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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 1 p.m.

## House of Representatives

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016

The House met at 2:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 18, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Retired Chaplain, United States Navy, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O Lord who said "Let there be light," we have reason still to fear the dark, the dark of senseless death, of murder, terror, fear, and strife, testing faith in a future warm and bright.

This day, 18 July, almost 250 years ago, the Gazette in Boston published a patriotic hymn, "The Liberty Song":

Join hand in hand, brave Americans all;  
By uniting, we stand; by dividing, we fall.

I was in a Beirut foxhole, 1983, religious war, but U.S. foxholes were unique: interfaith. Side by side, some sought you through different religious faith traditions; others—not religious—found faith and common cause in freedom's call, in freedom's holy light.

Help us, we pray, learn the truth.

I learned that day that if more foxholes, if more people made room for others' faiths, we would need far fewer foxholes and have more cause for faith.

So give us strength to pray. Join hand in hand, brave Americans all. By uniting, we stand; by dividing, we fall. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 8(a) of House Resolution 820, 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 DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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

JULY 14, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 409(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act

(PROMESA), I hereby appoint the following Members to the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico:

Representative Nydia Velázquez of New York

Representative Pedro Pierluisi, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Democratic Leader.*

### 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, July 15, 2016.*

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*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 July 15, 2016 at 9:57 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4904.

That the Senate passed S. 1935.

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, July 15, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*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 July 15, 2016 at 1:07 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 50.  
That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 142.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2607.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3700.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3931.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3953.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4010.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4425.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4747.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4761.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4777.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4877.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4925.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4975.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4987.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5028.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5722.

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, July 15, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*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 July 15, 2016 at 2:20 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3282.

That the Senate passed S. 2854.

That the Senate passed S. 2614.

That the Senate passed S. 3283.

That the Senate passed S. 3028.

That the Senate passed S. 818.

That the Senate passed S. 817.

That the Senate passed S. 1443.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 41.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46.

Appointment:

Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico.

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress.

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, July 15, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Robert Borden, Legal Counsel, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 114th Congress or until modified by me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House.*

#### SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2614. An act to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism; to the Committee on the Judiciary; in addition, to the Committee on Education and the Workforce 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.

S. 2854. An act to reauthorize the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3028. An act to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 3282. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

S. 3283. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Pueblo, Colorado, as the "PFC James Dunn VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent Resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. Con. Res. 46. Concurrent Resolution expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years, and urging the Federal Republic of Germany to continue to reaffirm its commitment to comprehensively address the unique health and welfare needs of vulnerable Holocaust victims, including home care and other medically prescribed needs; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 8(b) of House Resolution

820, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6141. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's STARBASE Program 2015 Annual Report, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2193b(g); Public Law 106-65, Sec. 580(a); (113 Stat. 632); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6142. A letter from the Executive Director, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, transmitting the 2015 Annual Report, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320e(d)(10); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1181 (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6301(a)); (124 Stat. 734); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6143. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's partial withdrawal of direct final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0810; FRL-9948-81] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received July 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6144. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions to Permits, Rules and Approval Orders; Utah [EPA-R08-OAR-2016-0221; FRL-9948-89-Region 8] received July 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6145. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Extension of the Attainment Date for the Oakridge, Oregon 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> Nonattainment Area [EPA-R10-OAR-2016-0051; FRL-9949-18-Region 10] received July 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6146. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Permitting of Greenhouse Gases [EPA-R06-OAR-2012-0022; FRL-9949-09-Region 6] received July 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6147. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Pentaerythritol tetrakis (3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) propionate); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0183; FRL-9947-45] received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6148. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey, Carbon

Monoxide Maintenance Plan [Docket No.: EPA-R02-OAR-2016-0059; FRL-9948-57-Region 2] received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6149. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Revisions to the New Source Review State Implementation Plan; Air Permit Procedure Revisions [EPA-R06-OAR-2014-0821; FRL-9948-47-Region 6] received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6150. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Baton Rouge Nonattainment Area; Base Year Emissions Inventory for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R06-OAR-2016-0278; FRL-9948-60-Region 6] received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6151. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; New Hampshire; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R01-OAR-2012-0950; FRL-9948-58-Region 1] received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6152. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2-oxiranylmethyl ester, polymer with ethene, ethenyl acetate, ethenyltrimethoxysilane and sodium ethenesulfonate (1:1); Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0118; FRL-9947-34] received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6153. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications [PS Docket No.: 15-80]; New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications [ET Docket No.: 04-35]; The Proposed Extension of Part 4 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Outage Reporting to Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Service Providers and Broadband Internet Service Providers [PS Docket No.: 11-82] received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6154. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification of a deployment of additional U.S. Armed Forces personnel to South Sudan, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(c); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(c); (87 Stat. 555) (H. Doc. No. 114-152); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

6155. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Revision to Standard Forms for Bonds [FAC 2005-89; FAR Case 2015-025; Item IV; Docket No.: 2015-0025, Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 9000-AN11) received July

12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6156. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; OMB Circular Citation Update [FAC 2005-89 FAR Case 2014-023; Item II; Docket No.: 2014-0023, Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 9000-AN17) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6157. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; FPI Blanket Waiver Threshold [FAC 2005-89; FAR Case 2016-008; Item III; Docket No.: 2016-0008, Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 9000-AN22) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6158. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's small entity compliance guide — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-89 [Docket No.: FAR 2016-0051, Sequence No. 3] received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6159. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's summary presentation of final rules — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-89; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR 2016-0051, Sequence No. 3] received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6160. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Business Subcontracting Improvements [FAC 2005-89; FAR Case 2014-003; Item I; Docket No.: 2014-0003; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 9000-AM91) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6161. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC 2005-89; Item V; Docket No.: 2016-0052; Sequence No. 3] received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6162. A letter from the Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "The District of Columbia Housing Production Trust Fund: Revenues and Expenditures and 5-City Comparison"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6163. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 150818742-6210-02] (RIN: 0648-

XE519) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6164. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reopening of Commercial Sector for South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish; January Through June Season [Docket No.: 141107936-5399-02] (RIN: 0648-XE606) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6165. A letter from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resource Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform [Docket No.: ONRR-2012-0004; DS63644000 DR2PS0000.CH7000 167D0102R2] (RIN: 1012-AA13) received July 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6166. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2015 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper [Docket No.: 0907271173-0629-03] (RIN: 0648-XE666) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6167. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties (RIN: 1990-AA46) received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6168. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustments of Inflation [Docket No.: DHS-2016-0034] (RIN: 1601-AA80) received July 6, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6169. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Department of Labor Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Catch-Up Adjustments (RIN: 1290-AA31) received July 5, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6170. A letter from the Regulatory Ombudsman, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment of 2015 [Docket No.: FMCSA-2016-0128] (RIN: 2126-AB93) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6171. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Revisions to the Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment Tables [Docket No.: FAA-2016-7004; Amdt. Nos. 13-38, 406-10] received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6172. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments [Docket ID: OSM-2016-0008] [SIDIS SS08011000 SX066A0067F 167S180110; S2D2D SS08011000 SX066A00 33F 16XS501520] (RIN: 1029-AC72) received July 5, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6173. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Standards Branch, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment [Docket ID: BSEE-2016-0010; 16XE1700DX EX1SF0000.DAQ000 EEEE50000] (RIN: 1014-AA30) received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6174. A letter from the Program Specialist, LRA, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure; Rules of Practice and Procedure in Adjudicatory Proceedings; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustments [Docket ID: OCC-2016-0008] (RIN: 1557-AE04) received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6175. A letter from the Acting Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustment and Table (RIN: 1506-AB33) received June 30, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6176. A letter from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act received July 7, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6177. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule [FRL-9948-48-OECA] (RIN: 2020-AA51) received June 28, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6178. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 3133-AE59) received July 5, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6179. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's interim final rule — Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation [NRC-2016-0057] (RIN: 3150-AJ72) received July 5, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6180. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's interim final rule — Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Ethics in Government Act Violations [RIN: 3209-AA00 and 3209-AA38] received June 30, 2016,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6181. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's interim final rule — Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts [Release Nos.: 33-10104; 34-78156; IA-4437; IC-32162; File No.:S7-11-16] (RIN: 3235-AL94) received June 29, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6182. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Green River Locks and Dams 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Barren River Lock and Dam 1, Kentucky Disposition Feasibility Study for July 2016, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 549a; Public Law 91-611, Sec. 216; (84 Stat. 1830) (H. Doc. No. 114—150); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

6183. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Beach, ND [Docket No.: FAA-2015-5801; Airspace Docket No.: 15-AGL-18] received July 12, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6184. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Upper Turkey Creek, Johnson County and Wyandotte County, Kansas, Flood Risk Management Project Feasibility Report with Integrated Environmental Assessment for March 2015 (H. Doc. No. 114—151); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

6185. A letter from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services and protection services at the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport in California will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 4492(d)(1); Public Law 107-71, Sec. 108(a); (115 Stat. 613); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

6186. A letter from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services and protection services at the San Francisco International Airport in California will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided at the airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 4492(d)(1); Public Law 107-71, Sec. 108(a); (115 Stat. 613); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

6187. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Report to Congress on the Administration, Cost and Impact of the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320c-10; Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1161 (as amended by Public Law 97-248, Sec. 143); (96 Stat. 392); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

6188. A letter from the Director for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Semiannual Report to Congress for October 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000ee-1(f); jointly to the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary.

## 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:

*[The following action occurred on July 15, 2016]*

Ms. GRANGER. Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 5912. A bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (Rept. 114—693). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

*(Submitted on July 18, 2016)*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 5063. A bill to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114—694). 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 Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina (for herself, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. REED, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 5913. A bill to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BLUM (for himself, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, and Mr. KING of Iowa):

H.R. 5914. A bill to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5915. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to require employers to provide menstrual hygiene products for employees in workplace bathrooms; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. MENG (for herself and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York):

H.R. 5916. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the label on certain menstrual products to include an ingredient list, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5917. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for menstrual products; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 5918. A bill to establish requirements for participants in the peer-to-peer economy to be considered independent contractors and not employees for purposes of several employment-related statutes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 5919. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve the process by which the Social Security Administration makes disability determinations and awards disability benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

285. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### 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 Ms. GRANGER:

H.R. 5912.

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

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina:

H.R. 5913.

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. BLUM:

H.R. 5914.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5915.

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

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5916.

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

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5917.

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

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 5918.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 5919.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 430: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 508: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 711: Mr. ROSKAM.

H.R. 879: Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 1061: Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 1545: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 2254: Mr. PIERLUISI.

H.R. 2302: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 2348: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 2802: Mr. ROSKAM.

H.R. 3012: Mr. REED.

H.R. 3051: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 3163: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 3316: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 3474: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 3742: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 3815: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 3886: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 4016: Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 4025: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4034: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4044: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4078: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4149: Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. YOHO, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. MESSER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. STEWART, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BRAT, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SALMON, Mr. JONES, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. PITTINGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. DESANTIS, and Mr. GOHMERT.

H.R. 4151: Mr. GUINTA and Mr. GIBSON.

H.R. 4218: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4310: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4381: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.

H.R. 4442: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 4547: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4559: Mr. WALBERG.

H.R. 4603: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 4626: Mr. STEWART, Mr. AMODEL, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. DENT, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. FLORES, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. HARDY, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. LANCE, Mr. SMITH of TEXAS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HILL, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. COOK, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. NEAL, Mr. UPTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. ROKITA, and Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 4770: Mr. PAULSEN.

H.R. 4893: Mr. ABRAHAM.

H.R. 5073: Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

H.R. 5090: Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. OLSON, and Ms. HAHN.

H.R. 5146: Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. BASS, and Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 5180: Mr. FLEISCHMANN and Mr. NUNES.

H.R. 5213: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 5374: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan.

H.R. 5466: Mr. OLSON.

H.R. 5506: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 5539: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.

H.R. 5555: Mr. NUGENT.

H.R. 5584: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 5593: Ms. STEFANKI.

H.R. 5617: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 5625: Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H.R. 5635: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 5659: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas and Ms. Linda T. SANCHEZ of California.

H.R. 5668: Mr. COLLINS of New York and Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 5682: Mr. HASTINGS and Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY.

H.R. 5684: Mr. GOWDY.

H.R. 5686: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 5693: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 5708: Mr. BILIRAKIS and Mr. ROONEY of Florida.

H.R. 5746: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 5800: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia.

H.R. 5815: Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 5831: Ms. NORTON.

H. Con. Res. 140: Ms. SINEMA, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H. Con. Res. 145: Mr. ROUZER.

H. Res. 112: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H. Res. 686: Mr. FOSTER.

H. Res. 808: Mr. KEATING.

#### CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY Mr. MCCAUL

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Homeland Security in H.R. 5611 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

76. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Mr. Gregory D. Watson, a citizen of Austin, Texas, relative to urging the Congress to enact legislation that would establish an Office of Congressional Independent Counsel within the legislative branch of government to conduct investigations into alleged criminal conduct within the executive and judicial branches and to publicly make recommendations to the Department of Justice whether or not to proceed with prosecution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in reluctant opposition to S. 764. Although I support a uniform national set of standards relating to GMOs and food labels, I do not believe that this legislation adequately balances the competing interests at stake.

On the one hand, most scientists agree that GMO seeds and foods are safe for consumption. At the same time, a majority of Americans have consistently stated that they want to know if their food contains GMOs. Supporters of more comprehensive food labeling have argued that this bill contains large loopholes that would keep many consumers in the dark. Unfortunately, not a single hearing was held on this bill to listen to the competing perspectives and recommendations. I am also disappointed that on such a controversial and important subject, members were not given the opportunity to offer any amendments.

I am concerned that a hastily written and passed federal bill will now preempt state laws that seek to provide their consumers with more comprehensive and readily accessible information. While I do not believe that an inconsistent patchwork of individual state regulations is the long term answer, I do believe we could improve on the provisions of this bill.

### HONORING THE MARIN COUNTY FAIR

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Marin County Fair in honor of its 75th anniversary. A beloved community event attended by people throughout the Bay Area, the Marin County Fair has for decades brought together families, friends, craftspersons, local vendors and more in this historic celebration of Marin County's people and products.

Held this year at the Marin Center in San Rafael from June 30 to July 4, the award-winning Marin County Fair has been held almost annually since its 1925 inception as the Marin County Fair and Harvest Festival. With a wide range of activities for participants, the 2016 fair features over 800 new and returning exhibits, from photography competitions to culinary contests to performing arts and beyond. Additionally, the fair hosts concerts, rides, fireworks, and other attractions throughout its five-day run.

The Marin County Fair is notable not just for its cultural contributions to the community, but

for its commitment to environmentally friendly practices and healthy living. From its solar-powered carousel to food recovery and composting services, the "Greenest County Fair on Earth" has been a longtime pioneer in sustainable event management. Additionally, the fair's health-conscious efforts, like emphasizing nutritional food from vendors and encouraging attendees to bike, have warranted wide-spread recognition, including as the Merrill Award winner at the 53rd Western Fairs Association Annual Achievement Awards Program. By integrating stewardship and wellness into the fabric of the fair, the Marin County Fair preserves its legacy as "the people's fair" while ensuring the event can continue for decades to come.

This year's theme, "What a Ride!" is appropriate for the diamond anniversary of the fair and its decades of history and importance in Marin County. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting to honor the Marin County Fair on their 75th year for their ongoing presence in our community.

### RECOGNIZING MIRIAM CENTER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miriam K. Center of Savannah, Georgia, for her 90th birthday on August 10th.

At 90 years old, Ms. Center continues to be an impressive member and contributor to the coastal Georgia community.

She graduated from Savannah High School in 1944 and promptly joined the Savannah volunteers to help American troops fighting in World War II. After the war, Miriam married Leo Center and helped him found a prominent, local Savannah business. Miriam and Leo had 3 sons together, Henry, Tony, and Scott.

Since then, Miriam has been greatly involved in public service as she served as Chair of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Planning Commission, ran for election to the Georgia State Senate, and for Savannah Alderwoman. In 2000, she wrote a book entitled *Scarlett O'Hara Can Go to Hell* and produced the currently showing play, *Johnny and Me*, which chronicles her friendship with Savannah's Academy Award winning songwriter, Johnny Mercer. She is also a frequent guest writer to the Savannah Morning News.

Miriam has traveled the world, visiting England, France, Spain, Greece, Israel, Russia, and much of North America.

Ms. Center, I hope you have a happy 90th birthday.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, the day of July 11th, I am wrongly recorded on H.R. 5606, the Anti-terrorism Information Sharing Is Strength Act. I intended to oppose this legislation.

### CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA SOUTHERN MOCCASINS WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM ON WINNING THE 2016 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, Florida Southern College is a liberal arts college nestled in my hometown of Lakeland, Florida. Florida Southern is known for its strong academic record, for being the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world, and for consistently receiving recognition from the Princeton Review as one of the most beautiful campuses in the country.

However, today I rise to recognize another important distinction for Florida Southern.

The Florida Southern Moccasins Women's Lacrosse Team recently captured the 2016 NCAA Division II National Championship.

On May 21, 2016, the Mocs defeated the two-time defending champion, Adelphi University, by a score of 8-7, capping off a remarkable season.

NCAA Division II Coach of the Year Kara Reber led the Mocs Women's Lacrosse Team to their first national championship, along with All Americans Gabby Barowski and Emily Santoli.

Growing up in Lakeland, I have watched Florida Southern flourish before my eyes. This victory marks Florida Southern's 29th NCAA Division II Championship.

Florida Southern is a tremendous educational institution, and this win is a terrific achievement not only for the school, but also for our local community.

Go Mocs!

### THANKING OFFICER BRANDON MURPHY FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SERVICE

**HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in

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recognizing Officer Brandon Murphy for the service he has provided to Michigan's Fifth Congressional District and the Bay City community.

Brandon Murphy is a recipient of the Police Officers Association of Michigan's (POAM) Police Officer of the Year Award. This honor was awarded following an encounter where Officer Murphy was injured by gunfire while successfully managing to apprehend a suspect and stop a violent crime spree. Officer Murphy's personal dedication to public safety at the cost of his own safety deserves the utmost honor, and a Police Officer of the Year Award is a worthy and deserving recognition for such an exemplary officer.

It is my honor to represent such brave and honorable members of our community, and Officer Brandon Murphy is a shining example. The true measure of an exemplary public safety officer was exhibited by Officer Murphy when he sacrificed his own wellbeing in order to prevent the further victimization of the community he serves.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the work done by Officer Brandon Murphy and thank him for the service he has provided to our community.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND SUSAN  
BURKE

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John and Susan Burke who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 6, 2016.

John and Susan were married at Saint Gregory's Church in Dorchester, MA, on August 6, 1966. Susan attended St. Gregory's High School and graduated from Boston State Teachers College. John grew up in South Boston, attended Boston Technical High School, graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and served our country in the U.S. Army for three years. Upon his return home, John worked for the Boston Edison Company and was former Congressman Joe Moakley's Administrative Assistant.

John and Susan are proud parents of their two daughters, Courtney Murray and Patricia Lombardozi and are blessed with five grandsons; Michael, Patrick and John Murray and Declan and Luke Lombardozi as well their two son-in-laws, Tim Murray and Santiago Lombardozi.

Mr. Speaker, I have known John and his brothers, Gerry, Kevin, Tim, Patrick and Brian for nearly four decades, they are a proud South Boston family. It is truly an honor and a pleasure to be able to share in this joyous occasion with a great couple and a wonderful family. I know that John and Susan are looking forward to celebrating their 50 years of marriage next month with their friends and family and I want to again congratulate them both on this wondrous occasion.

RECOGNIZING JIM SPARKS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jim Sparks, a high school teacher in Georgia's First Congressional District for 26 years.

In 1994, while in his late 30s, Mr. Sparks left a corporate position in the transportation industry to pursue a career in education.

At first, when he was hired by the Camden County school system, little did he expect that he would spend 26 years teaching and change a countless number of students' lives.

During his tenure, he has mainly taught high school U.S. history, but as Mr. Sparks says, his job was not to teach a particular class, it was to teach students.

Since Mr. Sparks has been at Camden County High School it has more than quadrupled in the number of students.

Mr. Sparks used his previous life experiences as a soldier in Vietnam and a corporate officer in the transportation industry to bring a unique dynamic to the classroom.

This school year was his last, as Mr. Sparks is retired at the end of the year.

His dedication to develop young minds is something that should inspire us all and I am thankful for his service to the youth of the First Congressional District of Georgia.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
SERVICE OF CLAUDE MILLER

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Claude Miller for his life of service, and artistic contributions to the State of Michigan and to my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

On January 16, 2016, at the age of 74 years old Claude Miller died, leaving behind his wife and children. Throughout his long life, Claude was a testament to the community champions that form the foundations of our communities. Following an honorable discharge from service in the United States Air Force, Claude eventually settled in Flint, Michigan. There he dedicated his life to service as an advocate for the city he loved. A tireless volunteer, Claude was the very embodiment of the 'Strong, Proud' spirit of Flint.

Claude had a passion for art, spending much of his remaining free time drawing, painting and taking classes at Mott Community College. There he built a reputation for his artistic abilities and passion for his craft. Following his death, the college hosted an exhibition of his art titled, "Faces, Places, and Spaces." One piece depicting President Barack Obama was featured among that collection. That piece has made the long journey to Washington, D.C. where it has been proudly displayed in my office for the last week, prior to being committed to the White House and the President.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the life of Claude Miller for his commitment to our community,

and for his artistic contributions. His life reminds us that art and service can become the cornerstones of a community and a life well lived.

VICTIMS IN CHINA, CUBA, MALAYSIA  
ILL-SERVED BY TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 launched a bold comprehensive public-private sector strategy that included sheltering, political asylum, and other protections for the victims; long jail sentences and asset confiscation for the traffickers; a myriad of preventative initiatives and tough sanctions for governments that failed to meet minimum standards prescribed in the TVPA.

As the prime sponsor of that law, which also created the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report and tier rankings, I remain deeply disappointed and concerned that both last year's TIP Report and the current one gave passing grades to several nations with horrific records of government complicity in human trafficking. Falsifying a country's human trafficking record not only undermines the credibility of the report but was especially dehumanizing to the victims who suffer rape, cruelty and horrifying exploitation.

The politically contrived passing grades for more than a dozen failing governments was exposed by a series of investigative reports by Reuters, which found that the professionals at the State Department's TIP office made one set of recommendations—only to be overruled at a higher level for political reasons.

A hearing I held last week looked closely at the newly released Trafficking in Persons Report, which assesses and ranks 188 countries each year on their records of prosecuting traffickers, protecting victims, and preventing human trafficking.

Sadly, this year's TIP Report has again failed many victims. Some of the rankings comport with the records of certain countries. Burma and Uzbekistan, for example, are designated Tier 3—as they should be. But other nations including trading partners Malaysia and China are given a free pass despite their horrific records of government complicity in human trafficking. Cuba, a dictatorship highly favored by this administration, is again falsely touted with a passing grade.

China was also allowed to keep its Tier 2 Watch List ranking, despite the fact that the reason for their upgrade two years ago was found to be a fraud.

Alexandra Harney, Jason Szep, and Matt Spetalnick of Reuters authored an expose on China's politicized ranking, finding that, "Two years after China announced it was ending the 're-education through labor' system, extrajudicial networks of detention facilities featuring torture and forced labor thrive in its place." China had deceived the U.S. in 2014, and when that became apparent last year—we let them keep their ill-gotten upgrade in 2015, and again in 2016. I chair the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and based on both sex and labor trafficking, China deserves a Tier 3 ranking—egregious violator—



as much if not more than any other nation on the list.

Malaysia, whose ranking was upgraded to the Tier 2 Watch List last year on the flimsiest of justifications and fears it would be disqualified from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, was allowed to maintain its Tier 2 Watch List ranking—despite the fact that Malaysia faltered in its anti-trafficking progress over the last year. In fact, Malaysia, a country with 4 million migrant workers, prosecuted fewer trafficking cases and convicted only 7 traffickers last year—that's less than when it was a Tier 3 country.

Meanwhile, women from Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Nepal are trafficked to China for forced marriages or sexual exploitation. North Korean laborers worked under conditions described by experts as forced or slave labor to earn income for the North Korean government. Prisoners of conscience and other prisoners continue to be held in administration detention facilities where there are numerous credible reports of prisoners being trafficked for the purpose of organ harvesting.

The State Department must get the TIP Report right, or we will lose the foundational tool created to help the more than 20 million victims of trafficking enslaved around the world today.

A tier ranking is about protecting vulnerable lives—lives destroyed or saved by the on-the-ground impact of a government's inaction or action.

The easiest cases for a Tier 3 ranking should be those where the government itself is profiting from human trafficking, such as in Cuba, where thousands of Cuban medical professionals labor in dangerous countries not of their choosing, their passports taken, their movements restricted, their families and licenses threatened—and their salaries heavily garnished—by the Cuban government. It is not a coincidence that Cuban law does not recognize labor trafficking.

Maria Werlau testified at our hearing in March that, “. . . trafficking is a huge operation run by the government through numerous state enterprises with . . . accomplices, participants, sponsors, and promoters all over the world.” Cuba is also a known destination for child sex tourists, and Cuba reports no convictions for child sex tourism.

Yet, Cuba is ranked Tier 2 Watch List.

We've seen many countries take a Tier 3 ranking seriously and make real, systemic changes that improved their tier rankings, but more importantly, protected trafficking victims—countries such as South Korea and Israel.

When the Bush administration branded South Korea and Israel Tier 3 based on their records, both countries enacted and implemented policies to combat human trafficking and were given earned upgrades for their verifiable actions. But other countries attempt to end-run the accountability system with endless, empty promises of action or mostly meaningless gestures of compliance.

China sat on the Tier 2 Watch List for eight years, each year promising the State Department they would implement their anti-trafficking plan. Each year, the State Department took the bait until Congress put a limit on the Tier 2 Watch List—two years only, unless the President gives the country a waiver. Well, China has once again promised to implement

a plan—and the President just gave them a waiver to stay on the Watch List a third year.

Tier rankings are about real prosecutions, real prevention, and real protection—for real people who are suffering as slaves. The TIP Report was meant to speak for the trafficking victims waiting, hoping, and praying for relief.

While the 2016 TIP Report speaks for many of them, too many are still unheard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION ON CONCURRING IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO S. 764

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not present for the vote on concurring in the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to S. 764, dealing with labeling requirements for genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Had I been here, I would have supported this legislation as a step forward in improving consumers' right to know more about the products they consume.

I appreciate that many of my constituents, like many across the country, have expressed a desire to know whether the food they purchase and consume contains GMO ingredients. However, the status quo does not work for consumers, for manufacturers, or for our country.

Today, if a consumer wants to know more about where the ingredients in their food come from, it is far from an easy process. Some manufacturers choose to print it on the packaging, others don't. Some define a genetically modified ingredient one way, others another.

There's not much more clarity right now for food manufacturers. Depending on the state or even city, they may face different requirements about what foods to label, what ingredients need to be labeled, or how the label should look. Many companies have started taking steps to provide more information, but the lack of a consistent standard makes it difficult for consumers to access this information in an easy way.

The bill that came before the House is not perfect, but I believe it moves us in the right direction. It creates a national standard, instead of a patchwork of state and local laws. And under this standard, it will be mandatory, not voluntary, for manufacturers to disclose whether a product has genetically-modified ingredients, which will now be clearly defined.

The measure includes some flexibility for manufacturers to determine for their products what format makes the most sense for this disclosure, but I am pleased that there are clear requirements in place that this disclosure must meet. There is certainly more that can be done to build awareness about what to look for on packaging and how the information can be used, and so I believe this bill can be the first step in a process of education and information-sharing that will help consumers. I also believe the use of electronic scannable codes holds a lot of promise, particularly as manufacturers come together to standardize the codes and information that is provided. I strongly feel that this information should remain easily accessible to the consumer, so

that once a code is scanned, there is a direct link to information such as GMO disclosure, ingredients, and nutrition facts. I am heartened that many manufacturers have begun recognizing the need to make this information clearly available, and I look forward to continued progress in this area.

Overall, I believe that the legislation considered by the House is a needed step forward from the situation we have today, and a significant improvement from previous legislation that did not require the kind of labeling that consumers have asked for. I support this version of the legislation, and I look forward to continuing to work to strengthen our food safety, nutrition, and anti-hunger laws and programs so that all consumers are able to access healthy, affordable food for themselves and their families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 467 (H.R. 5631), which took place Thursday July 14, 2016; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE. I firmly stand with my colleagues in the House in support of the Iran Accountability Act of 2016.

RECOGNIZING WARE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ware County High School Robotics Team for winning the world championship at the 2016 Vex World Robotics Championship in Louisville, Kentucky.

The students of Ware County High submitted two robots into the tournament—2015C, known as C-Bot, and 2015A, known as A-Bot.

Both robots performed extremely well in Louisville, in the qualifying rounds. C-Bot won 4th place in programming skills while A-Bot finished with a high ranking in technology skills. Each robot finished in the top 50 within their divisions.

Because of its performance in the qualifying rounds, the C-Bot was chosen to be part of a small team to compete for the world title where it was allied with robots from Connecticut.

This alliance won the final competition for the world championship.

The world title is an impressive achievement as 500 teams from North and South America, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East competed for the prestigious honor.

I rise today to congratulate the Ware County High students on their hard work and achievement as they bring world-wide recognition to their school and the First Congressional District of Georgia.



THE CASTRO REGIME'S ONGOING  
VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it has been one year and eight months since President Obama announced a major change in our country's policy towards Cuba.

It has been eleven months since Secretary Kerry visited Havana and reopened our embassy.

And it has been nearly four months since our President visited Cuba.

Clearly, a lot has changed in just over a year and a half.

But for the people of Cuba, what has changed?

At a hearing I convened last week, we examined the sorry state of civil and political rights in the Castro brothers' Cuba, and how, despite all the promises by this administration that an opening to Cuba will lead to a greater opening domestically for the Cuban people we still see political repression—including, it must be noted, repression directed at the Afro-Cuban population.

This is not the first time this subcommittee has expressed concern about the lack of openness to democracy and dissent in Cuba. In fact, one of our witnesses, the courageous Dr. Oscar Biscet, offered dramatic testimony before this subcommittee in February of 2012, when he testified via telephone from the U.S. Interests Section in Havana after evading the Cuban police to get there.

Likewise, on February 5, 2015 we held a hearing entitled "Human Rights in Cuba: An opportunity squandered," wherein we asked whether the Obama administration had used the considerable leverage that it wields to seek to better the condition of the Cuban people, or whether it was squandering the opportunity.

Since then, our fear that the administration has not been pushing sufficiently for the release of political prisoners and other human rights concerns has only grown, with the focus on Obama's "legacy" instead of the Cuban people.

For example, when President Obama made his visit to Cuba, he and Raul Castro appeared in a photo op press conference. CNN's Jim Acosta, much to his credit, asked the hard question about Cuba's political prisoners.

Raul Castro, much to his discredit, denied that there were ANY political prisoners in Cuba. "Give me a list of the political prisoners and I will release them immediately," Castro taunted. "Just mention the list."

And President Obama just stood there.

Well, Mr. President, I have a list, of more than fifty political prisoners compiled by my good friend and colleague ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

This is a list that President Obama should have had in breast pocket, ready to pull out when Raul Castro dared him to call his bluff.

When I came to Congress in 1981, with Ronald Reagan, in the days of the old Soviet Union, one of the first issues I worked on was the plight of Soviet Jews and refuseniks who were either imprisoned or not allowed to leave the Soviet Union. I recall George Shultz, when

he was Secretary of State, saying that whenever he met with his Soviet counterpart, and from him down to the lowest State Department officer, he would bring with him a list of imprisoned dissidents and human rights advocates. Front and center of any discussion, whether about nuclear arms or tensions in the Middle East, Secretary Shultz would bring up dissidents, naming them by name. It was this constant focus on human rights that helped move the Soviet government to allow Jews and others to leave the Soviet Union, people such as the great Natan Sharansky.

And I have another list of names, that of six members of the Cuban National Front of Civic Resistance who have applied for visas to come to the United States but for some reason, inexplicably, our State Department has refused to allow to visit the United States. These are:

Orlando Gómez Echavarría  
Jose Alberto Alvarez Bravo  
Yaíte Diasnell Cruz Sosa  
Yoel Bravo López  
Lázaro Ricardo Fiallo López  
Ciro Aleixis Casanova Pérez

I call upon Secretary Kerry to allow these brave people entry to the United States, so that they can meet with me and my colleagues and enlighten us further as to the current state of affairs in Cuba.

Finally, I note that the administration has failed to secure the release of fugitives from justice such as Joanne Chesimard, who is on the FBI's Most Wanted Terrorist list, convicted of killing New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster. The administration must insist upon the unconditional return of Chesimard and all other fugitives from justice, as well as demand that the Castro regime respect the civil and political rights of the Cuban people, before making any further concessions.

And to underscore the point, unconditional means unconditional—there should be no "swap" whereby we exchange convicted Cuban spies Ana Montes or Kendall Meyers for these fugitives as a concession to the Castro regime. The effect of that would be to trade Americans who have committed crimes in the United States for other Americans who have committed crimes in the United States, demoralizing our intelligence community further in the process.

With that, I want to turn to our witnesses, noting as I do that last week, on July 13, it was the anniversary of the tugboat massacre of 1994, when 37 victims, including 11 children, were killed by the regime. How little has changed for the Cuban people.

POEM BY ALBERT CAREY  
CASWELL IN HONOR OF ARNOLD  
SCHWARZENEGGER

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following poem written by Albert Carey Caswell in honor of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's upcoming 69th birthday.

69 REPS TO BE THE BEST

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

69 reps to be the best  
Do we lead or do we rest?

Do we build on our success?  
Do we fall or do we crest?  
Do we follow or do we lead?  
To give our world what she so needs  
Do we live large not narrow?  
Do we work out and do it now oh?  
Do we crush it,  
To find victory as such it  
Only by living the golden rule,  
Will we so shine like a jewel  
Pumping up our world so full  
Telling fear see you later  
Why you could even be the governor  
Scheduling doubt for termination  
Eraser  
Telling it to "get out"  
Don't be afraid to fail  
That's the only way victory to nail  
To make dynamic gains  
You must feel the burn, the pain  
And what will we create,  
With each new rep that we so take  
For the greatness we so yearn  
69 reps to be the best  
You must give your heart and soul  
To turn your dreams into gold  
By stretching ourselves beyond belief,  
For victory to achieve  
As your dreams you seek  
Saying "hasta la vista baby" to living meek  
Leaving dynamic gains all in your wake  
As quaddzilla steps you take  
All in what our heart's create  
Don't be a girly man  
Like a commando take a stand  
69 reps to be the best  
And what is the true measure of a man?  
Who before us now so stands  
For life is so very short  
So then what is it that we all hope to sport?  
All in the days of our lives report  
And who do we lift up?  
When in tough times never giving up?  
To make our lives so buff  
All in our reps of life's as such  
Do we dare to push the envelope?  
To make dynamic gains all in our approach  
All in what our heart's invoke  
For we only have so many rep's to our world  
bless  
To be the best  
We must be bold,  
We must be strong  
We must work hard all day and night long  
If we wish to write our life's song  
And as the years progress some of us shall  
not grow old  
Men like arnold never do so  
Whose heart's never run cold  
With his heart of a child so yo  
Who see's the good in all he beholds  
Whose smile to all heart's call so  
Who never stop's believing as new dreams he  
conceiving  
For he knows not the word defeat even  
And failure is not an option conceiving  
All in his austrian-american heart which is  
beating  
Is a heart of a child who against all odds is  
competing  
As he let's his dreams run wild  
With his greatest of all smiles and cham-  
pionship style  
If you want to get to the mountain top?  
There's only one way, straight up  
69 rep's, but there's a lot more left  
In this american hero to flex  
Maybe, sixty-nine more?  
"work out, do it now" "crush it" "get in the  
chopper"  
69 rep's to be the best.

RECOGNIZING BEN SLADE

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ben Slade and all of his accomplishments as Executive Director of the St. Simons Land Trust.

Over the last 11 years, the St. Simons Land Trust has worked to preserve land on St. Simons Island, Georgia, which is home to 12,000 residents as well as many marshes, creeks, rivers, and fish.

The Land Trust works with willing property owners to preserve the beautiful land of this region and its significance to Georgia's natural habitat.

Mr. Slade has worked with the St. Simons Land Trust since its inception, leading the company from a small group to an organization that now includes 1,250 member households and 776 acres of land. During his time with the organization, Mr. Slade's numerous accomplishments have been critical to the environmental success of the island.

One of his most important accomplishments was his leadership in the purchase of the 604 acre Cannon's Point area on St. Simons—the last intact maritime forest on the island.

Later this year, Mr. Slade will retire as the Executive Director of the St. Simons Land Trust. I rise today to recognize his effort and accomplishments in bettering the island of St. Simons and wish him the best with his future endeavors.

**HOPE DEFERRED: SECURING ENFORCEMENT OF THE GOLDMAN ACT TO RETURN ABDUCTED AMERICAN CHILDREN**

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank everyone, especially all of the left-behind parents, who attended a hearing I convened last week to discuss what the U.S. Department of State's second annual report under the Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act tells us about the Department's implementation of the Goldman Act thus far.

On a positive note, the numbers of new abductions from the United States in 2015 re-

mained below their pre-Goldman Act mark, probably due to increased abduction prevention.

According to the report, 600 more children were abducted to other countries last year, quickly replacing the 299 children, abducted in various years, who were returned. Overall, approximately 1,000 children remain in a foreign country, separated from their American parent.

As many of you have experienced, international parental child abduction rips children from their homes and whisks them away to a foreign land, alienating them from the love and care of the parent and family left behind.

Child abduction is child abuse, and it continues to plague families across the United States.

For decades, the State Department has used "quiet diplomacy" to attempt to bring these children home. In a hearing I held on this issue back in 2009, then-Assistant Secretary of State Bernie Aronson called quiet diplomacy "a sophisticated form of begging." Thousands of American families still ruptured and grieving from years of unresolved abductions confirm that quiet diplomacy is gravely inadequate.

In 2014, Congress unanimously passed the Goldman Act to give teeth to requests for return and access. The actions against non-cooperating governments required by the law escalate in severity, and range from official protests through diplomatic channels to the suspension of development, security, or other foreign assistance. Extradition of abducting parents also may be the case.

The Goldman Act is a law calculated to get results, as we did in the return of Sean Goldman from Brazil in 2008.

This year's report, as required by the Goldman Act, singles out 19 countries in total, including India, Brazil, Japan, and Tunisia for failures to work with the United States in the return of abducted American children.

For instance, the report notes 83 abductions to India still open at the end of the year—with 25 of those being new in 2015. Only one was closed with a court-ordered return to the United States. These numbers will continue to climb each year until India creates a mechanism for resolution. Right now India is a magnet for abductions because taking parents are almost guaranteed to get away with their crime.

Brazil had 17 abduction cases open at the end of 2015 with a 27 percent resolution rate. Brazil has been a Convention partner with the United States since 2003, and yet consistently fails to comply with the Convention. Devon Davenport, who has testified before this Subcommittee, has won every one of his 24 ap-

peals in Brazil's Courts over the last 7 years—and yet he still cannot get his daughter Nadia home.

If there was ever a textbook case for sanctions, Brazil is it—they have met the legal threshold 10 times over.

The Report lists Japan as a "country that has failed to comply with one or more of its Hague Convention obligations", specifically "in the area of enforcement of return orders." Multiple parents have won pyrrhic victories in court, only to discover Japan has what the report calls "systemic flaws" with enforcement.

What remains inexplicable is why Japan was kept off the list of non-compliant countries for a second year in a row when even the State Department condemned them for "systemic flaws" in their ability to enforce court orders to return U.S. children. Failure to enforce return orders is an automatic trigger for landing on the non-compliant list.

One parent had to go outside the Convention framework to achieve enforcement in an extraordinary case resolved after the reporting period.

The report should have also counted against Japan the 40 pre-Convention abduction cases it mentions as still pending—most of them for more than 5 years.

Countries should be listed as worst offenders if they have high numbers of cases—30 percent or more—that have been pending more than a year. Countries also may be so listed if their law enforcement, judiciary, or central authority for abduction regularly fails in their duties under The Hague Convention or other controlling agreement; or if the country simply fails to work with the U.S. to resolve cases.

Accurate reporting, including inclusion on the worst offenders list, is critical to family court judges across the country and parents considering their child's travel to a foreign country where abduction or access problems are a risk.

However, reporting is just step one. Once these countries are properly classified, the Secretary of State then determines which of the aforementioned actions the U.S. will apply to the country in order to encourage the timely resolution of cases.

Such actions could bring an end to the nightmare of the Elias family, whose children, Jade and Michael, have been missing in Japan for 8 years.

Such actions could end the nightmares of any of the parents who shared their stories at last week's hearing.

Monday, July 18, 2016

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 1 p.m., on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 5913–5919; were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5023**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on July 15, 2016 as follows:

H.R. 5912, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–693).

A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5063, to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–694). **Page H5022**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5019**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Retired Chaplain, United States Navy, Washington, DC. **Page H5019**

**Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Members to the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico: Representatives Velazquez and Pierluisi. **Page H5019**

**Clerk Designation:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy

Clerk, and Mr. Robert Borden, Legal Counsel, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H5020**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages 5019–20.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 817, S. 818, S. Con. Res. 50, S. 1443, and S. 1935 were held at the desk. S. 3282 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 2854 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. 2614 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Education and the Workforce. S. 3283 was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs. S. 3028 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. Con. Res. 41 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. S. Con. Res. 46 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H5020**

**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 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
JULY 19, 2016

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1 p.m., Tuesday, July 19

## Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a Pro Forma session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

Thursday, July 21, 2016

## House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in a Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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