needs.

The proposed project will provide the FBI with a modern, state of the art, facility that will satisfy the agency's security and long-term space requirements and meet the objectives of flexibility of space, sustainable design, seismic safety, durability, and. New construction on this federally owned site maximizes use of the existing Federal land.

This project was proposed as part of GSA's FY2012 Capital Investment and Leasing Program. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approved \$145,506,000 for the purpose of constructing a new federal building, but the funds have not been appropriated. In the absence of construction-phase funding, FBI and GSA re-examined the project requirements and concept design, and re-scoped the project to reduce its cost. Further evaluation of the project site, based on the revised FBI requirements, led GSA to conclude that the previously planned relocation of the existing child care center was unnecessary and that only site work around the center is required. These adjustments have reduced the construction funding request.

**Summary of Energy Compliance**

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service and will implement strategies to meet the Guiding Principles for High Performance and Sustainable Buildings. GSA encourages design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency above the minimum performance criteria.

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SAN JUAN, PR**

Prospectus Number: PPR-FBC-HR14  
Congressional District: 01

**Prior Appropriations**

<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation San Juan<sup>1</sup> Prior Appropriations</b>			
<b>Public Law</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
111-5 (ARRA)	2009	\$35,935,000	Design, Construction
<b>Appropriations to Date</b>		<b>\$35,935,000</b>	

**Prior Committee Approvals**

<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation San Juan Prior Committee Approvals</b>			
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Senate EPW	12/8/2011	\$145,506,000	Construction, M&I

**Alternatives Considered (30-year, present value cost analysis)**

New Construction .....\$129,737,000  
 Lease .....\$220,529,000

The 30 year, present value cost of new construction is \$90,792,000 less than the cost of lease, an equivalent annual cost advantage of \$5,124,000.

<sup>1</sup> Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, Congress appropriated \$5.5 billion to the Federal Buildings Fund of which GSA allocated a total of \$35,935,000 for design of a stand-alone FBI facility with setbacks located on the existing Hato Rey parking lot and construction of a parking facility to replace the existing parking spaces which will be lost due to the proposed FBI facility. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approved \$145,506,000 for the purpose of constructing a new federal building as part of GSA's FY2012 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, but the funds have not been appropriated.

GSA

PBS

**PROSPECTUS - CONSTRUCTION  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SAN JUAN, PR**

Prospectus Number: PPR-FBC-HR14  
Congressional District: 01

**Recommendation**

CONSTRUCTION

**Certification of Need**

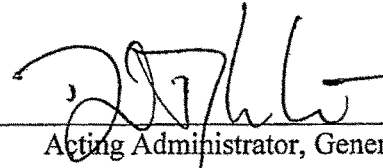
The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on April 4, 2013

Recommended:

  
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:

  
Acting Administrator, General Services Administration



April 2013

Housing Plan  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

PPR-FBC-HR14  
San Juan, PR

Locations	Current						Proposed					
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF) <sup>1</sup>				Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)			
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total
<b>150 E. CARLOS E. CHARDON</b>												
Federal Bureau of Investigation	136	179	26,635	7,035	22,325	55,995						
<b>Subtotal:</b>	136	179	26,635	7,035	22,325	55,995						
<b>GSA CENTER, INSULAR RD 28</b>												
Federal Bureau of Investigation	32	62	6,283	2,587	9,921	18,791						
<b>Subtotal:</b>	32	62	6,283	2,587	9,921	18,791						
<b>NEW FEDERAL BUILDING</b>												
Federal Bureau of Investigation							398	398	60,136	33,720	49,790	143,646
<b>Subtotal:</b>							398	398	60,136	33,720	49,790	143,646
<b>Total:</b>	168	241	32,918	9,622	32,246	74,786	398	398	60,136	33,720	49,790	143,646

Utilization Rate		
	Current	Proposed
Rate	153	118

Current UR excludes 7,542 usf of office support space  
Proposed UR excludes 13,230 usf of office support space

Special Space	
Restroom	1,120
Clinic	790
Physical Fitness	3,100
Conference/Training	12,710
Workbench	650
Vehicle Bays	8,900
Gun Vault	400
Shredder Room	500
Mail	850
Mug and Fingerprint	250
Breakroom	1,800
Evidence/Photo	1,600
ADP	16,620
Emergency Generator	500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>49,790</b>

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.

Program	FY14 prospectus		Updated plan	
Site Size	5 acres		6 acres	
Facility Size	192,794gsf		154,783gsf	
	165,193rsf		148,592rsf	
	143,646usf		118,835usf	
FBI Parking	211 Structured		211 Structured/ 109 Surface	
Funding	ARRA	Prospectus	ARRA	Prospectus
D/B RFP	-	-	\$1,166,264	-
Design & Review	\$12,106,746	-	-	\$6,182,342
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	-	\$88,607,564	-	\$78,294,090
Management and Inspection (M&I)	-	\$6,171,971	\$3,107,381	\$824,568
Subtotal	\$12,106,746	\$94,779,235	\$4,273,645	\$85,301,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$106,885,981</b>		<b>\$89,574,645</b>

There was no objection.

**HOUSE BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT**

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

January 12, 2015:

H.R. 26. An act to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance act of 2002, and for other purposes.

February 12, 2015:

H.R. 203. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

February 27, 2015:

H.R. 33. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care act.

March 4, 2015:

H.R. 240. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

March 7, 2015:

H.R. 431. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights act of 1965.

March 20, 2015:

H.R. 1213. An act to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability act of 1995.

April 1, 2015:

H.R. 1527. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.

April 7, 2015:

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the "Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building".

H.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

April 16, 2015:

H.R. 2. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

**SENATE BILL APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT**

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following date he had approved and signed a bill of the Senate of the following title:

April 30, 2015:

S. 535. An act to promote energy efficiency.

**SENATE BILLS REFERRED**

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 125. An act to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1124. An act to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity act to improve the act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

**BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT**

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on April 1, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 1092. To designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building.

H.R. 1527. To accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 10. Providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on April 16, 2015, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 2. To amend title XVIII of the Social Security act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4(b) of House Resolution 223, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at noon for morning-hour debate.

**EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

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

1394. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Paleontological Resources Preservation (RIN: 0596-AC95) received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1395. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of De-

fense, transmitting the "2015 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges", as required by Sec. 366 of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2003, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1396. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility (Greene County, NY, et al.) [Docket ID: FEMA-2015-0001] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8381] received May 5, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1397. A letter from the Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled "The Availability and Price of Petroleum and Petroleum Products Produced in Countries Other Than Iran", pursuant to Sec. 1245(d)(4)(A) of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1398. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 1-Octanol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0353; FRL-9924-81] received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1399. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's partial withdrawal of direct final rule — Partial Withdrawal of Technical Amendments Related to Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Fuel and Quality Assurance Plan Provisions [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0135; FRL-9927-17-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AS36) received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1400. 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; New Mexico; Albuquerque/Bernalillo County; Revisions to Emissions Inventory Requirements, and General Provisions [EPA-R06-OAR-2008-0636; FRL-9927-24-Region 6] received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1401. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits [EPA-R09-OAR-2015-0087; FRL-9926-77-Region 9] received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1402. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry2Ab2 Protein in Soybean; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0454; FRL-9925-85] received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1403. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Defensin Proteins (SoD2 and SoD7) derived from spinach (*Spinacia oleracea* L.) in Citrus Plants; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0834; FRL-9926-99] received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1404. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fenazaquin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0075; FRL-9925-97]

received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1405. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Travelers' Information Stations; American Association of Information Radio Operators Petition for Ruling on Travelers' Information Station Rules; Highway Information Systems, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking; American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Petition for Rulemaking [PS Docket No.: 09-19] (RM-11514) (RM-11531) received May 5, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1406. A letter from the Associate Chief, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications and Media Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Auction of FM Broadcast Construction Permits Scheduled for July 23, 2015; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 98 [AU Docket No.: 15-3] received May 7, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1407. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-019; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1408. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-029; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1409. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-011; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1410. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1411. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by Sec. 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and Sec. 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1730(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1412. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Syria, originally declared on May 11, 2004, by Executive Order 13338, as modified, is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2015; (H. Doc. No. 114—34); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

1413. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency, with respect to the Central African Republic, originally declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); (H. Doc. No. 114—35); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

1414. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting a letter providing the Web site link to the FY 2012 and FY 2013 inventories of commercial

and inherently governmental positions in the U.S. Department of Transportation required by the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1415. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Temporary Non-Agricultural Employment of H-2B Aliens in the United States (RIN: 1205-AB76) received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1416. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Construction and Development Point Source Category; Correcting Amendment [EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0884; FRL-9926-32-OW] received May 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1417. A letter from the Acting Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program (RIN: 2900-A071) received May 6, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1418. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report pursuant to Sec. 1874A of the Social Security Act entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2013"; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

#### 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. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 336. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska (Rept. 114-103). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 944. A bill to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-104). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1473. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Rept. 114-105). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1642. A bill to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the "Randy D. Doub United States Courthouse" (Rept. 114-106). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 1806. A bill to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to im-

prove the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-107, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1892. A bill to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-108, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2048. A bill to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-109, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Education and the Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1806 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Budget discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1892 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Financial Services and Intelligence (Permanent Select) discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2048 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. ROYCE (for himself and Mr. POLIQUIN):

H.R. 2243. A bill to suspend the current compensation packages for the senior executives of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and establish compensation for such positions in accordance with rates of pay for senior employees in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina (for herself and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 2244. A bill to establish a Strategic Transformer Reserve program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina (for herself and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 2245. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to consider including Smart Grid capability on Energy Guide labels for products; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCALISE (for himself and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia):

H.R. 2246. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to update certain procedures applicable to commerce in firearms and remove certain Federal restrictions on interstate firearms transactions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. POCAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. HECK of Washington):

H. Res. 253. A resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing the Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being; to the Committee on 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. ROYCE:

H.R. 2243.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 3: ("To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes"), and 18 ("To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof").

By Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina:

H.R. 2244.

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

The Commerce Clause—Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: "To regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;"

By Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina:

H.R. 2245.

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

The Commerce Clause—Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: "To regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;"

By Mr. SCALISE:

H.R. 2246.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, and Amendment II of the United States Constitution.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 27: Mr. WALDEN.

H.R. 59: Mrs. LAWRENCE.

H.R. 67: Mr. PAYNE and Mrs. LAWRENCE.

H.R. 79: Mrs. LAWRENCE.

H.R. 356: Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 467: Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. POLIS.

H.R. 509: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 563: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 616: Mr. STIVERS, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, and Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 721: Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. UPTON, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 731: Mr. HONDA and Mr. MACARTHUR.

H.R. 767: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. SALMON, and Mr. BLUM.

H.R. 869: Mr. MCDERMOTT.

H.R. 885: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 915: Mr. LEWIS.

H.R. 920: Mr. SERRANO and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 986: Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. RIGELL.

H.R. 1062: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 1078: Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 1087: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1133: Mr. COOK.

H.R. 1135: Ms. FUDGE.

H.R. 1188: Mr. FARR and Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 1221: Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. KUSTER, and Ms. MOORE.

H.R. 1401: Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. SCHA-

KOWSKY, Mr. DOLD, Mr. BYRNE, and Mr. CURBELO of Florida.

H.R. 1413: Mr. STUTZMAN.

H.R. 1427: Ms. NORTON and Ms. SCHKOWSKY.

H.R. 1441: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 1474: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.

H.R. 1475: Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. DELANEY, and Mr. GUTHRIE.

H.R. 1516: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. HILL, Mr. DOLD, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. LANCE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. SESSIONS, and Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 1626: Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

H.R. 1634: Mrs. MILLER of Michigan.

H.R. 1666: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama and Mr. PALAZZO.

H.R. 1718: Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Ms. GRAHAM, and Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina.

H.R. 1752: Mr. ZINKE.

H.R. 1810: Mrs. LAWRENCE.

H.R. 1818: Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. HANNA, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Ms. SCHKOWSKY.

H.R. 1880: Mr. PEARCE.

H.R. 1901: Mr. JONES, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. DESJARLAIS.

H.R. 1902: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1974: Ms. GABBARD and Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 2002: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 2031: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2048: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 2147: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 2156: Mr. TIPTON, Mr. ROKITA, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 2201: Mr. YOHO.

H.R. 2237: Mr. KING of New York.

H.J. Res. 22: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. KEATING, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. MOULTON.

H. Res. 12: Mr. RIGELL.

H. Res. 26: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H. Res. 128: Mr. HOLDING.

H. Res. 177: Mr. UPTON and Mr. WELCH.

H. Res. 251: Mrs. BLACK, Mr. MARINO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY  
"TONY" ROSSI

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American: Anthony "Tony" Rossi.

Tony was born in Italy and his family immigrated to the United States when he was young. He grew up in Hoboken, New Jersey and graduated from Demarest High School. Throughout his life he answered the call to serve; beginning in World War II, he joined the Army Air Corps and served as a bombardier. During the war, he was captured and held as a Prisoner of War in Germany for 18 months. His family says those experiences were transformational. When Tony returned home to Hoboken, his approach was: Keep your problems in perspective; accept each day as a blessing; and treasure your family and friends.

During the Korean War, Tony again answered the call to serve and, following the conflict, continued a career in the Air Force in Japan, England, and throughout the United States. After retirement from the Air Force, Tony worked for General Electric for 16 years and later retired to Florida in 1987.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Eileen Rossi; son, Michael (Marsha) Rossi; daughter Renee (Robert) Faiks; and son, Charles Rossi; 6 grandchildren: Chris (Laura) Rossi, Karen (Rich) Rossi Pickup, Preston (Kristi) Faiks, Grant (Kim) Faiks, Gillian and William Rossi; and 6 great grandchildren: Audrey and Lillian Faiks, Jason and Sarah Faiks, Daniela Rossi, Jack Pickup.

Mr. Speaker, today marks the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and it is a great honor to recognize and celebrate Tony's honorable service to our country and reflect on his life. In June, our country will honor his service with a funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

God bless Tony Rossi, his family, and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING CHASE EWOLDT FOR  
HIS COURAGE AND SERVICE

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize Chase Ewoldt, a brave, strong, and exceptional young man from the Sixth District of Illinois. Chase was recently named one of the five ambassadors nationwide for the St. Baldrick's foundation.

In July 2012, at the age of two, Chase was diagnosed with a rare, aggressive brain and spinal cancer. Experts believe this specific type of cancer is found in just 100 to 200 new patients every year in the United States and

Chase was only given a 20% chance of survival. Over the next 14 months, his family and friends watched him undergo punishing cancer therapy every two to three weeks. Most of his time was spent in and out of hospitals. Nevertheless, Chase beat the odds and survived. In August of 2013 there was no longer any sign of the disease in his body.

Chase is not completely out of the woods, and will most likely struggle with aspects of the disease for the rest of his life, but for now the family is celebrating his health and trying to raise awareness about pediatric cancer, a testament not only to Chase's strength and resilience, but also the entire family's compassion and determination to help others. Chase is an inspiration to all with cancer and I am sure he will continue to be a light for those in darkness. As Chase told his mother, "I am a survivor". Let us celebrate the life of this survivor.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in honoring and celebrating Chase Ewoldt's nomination as a nationwide ambassador for the St. Baldrick's foundation.

RECOGNIZING THE DODGE CITY  
COOPERATIVE FOR 100 YEARS OF  
SERVICE

**HON. TIM HUELSKAMP**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Dodge City Cooperative. The cooperative, now doing business as Pride Ag Resources, is completing 100 years serving Dodge City and the southwest Kansas area.

As a fifth-generation farmer and one of just a handful of farmers currently serving in Congress, I understand the important role cooperatives play in our agricultural economy. Rural America has long depended on this unique business structure to move our products to the marketplace.

With the founding of one elevator in Dodge City in 1915, the hope, vision and needs of farmers for the past 100 years brought into existence fourteen additional elevators, four fertilizer locations, two feed mills, six car care centers, four Ace Hardware stores, plus another store soon. Dodge City Cooperative currently employs 200 employees with an annual payroll of over \$9.2 million dollars. The hard work and services offered have filled a critical need in supplying area farmers, ranchers and the people of our communities with grain, feed, supplies and goods.

Thank you to Dodge City Cooperative and to all of the farmer-owned cooperatives in the "Big First" district who help strengthen our rural communities and make Kansas one of the top agricultural-producing states in the entire country.

WILLIAM C. PHELON, JR.

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Technical Sergeant William C. Phelon, Jr. and his distinguished contributions to the United States Army Air Force. Mr. Phelon enlisted in the US Army Air Force immediately after graduating from Mineola High School in June of 1943 and entered active service August 16th 1943, the height of American involvement in World War Two. Mr. Phelon served valiantly for three years until March of 1946. Technical Sergeant Phelon flew as part of the illustrious 96th Bombardment Group as the Radio Operator Mechanic and Waist Gunner of a B-17 Flying Fortress. In this capacity he was responsible for all radio equipment aboard the B-17 while in flight. Technical Sergeant Phelon received many medals and awards as a result of his meritorious service to his country, including the prestigious U.S. Army Air Forces Air Medal.

In his position as airman, Technical Sergeant Phelon participated in Operation Chowhound; a humanitarian mission that helped deliver over 11,000 tons of food to Nazi occupied Holland during the Dutch Famine. This mission was so appreciated by the Dutch people that commemorative ceremonies have been held every five years in Holland to remember the service men that helped feed their starving people. The Third Air Division of the 8th Air Force was responsible for delivering 4,103 tons of food of which the 96th Bombardment Group dropped 366 tons. For his efforts Technical Sergeant Phelon was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross by Governor Thomas Dewey on behalf of the people of New York.

Sadly, Mr. Phelon passed away in December, 2014. I rise today in memory of a brave man who was an exemplary member of the Armed Forces and the community at large, and to posthumously thank him for his years of dedication and service. I hope we all remember the courage and dedication shown by Mr. Phelon in all he did.

RECOGNITION OF CONSTANTINE  
(GUS) SARKOS

**HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to honor Mr. Constantine (Gus) Sarkos. When it comes to fire safety aboard commercial aircraft, Gus Sarkos is the primary expert and a national treasure.

As head of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Fire Safety Branch, Sarkos and his team have played an essential and critical

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role improving cabin and cargo safety in ways that have decreased the risk of injuries to airline passengers and saved lives.

According to Dennis Filler, Director of the FAA's William J. Hughes Technical Center, "Gus Sarkos does the science that becomes the fire safety standards adopted by the whole world."

His work testing materials and measuring the effectiveness of fire detection and suppression systems has led to more than a dozen significant changes to U.S. and foreign aircraft during the past three decades to stop fires and curtail the spread of blazes occurring in-flight or during crash landings, increasing the chances of passenger survival.

Most recently, Mr. Sarkos and his team have been examining and reporting on fire threats posed by lighter and potentially flammable materials now being used in airplanes, and by the combustibility of large quantities of lithium batteries that have been carried in cargo holds.

As a result of his team's work, the Department of Transportation (DOT) no longer allows non-rechargeable metal lithium batteries to be shipped in the cargo holds of passenger jets. In addition, a number of U.S. airlines this year unilaterally announced they will no longer accept rechargeable ion lithium batteries because of tests done by Mr. Sarkos and his team showing that a buildup of gases inside bulk containers can lead to explosions and violent fires. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the U.S. DOT currently are considering proposals to ban bulk shipments of these rechargeable batteries or to require safer packaging rules for air transport.

Katherine Rooney, chief of ICAO's cargo safety section, said the work by Mr. Sarkos' group on the batteries and many other issues has been "absolutely invaluable." She added that passengers are "in a safer situation thanks to the research they have provided."

During his long tenure, Mr. Sarkos has participated in and overseen the development of such post-crash aircraft fire safety improvements as new fire blocking seat cushions, heat resistant evacuation slides, burn-through resistant fuselage insulation, and interior panels that release less heat and smoke.

"The FAA's goal", Mr. Sarkos said, "is to minimize the likelihood of an aircraft fire in-flight or improve survivability during a post-crash fire. If a fire occurs in-flight, the objective is to reliably detect, extinguish or suppress it until the aircraft can be safely landed. In the case of a post-crash fire," Sarkos said, "the goal is to have materials that burn and spread fire more slowly, and releases less heat, so passengers have more time to escape."

Director Filler noted how the work of Mr. Sarkos and his team came into play in 2013 when Asiana Airlines Flight 214 crashed and caught fire while landing in San Francisco. Three people died of injuries unrelated to the fire, while 304 survived the crash. He said the fire was slow in developing in large part because of the fire resistant material in the aircraft, and as a result, people had the time to evacuate.

Director Filler also cited a 2008 accident when a Continental 737 veered off the runway in Denver, skidded into a ravine, lost its landing gear and left engine, and caught fire. All 110 passengers and five crew members had

time to evacuate. In 2005, an Air France A340 landed in Toronto during a severe thunderstorm, skidded off the runway and erupted into flames. While the fire eventually gutted the aircraft, all 297 passengers and 12 crew members survived.

"These are examples of three aircraft that caught fire and 728 people survived largely because of the work that Gus and his team have been able to promote throughout the industry," said Filler. "His efforts have provided added time for passengers to evacuate. In the old days, materials would have burned faster or caused passengers to inhale toxic fumes, and they would have died in the aircraft."

Mr. Sarkos said his work is challenging, but a source of pride because it has resulted in increased safety.

"The worst thing I ever had to do was meet with relatives of accident victims," said Mr. Sarkos. "I am glad that in recent years that conditions have improved because of the work we have done and continue to do."

I want to publicly commend Gus for being named a finalist to receive the Service to America Medal a.k.a. "Sammies". Gus' vision, leadership, and dedication to saving lives is a testament to his invaluable public service.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. CON.  
RES. 11 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL  
YEAR 2016

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 30, 2015*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to thank the Democratic staff of the House Budget Committee for their hard work over the past three months on the budget resolution. Since early February when the President sent Congress his budget, our staff has worked many late nights and long weekends to prepare material and provide analysis for our members. Their service to our Committee's work is indispensable and it's hard to imagine how the Congress could do its job without their contributions. They toil behind the scenes and without public recognition. For that reason, I want to salute them for their service to the Congress and our nation.

House Budget Committee Democratic staff: Sarah Abernathy, Erika Appel, Ellen Balis, Kathleen Capstick, Ken Cummings, Bridgett Frey, Jonathan Goldman, Jocelyn Griffin, Jose Guillen, Tom Kahn, Najy Kamal, Sheila McDowell, Diana Meredith, Kimberly Overbeek, Karen Robb, Scott Russell, Beth Stephenson, Cody Willming, Ted Zegers.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of Barrington, Illinois.

From its early origins, Barrington has been a model for other cities and towns to follow,

through its continued dedication to building a friendly and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike. It is no surprise that the village motto is, "A great place to live, work and play".

In the years since its first mayor, Homer Wilmarth, and its incorporation in 1865, Barrington has become a center of culture and commerce, serving as a home to families, businesses, professionals, churches and organizations that have made this a vibrant and thriving community. What once started as a small railroad community now boasts a population of over 10,000 people. Over the years, Barrington has developed a well-deserved reputation as a village with hometown charm and small-town heritage.

On the occasion of this 150th Anniversary, we join together to celebrate Barrington's legacy of growth and prosperity and to look ahead to the opportunities facing this great city and our nation. Today both marks 150 years of working together to build a brighter future, and reminds us that our work continues.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of Barrington, Illinois and wishing her residents a very successful year ahead.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE  
MONTH

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month. Nearly 360 years have passed since the establishment of the first Jewish community in North America. Since that time, Jewish Americans have contributed to the cultural richness and diversity of our nation in every field of community life, including business, government, medicine, law, the natural and social sciences, the arts and humanities, academia, religion, and the military.

There are approximately 5 million Jewish Americans and more than 100,000 of them live in Texas, nearly half of those, about 45,000, live in the Houston metropolitan area. Although their numbers may be small in a state with a general population over 20 million, the impact of Jewish Americans in Texas and in Houston has been great indeed.

Jewish Americans were there during the fight for Texas' independence from Spain and Mexico. Adolphus Sterne, an East Texas merchant, became a principal source of financial backing for the Texas Revolution and a close friend of Sam Houston. Albert Moses Levy was surgeon-in-chief in the revolutionary army. The De Cordova family helped develop the city of Waco and Henri Castro settled immigrants in several Texas towns. In 1859 the first synagogue in Texas was established in Houston.

Business and trade, especially the merchandising of food, clothing, jewelry with style, elegance, and distinction are the arenas in which many Jewish-Texan families made their most visual marks on the state of Texas. There is hardly a city in the Lone Star State whose history is without landmark stores founded and

developed by Jewish entrepreneurs: Neiman, Marcus, Sanger in Dallas; Battelstein and Sakowitz in Houston; and Joske in San Antonio.

These cities and towns reaped the benefits not only in availability of goods, but also in owners' generous patronage of the fine arts and in contributions to civic life such as the historic Levy Opera House in Hillsboro and the Brin Opera House in Terrell. Other early Jewish Americans who contributed mightily to civic life include Anna Hertzberg, who served as president of the original San Antonio Symphony Orchestra before World War I, and Olga Bernstein Kohlberg of El Paso, who started Texas' first free public kindergarten in 1892. That tradition continues today with the Dell Children's Hospital in Austin established by Dell Computers founder and CEO, Michael Dell.

Mr. Speaker, it was 67 years ago this month that President Truman recognized the free, independent, and democratic State of Israel, making the United States the first country to welcome Israel into the family of nations. And for 65 years Israel and the United States have remained the best of friends and the strongest of allies. One reason for the enduring strength of this relationship is the enduring contributions made by Jewish Americans in enriching American life and culture.

Mr. Speaker, as a representative of the state of Texas which has welcomed Jews for more than three centuries, I join with my colleagues and President Obama in calling upon all Americans to learn more about the heritage and contributions of Jewish Americans and to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

RECOGNIZING WALLACE HIGGINS,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 CON-  
GRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, Mr. Wallace Higgins.

Mr. Higgins was awarded the 2014 Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of his service with the Civil Air Patrol during World War II.

Mr. Higgins was born in Kendall, New York in November 1925. From a young age, he was intrigued by aviation. Mr. Higgins joined the Civil Air Patrol in 1943, during his senior year of high school. Later that year, he enlisted in the Army Air Force and was chosen to join the Tuskegee Airmen.

During his two enlistments with the Army Air Force, Mr. Higgins achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and earned several commendations for his service, including the WWII Victory Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and New York State Medal for Merit. After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Higgins settled in Alfred, New York.

Mr. Higgins has dedicated the past six decades to serving his community: he is entering his 50th year with the Alfred Lions Club, he is a life member of the Alfred Station Volunteer Fire Department, he is a member and former chairman of the Allegany County Office for the Aging Advisory Council, and he is a founding

member of the Allegany Senior Foundation, where he currently serves as President Emeritus.

Wallace Higgins truly exemplifies the qualities that characterize the Congressional Gold Medal. It is my pleasure to present this award to Mr. Higgins in recognition of his life-long service to our country and our local community.

UNVEILING THE SOUTHBURY  
SENIOR CENTER WALL OF HONOR

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the unveiling of the Wall of Honor at the Southbury Senior Center.

Today, we recognize the senior citizens from Southbury who proudly served our country in uniform. These men and women answered the call of duty to protect our nation and defend its ideals. They served during war and during peace, at home and abroad. No matter their deployment or their mission, each of our veterans deserves the recognition and accolades they will receive during today's ceremony.

While we can never fully repay our veterans for their service and sacrifice, I believe it is important to take every opportunity to thank and honor them. I hope when the wall is revealed, each veteran will feel the appreciation and gratitude of our community and the entire nation.

I would like to thank Wayne Rioux and the staff and volunteers at Southbury Senior Center for creating this memorial to recognize these local American heroes.

HONORING MILITARY ENLISTEES

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor thirty high school seniors in Florida's 22nd District who have decided to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these thirty, four have joined the Army; their names are Margaró Hernandez, Brandon Iglesias, Dylan Reynolds, and Darren Ross.

Sixteen have joined the Marines; their names are Lamech Murzike, Joshua Scott, Connor Bunch, Yeicob Duran, Jose Ribot, Jonnathan Gonzalez, Davie Medina Perez, Kenton Ennis, Jacob Rodriguez, Luis Mendez, Mike-Rodman Lorissaint, Jose Vega, Gregory Spotts, Sean McCusker, Alyssa Pontier, Delone Griffin.

Four have joined the National Guard; their names are Trey Rawls, Merisanda Carstea, Spencer Hickey, and Warren Dutes.

Six have joined the Navy; their names are Destiny Huntley, Marco Juarez Jr., Anthony Lewis, Amanda McCarthy, Sergio Santiago, Pedro Jose Silva.

It is in thanks to the dedication of patriots like these that we are able to meet here today, in the United States House of Representatives, and openly debate the best solutions to

the diverse issues that confront our country. On behalf of myself and all of my constituents in Florida's 22nd District, thank you for your service and best of luck as you pursue this challenging endeavor.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Throughout the history of the United States, Asian American and Pacific Islanders have contributed to our greatest undertakings and our vibrant cultural diversity. They have become leaders in business, in the community, and in politics, overcoming adversity and prejudice in pursuit of the American Dream.

Today, there are more than 20 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and more than 1 million of them live in Texas. A majority of them are concentrated in the cities, particularly Houston. At 80,049, the Vietnamese American community in the City of Houston has the third largest in the country. Houston is also home to sizable populations of Chinese Americans, Indian Americans, and Filipino Americans. These communities have transformed the city, bringing their cultures, religions, and businesses and creating a new home.

The first recorded Asian Americans in Texas were 250 Chinese laborers, who came to Houston to work on the railroad in 1870. It was thankless, dangerous work, but they helped to build the backbone of our state's economy. Although many of them would leave soon after the work was done, several stayed behind in Houston, and in the early 1900s the first Chinese business districts were opened.

The Asian American population in Houston remained quite low until the 1970s, when a new wave of immigration brought tens of thousands of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the city. Many of these early immigrants were Vietnamese refugees fleeing the country with the aid of the Indochinese Assistance and Refugee Assistance Act of 1975. Others were Chinese, drawn by the growth of the Chinese Merchants' Association throughout the decade.

Today, there are more than 100,000 Asian American and Pacific Islanders living in Houston. As of 2007, they operate 16,000 businesses, and there are multiple temples dedicated to Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism. The city offers official documents in Vietnamese, Chinese, and Urdu. Neighborhoods from Little Saigon to Chinatown to the Mahatma Gandhi District are vibrant community centers for Asian Americans and other residents alike.

But for all their contributions to our state and our country, there are still unacceptable challenges facing Asian American Pacific Islander communities. There is an urgent need to fix our broken immigration system by passing legislation that will support families, strengthen small businesses, protect workers



and grow our nation's economy. These communities have also had historically low enrollment in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which would otherwise help them to achieve stability and security.

Mr. Speaker, as a representative for tens of thousands of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, I join with my colleagues in recognizing the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to not just our history, but our economy and our future. I call on all Americans to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage month by deepening their understanding about these contributions, and pledge to support and serve Asian American and Pacific Islander families.

UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL ROAD  
SAFETY WEEK

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the third annual United Nations Global Road Safety Week and to celebrate the contribution of the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT) to the global effort to reduce the number of road crashes around the world.

ASIRT is extremely active in the global movement to promote and improve road safety. Tens of thousands of people are injured as a result of traffic collisions each year. More than 500 children are killed every day in road crashes and 186,300 children under 18 die from road traffic crashes annually. The rates of road traffic death are three times higher in developing countries than in developed countries.

As part of the Decade of Action for Road Safety, ASIRT has joined with the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration to announce #SaveKidsLives, a global campaign focused on delivering a Child Declaration on Road Safety to the policymakers who can make a difference. During UN Global Road Safety Week, the #SaveKidsLives Campaign seeks to highlight the plight of children on the world's roads and generate action to better ensure their safety. The campaign features hundreds of events hosted by governments, international agencies, civil society organizations, and private companies, including the delivery of the "Child Declaration for Road Safety" to policymakers.

During this Global Road Safety Week, I salute ASIRT and the United Nations for the work they are doing to promote road safety domestically and around the world.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF  
MIAMI PRESIDENT DR. DONNA  
SHALALA

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of University of Miami President Dr. Donna Shalala, a woman who has made such mark on our community since

her first day on June 1, 2001. As a two-time University of Miami graduate, I have witnessed my alma mater's immense development during President Shalala's tenure; a reflection of her tremendous dedication to our community. During her tenure, UM has solidified its position among top research universities in the country. The University's two successful Momentum campaigns have raised \$3 billion dollars in private support towards its endowment, academic research programs, and world-class facilities. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, President Shalala received her A.B. degree in history from Western College for Women. One of the country's first Peace Corps Volunteers, she served in Iran from 1962 to 1964. She earned her Ph.D. degree from The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She has held tenured professorships at Columbia University, the City University of New York (CUNY), and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She served as President of Hunter College of the City University of New York from 1980 to 1987 and as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Thank you President Shalala for your commitment to UM, for being a mentor, an educator, and a friend to our country's next generation of leaders.

IN HONOR OF ALL THE MOTHERS  
OF THE ARMED FORCES

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of all the Mothers of The Armed Forces who have served, or who have family members who have served. Let us remember their sacrifice and give thanks to them and their families on this Mother's Day. I submit this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

FOR ALL THE MOTHER'S

For all of the Mother's of war.  
For all the Mother's across our shores.  
Whose son's and daughters burdens bore.  
And for all the families who have been separated by war.  
While, mommy for our nation so fought for.  
And all those hours of worry and pain.  
And all of that heartache with them which now remains.  
As they rebuild from the scars and loss of war.  
And for all those Mothers who aren't coming home.  
For all their sons or daughters.  
Who now lie in such cold dark graves so all alone.  
Remember them this Mother's Day,  
and say a prayer for all of them . . . please say.  
And for of those Mothers who must learn to walk again.  
And son's and daughters must somehow start their new lives,  
so begin.  
Without arms and legs,  
and with scars and burns upon their faces.  
all in such places.  
As they help them rebuild,  
so face this.  
Lets give thanks and praise for all of them.  
And for all of those little boys and girls,  
who have now lost their best friends in the world.

Their Mother's who are the heart of the home.

Mommy aint coming home.

Who now on Mother's Day sit with tear in eye.

not understanding why mommy didn't say goodbye.

For the Mother is the heart of the home.

They give us life and they give us love.

And in our darkest of all hours help us to rise above.

And how they cry,

when their most beloved daughters and sons die.

A pain that can not be healed by time.

Only when in heaven they reunite.

As they teach us even more.

About faith and courage,

and with hope how to overcome the scars of war.

This Mother's Day carry them with you in your thoughts,

upon your way as you pray.

And give thanks for what they give,

and what they gave.

For all the Mother's this Mother's Day!

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated and that is why today I rise to pay tribute to six extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Kenya Metters, Chelsea Ukoha, Ryan Wallace, Gregory Butchello, Fabian Rubio, and Danielle Konerth.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people

brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and

prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, May 11, 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.2243–2246; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 253 were introduced. **Pages H2820–21**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H2821**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 336, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska (H. Rept. 114–103);

H.R. 944, to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–104);

H.R. 1473, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (H. Rept. 114–105);

H.R. 1642, to designate the building utilized as a United States courthouse located at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina, as the “Randy D. Doub United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 114–106);

H.R. 1806, to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–107, Part 1);

H.R. 1892, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–108, Part 1); and

H.R. 2048, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain

business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–109, Part 1). **Page H2820**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2801**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dominic Langevin, OP, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC. **Page H2801**

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum—Minority Leader Appointment:** The Chair announced the Minority Leader’s appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum: Ms. Emily Rafferty of New York and Ms. Pat Mitchell of Georgia. **Page H2802**

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication:** Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions to authorize 2 prospectuses, including one alteration project and one construction project, included in the General Services Administration’s FY2014 and FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on April 30, 2015. **Page H2802**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2801–02.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 125 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 1124 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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**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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold closed hearings to examine the commercial, political, and security implications of the U.S.-China Civil Nuclear Agreement, 6 p.m., SH-219.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, May 11

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 p.m., Tuesday, May 12

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 16, United States Citizens in Iran, and vote on adoption of the concurrent resolution at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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