EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ALLAN WERBOW

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary legacy of Allan Werbow, who is retiring from his position as Executive Director of Temple Beth Tzedek of Amherst, New York, and one of its predecessors, Temple Shaarey Zedek, known as the ''congregation.'' after dedicating over 27 years of service to the synagogue.

A constant presence through the educational programs and activities taking place at the synagogue, Allan has built a reputation as the face of Temple Beth Tzedek.

In addition to his work with the synagogue's programming, Allan ensured its physical structure was kept in peak condition, presenting a positive face for all who used its resources. As Executive Director, Allan kept the congregation operating efficiently for 27 years.

Allan has been a member of Temple Beth Tzedek and its predecessors for more than 45 years. Prior to his duties as Executive Director, he was an active volunteer, committee member and chair, and officer. In recognition of his extraordinary service, Allan has been named Executive Director Emeritus of Temple Beth Tzedek.

Allan's love for his congregation is equaled only by his love of his family. Allan and his wife Myra have raised three sons, Ellis, Michael, and John and have four grandchildren as well as two step grandchildren and have fostered many children over the past 40 years. They are both exemplary members of their community and their service is worthy of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the incredible legacy of Allan Werbow. I am inspired by his boundless capacity for love and devotion to his family and Temple Beth Tzedek. I wish him, his family, and his congregation the best in all their future endeavors.

AURORA SHOOTING ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, it has now been a year since our Colorado community was shaken by an inexplicable and horrific act of violence that left 12 innocent men, women and children dead, and 70 injured. 365 days where the families, friends and loved ones of those lost have been robbed of their laughter, their triumphs, their struggles, and the million little things that made those 12 people unique. I know I join with all my colleagues in the delegation in saying, on behalf of the citizens of Colorado, we continue to express our deepest thanks for the outpouring of support our community has received from across the nation, since the horrible events at that Aurora theater. All of us in the Denver area still remember where we were when we heard the news, and the immediate fearful and heartbreaking connections we made.

Who did we know in the theater? Whose child or wife or husband or brother wasn't coming home because of the senseless acts of one disturbed and heavily armed young man? My 18-year-old daughter had a friend in the theater just next door; and a friend of our family lost her nephew in the tragedy. Three of the deceased gunned down—including little six-year-old Veronica Moser—lived in my district and were part of the community I have the privilege of representing.

Today we remember the victims of the Aurora theater massacre—the lives they would have and could have led, had they not been gunned down while innocently watching a movie on a Thursday night. We pay tribute to their lives and remind their families and loved ones that they are still in our hearts, our thoughts and prayers; and they will not be forgotten.

But we also owe it to them to stand up and make sure they did not die in vain. Since I've been in Congress, we've had 26 moments of silence on the Floor of the House for victims of gun violence. Let me say that again—26 moments of silence, including one on July 24, 2012 for the Aurora victims, and of course, the moment last December for all the little children killed in Newtown.

Surely we can come together in the name of the victims of Aurora; and Newtown; and Columbine; and Virginia Tech; and Fort Hood . . . and all the others . . . and say once and for all, enough is enough.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes:

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Chair, education is the most important tool we have to encourage economic development. This is true for our country and it is especially true for my district, the Northern Mariana Islands.

If we give our young people a fine education, they will use that education to improve their communities—both economically and by being responsible citizens.

That's why I want to make sure that students in the Northern Mariana Islands get the same support from our federal government that students in every other part of America receive.

Unfortunately, the current Elementary and Secondary Education Act does not provide parity in federal support for my students.

Title I–A, specifically, by setting aside just one percent of total funding to be shared by the Bureau of Indian Education and the ''outlying areas'' of American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands effectively short-changes the students I represent.

Just as Title I students everywhere in America, my students come from families that do not have a lot of money for books and basic supplies and educational experiences. That's why Title I exists: to help make up the difference for students unlucky enough to be born to parents who don't have much money.

But the one percent set-aside in current law—of which only about one-quarter goes to the outlying areas—is not making up that difference.

For that reason, I support the Democratic alternative to H.R. 5.

The Democratic alternative, Mr. MILLER's substitute amendment, acknowledges that a disparity exists. And it offers a solution.

The amendment would reserve one-half of one percent for the outlying areas, exclusively, effectively doubling the current set-aside. Northern Marianas students will still not be getting the same level of federal assistance they would if they lived in a State. Nevertheless, this would be a significant improvement.

To ensure that this increase for the outlying areas will not mean a decrease for States, the enhanced set-aside funding is only triggered when, and if, there is an overall increase in Title I funding.

So, this is only a partial solution and is contingent upon a set of circumstances that at the moment seems unlikely to happen.

But the Democratic alternative does recognize that we have to do something to get us closer to the ideal of equal opportunity for all of our students. For that reason I support the proposal and I thank Mr. MILLER for making it part of his Democratic alternative.

I urge my colleagues to support the substitute amendment.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHARLOTTE CONABLE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Mrs. Charlotte Williams Conable, who passed away on July 19, 2013, at the age of 83.

A Buffalo native, Charlotte Conable helped to bring women's issues to importance all over the world. She was strongly supported in her efforts by her late husband, Honorable Barber

B. Conable, Jr., who became World Bank president after serving his community and our country with distinction as a Member of Congress for twenty years.

With his wife's help, Barber Conable made population control and safe motherhood, especially in Africa, a focus in World Bank plans and by 1991, 40% of the billions of dollars that was approved went to issues dealing with women's health and advancement. Also, a World Bank policy statement was influenced by her work, which states, ''Countries that create better opportunities and conditions for women and girls can raise productivity, improve outcomes for children and advance development prospects for all.''

Mrs. Conable was not only the author of ''Women at Cornell: The Myth of Equal Education'' but was a board member of the Women's Hall to Fame, Seneca Falls; a White House Conference on Aging; a trustee of Cornell University; was named a Woman of Distinction by the State Senate; and participated in United Nations International Women's Conferences in Denmark, Kenya and Houston.

The devotion that Mrs. Conable showed with her work on women's health and advancement was equaled by her love and devotion to her family as well. She is survived by her three daughters, Jane Schmieder, Anne, and Emily; and her son, Sam.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and Members of the House to express our deepest condolences to the family of the late Charlotte Conable, and join with me in recognizing the many good works of service she performed and the lives that she changed during her long and full life.

SENIORS' RESOURCE CENTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Seniors' Resource Center (SRC) in Jefferson County, Colorado.

For three and a half decades, the Seniors' Resource Center spirit committed itself to the vibrancy of metro Denver by helping thousands of families realize many more years of quality life together at home in their communities. The agency's mission is simple. It provides a constellation of services to our older population, allowing them to remain in their own homes independently and with dignity.

SRC is consistently recognized for its leadership in providing unparalleled service to the elderly in our communities. Leading Age, an association of not-for-profit organizations dedicated to making America a better place to grow old, awarded SRC its National Outstanding Advocacy Award in 2011. Known for its innovative model of coordinated care, SRC offers adult day and respite services, transportation, volunteer services, in-home care and care management services. SRC is committed to refer any and all callers to the best possible place for care whether it is SRC or not.

The agency is fortunate to be led by President/CEO John Zabawa, who has navigated the agency for 32 years. I salute John, his staff, the Board of Directors and the many volunteers who make the center what it is today.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the problems created by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

We are trying to balance the needs of hungry children against fighting childhood obesity in America. Kids are not getting enough to eat when they also participate in athletic programs and physical education classes.

I am concerned that the food only requirements of this program are creating excessive waste and have put a financial burden on already cash strapped schools across the country. Many kids are rejecting these new menus and throwing their food away and going home hungry.

While we need to look at the nutritional content of school lunches, we must also not forget the importance of physical education classes.

Illinois is currently the only State that requires students in kindergarten through high school to have PE every day. A combination of good nutrition and exercise is essential to the health of our children.

That is why I would like to take this time to recognize and wish my children's junior high teacher Joe Champley a Happy Birthday. Joe is my friend and has been a long time PE teacher in my home town at Taylorville Jr. High School. Happy Birthday Mr. Joe!

HONORING HAL D. PAYNE AT THE INAUGURAL PRESENTATION OF THE HAL D. PAYNE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hal D. Payne at the inaugural presentation of the award named in his honor, the Hal D. Payne Educational Opportunity Lifetime Service Award by the Upward Bound Program of Buffalo State College.

Mr. Payne is a true leader in the field of education. His professional expertise ranges from a thorough understanding of policy formation to its practical implementation. As Chief of Staff to U.S. Representative Louis Stokes of Ohio, and as senior associate for the Council for Opportunity in Education, Mr. Payne has directly affected the shape of our country's education policy.

At Oberlin College, a prestigious liberal arts institution, Mr. Payne spent many years navigating the effects of our country's education policy as dean of developmental services, and as acting dean, associate dean, and assistant dean of students. Mr. Payne also spent time at Case Western Reserve University as director of academic support services.

Mr. Payne has completed the Millennium Leadership Institute of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. Mr. Payne was appointed to the New York State Council on the Arts, and serves on the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority Board.

Mr. Payne is a dutiful son to mother Frankie R. Payne, a loving father of Angela Payne and Bryan Khari Wood Payne Sr., as well as a caring grandfather to Lauren, Bryan Khari Wood Jr., and Dean Payne.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor Hal D. Payne, a pioneer in the field of education. I truly cannot think of any person more deserving of this honor. I am grateful for his dedication and tireless work to advance such a noble cause.

AUTHORITY FOR MANDATE DELAY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize that this is the first time Republicans have embraced that the Affordable Health Care Act is law and supported its implementation starting in 2014. By offering and supporting H.R. 2667, House Republicans are finally voting for the health care law mandates to be implemented a year from now.

For too long, Congress has been brought to a level of inaction that is unprecedented. The gridlock has frustrated me as well as the hard working men, women, small business owners and middle class families in my district in Michigan.

Instead of working toward solutions and fixing a broken health care system, House Republicans wasted time and resources voting 37 votes to repeal The Affordable Care Act wholesale. Without the health care law, families would continue to fear illness because getting sick could mean bankruptcy. Michigan's middle class can't afford to continue without changes to our health care system, and the Affordable Care Act goes a long way to solve these problems.

Today, every Republican who casts a vote to delay the employer and individual mandates is voting to get the implementation of the Affordable Care Act right and implement the law in full starting in December 2014.

The President has already granted businesses one more year to implement the health care law. Without offering Michigan families the same temporary, one-year extension without penalty, businesses lose the incentive to offer coverage one year from now because their employees have already purchased insurance in the interim. These mandates work best in tandem as they will in the coming years.

I look forward to working with Democrats and Republicans to improve the transition to more affordable health care coverage for Michigan families and businesses when the law is fully implemented.

The Affordable Care Act will help lower health care costs for women, ensure coverage for children with pre-existing conditions, and curb the overall cost of health care.

That is why I voted for the Affordable Care Act, and that's why I am voting today to get this law implemented fairly and in a way that

supports businesses and middle class families.

SMALL AIRPLANE REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, I submit this letter of support from the International Association of Machinists on H.R. 1848, the Small Aircraft Revitalization Act.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS,
Upper Marlboro, MD, July 16, 2013.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: As the largest union in the general aviation industry, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) strongly supports the Small Airplane Revitalization Act of 2013, H.R. 1848. This bipartisan legislation will provide much needed support to an often over looked, but important sector of the U.S. aerospace industry.

After an extensive review of the current regulatory structure that garnered input from government and industry experts, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Rulemaking Committee developed the recommendations that form the basis for H.R. 1848. Under this legislation, the FAA will modernize the regulatory structure for small, certified aircraft—commonly referred to as Part 23 Aircraft by the end of 2015. Modernizing the existing cumbersome regulatory structure and process will have the beneficial effect of improving safety while stimulating much needed investment.

I urge your support of this important legislation. It will make general aviation safer and help grow an industry that has been a source of good paying American jobs.

If you have any questions, please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon.

Sincerely,

R. THOMAS BUFFENBARGER,
International President.

HOPE FOR THE CITY

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the hard work of a great foundation from Minnesota, Hope for the City. Hope for the City has contributed over $550 million worth of excess corporate resources to benefit organizations locally in Minnesota and internationally. Their contributions include over 5 million pounds of food a year, as well as medical equipment, toiletries, clothing, sporting goods and toys.

I was able to tour and volunteer at the Hope for the City recently. This facility provides assets to battle childhood hunger and poor living conditions while instilling an insightful perspective of who their organization aims to help and how they intend to accomplish it.

The ambition shown by this group is an uplifting approach to fighting poverty around the world. The impact of Hope for the City's success is certainly appreciated in Minnesota, but also all over the globe.

Thanks to Hope for the City and its great staff and volunteers for your steadfast service to those in need.

RECOGNIZING A GROUP OF PATRIOTIC REPUBLICAN WOMEN, THE TRACY REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a group of patriotic Republican women who, 60 years ago, established the Tracy Republican Women, Federated, for the benefit of like-minded women, to educate and inform themselves and others. It is an honor to congratulate them on their 60th Anniversary.

Over the years, club members have contributed countless hours volunteering for candidates who support the principles and core values of the Republican Party. The group has registered hundreds of new voters and reached out to educate the community on the Republican Party's beliefs.

In addition to being club members, many of the women have also served in the community as members of the board of California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), as well as the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors, San Joaquin Board of Education, City Council, Tracy School District, and Republican Central Committee. They have also participated in activities such as Relay for Life, sponsoring needy families at Christmas time, and supporting our troops both financially and by sending care packages have been personally created by the Tracy Republican Women, Federated.

Tracy Republican Women, Federated has looked to the future by providing scholarships for young Republican women to help them continue to fight for the freedom that is so dear to us all and pursue their educational endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating with the Tracy Republican Women, Federated and the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead in their efforts to fulfill their vision for the future. Congratulations on their work the past 60 years. I wish them every success in their continued endeavors in support of our nation, its freedom, and its history.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE/25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our nation's Korean war veterans with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Buffalo's Korean war Memorial and the 60th anniversary of the Korean war armistice. Dedicated to the service of those soldiers who were killed in action, the memorial honors the courageous sacrifices and immense contributions by Korean war troops while defending our nation.

July 27, 2013, marks the 60th anniversary of the date on which the Armistice was signed, signaling the close of tensions on the Korean peninsula though technically the war is still ongoing. No peace treaty was signed, and still today there are troops stationed along the demilitarized zone, where shots are occasionally fired, demonstrating soldiers are still risking their lives for freedom in Korea.

The Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park contains several war memorials, including one honoring the Korean war. This memorial contains two parts: the focal point is a granite relief structure with two soldiers adorned in combat gear on patrol in a field with the word "Korea" underneath. The memorial has an inscription on the back which includes the members of the Korean war Memorial Committee, and the names of the landscape architect, artist, and contractor. The sides of the satellite pedestal list those soldiers killed in action. The top of the pedestal is engraved with military emblems. The inscription on the embedded time capsule states: "Korean war Memorial Time Capsule—Open April 28, 2090."

This war has often been nicknamed the "Forgotten War," because no GI Bill existed for these troops, there were no homecoming celebrations, there was no notable surrender or end-date: the war concluded with long drawn out negotiations and the American public lost interest.

This memorial honors these soldiers who toiled abroad, just like soldiers in every other war. President Obama will even speak in Washington this Saturday, on the anniversary itself, at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, the first time an American president is attending an official ceremony for the Armistice.

On July 27, 1953, the Armistice Agreement was signed to halt the three-year conflict between South Korea, assisted by U.S.-led U.N. troops, and the invading North, supported by the Chinese military. According to the U.S. government, 36,573 American troops were killed, with 103,284 others wounded. The three years of war did halt the sweep of communism, guaranteed South Korean independence and freedom to an entire generation, and due to U.S. assistance, help South Korea grow to become the 10th greatest economy in the world.

It is with great pride that today I recognize the service of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers in the Korean war with the celebration of this memorial. Their service to our area and the nation as a whole is moving, and I am proud that Western New Yorkers have had and will continue to have a place to reflect on their legacy.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was $10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is $16,738,158,460,368.61. We've added $6,111,281,411,455.53 to our debt in 4

and a half years. This is $6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE A CREDIT AGAINST TAX FOR HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGATION EXPENDITURES.

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Hurricane and Tornado Mitigation Investment Act of 2013. This legislation seeks to encourage individuals and businesses to take proactive preparedness measures to protect their property from potential storm damage. Recent tornado outbreaks across the country this spring, and the impending start of the Atlantic hurricane season, remind us that weather-related emergencies and disasters are ever-present. The bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow individual and business taxpayers a tax credit for a portion of their qualified hurricane and tornado mitigation property expenditures for any taxable year. They would be eligible when they take steps to improve the strength of a roof deck attachment; create a secondary water barrier; improve the durability of a roof covering; brace gable-end walls; reinforce the connections between a roof and supporting wall; protect against windborne debris; or protect exterior doors and garages. In short, this legislation will help communities mitigate against future weather related hazards. Taking mitigation steps now can make a huge difference. In many cases, it may help to reduce loss of life and property damage, while saving money and reducing insurance rates in the long run. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation through Congress.

TEAM KRAMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Colorado State Junior Curling Champion team of Preston Kramer, Nathan Parry, Spencer Culbertson and Alec Celecki, who were coached by Matt Culbertson and Pam Finch.

These four young men competed as Team Kramer in the 2013 USA Junior National Curling Championships January 26–February 2, 2013, at Broomstones Curling Club in Wayland, Massachusetts. These young men won the Colorado State Championships and Regional Championships held in Oregon.

At the National Championships, Team Kramer competed against 9 other teams. Although the team did not win the tournament and a berth in the World Championships in Sochi, Russia, they were awarded the Curtis Cup, given to the team who exhibited sportsmanship, and the true spirit of the game of curling.

I commend these young men for their success on the curling sheet, and for their example of true sportsmanship. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all their future endeavors.

HONORING DR. ARNOLD L. MITCHEM AS HE RECEIVES THE INAUGURAL HAL D. PAYNE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor to Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem, the inaugural recipient of the Hal D. Payne Educational Opportunity Lifetime Service Award by the Upward Bound Program of Buffalo State College.

Dr. Mitchem is recognized for his service as president of the Council for Opportunity in Education since 1986. This noble organization's mission is to advance and defend the ideal of equal educational opportunity in post-secondary education. The COE is a remarkably far-reaching program, serving close to 800,000 students annually by providing professional development and advocacy for nearly 2,800 federally funded college opportunity programs at more than 1,000 colleges nationwide.

Dr. Mitchem has dedicated his career to striving for equality and diversity in education. As a trustee for the College Board, a member of INROADS, Inc's first National Board, and as a past president of the Committee for Education Funding, he has greatly impacted the national discourse about inequality and education. He is the founding president of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, a consortium dedicated to leveling the playing field for those least likely to enroll in college, including low-income, disabled, and first generation students.

A recipient of honorary doctorates from ten universities, Dr. Mitchem has been recognized across the country for his tireless efforts and passion. Additional awards and recognitions include the Arturo Schomburg Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Equality and Excellence in Education, Inc., and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

In addition to his professional accolades, Dr. Mitchem and his lovely wife Freda have raised four children together: Michael, Thea, Nichelle, and Adrienne.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor Dr. Arnold Mitchem as a true champion for equality in education and congratulate him as he receives the inaugural Hal D. Payne Educational Opportunity Lifetime Service Award. I am sincerely grateful for his service and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EU'S DESIGNATION OF HEZBOLLAH AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, today, the European Union (EU) demonstrated its commitment to global security as the 28 EU member states spoke as one voice to condemn Hezbollah's deadly attack in Burgas, Bulgaria last year, and for plotting a similar attack in Cyprus.

As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, I feel that it is difficult to determine where Hezbollah's civilian wing ends and militant one begins, but the EU's decision to designate the military wing of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization is a welcomed step. This designation will send a clear message to the international community that freedom–espousing democracies will not stand idly by in the face of coercive tactics and aggression by Hezbollah's leaders, militants, and their foreign financers.

I am confident that following today's decision, more governments will follow suit and see Hezbollah for what it truly is– a terrorist organization devoted to violence against innocent people both within and beyond Lebanon's borders.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes:

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Chair, education is our greatest investment in our future. As with any long term investment, the real rewards of the investment are often not seen until decades later. Investment takes patience and foresight and a thoughtful approach.

Studies show that U.S. businesses are in need of workers that are collaborative and creative critical thinkers. We must build an educational system that supports the development of this workforce. To achieve this, we in Congress must reflect these values by working collaboratively and tapping the full complement of creative minds in this House. Our work product can only be as good as we are.

I ask that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle work with us to develop the kind of educational system that will provide the opportunity for every child to meet their potential and become assets to our country.

Let's begin by finding our common ground. We all can agree that our current accountability system goes too far and too often acts as the enemy of creativity. Our challenge is to develop policy that supports inspired learning environments while also accounting for ELL

students, students at risk, and special needs students. I believe we can find that balance.

We can agree that an educated workforce is good for the country. Perhaps we can agree that we need an educational system that supports the diverse talents of all students—those that shine academically and those that shine in career tech classes. I believe we can achieve this too.

Our current educational system is losing on the international stage. Contrary to the recent years of economic struggle, the U.S. continues to be a land of plenty on the world scale. If we hope to remain a world leader, it is essential that we stop looking at our educational system with a scarcity mentality—a mentality that acts to take from one to give to another, where there is not enough for all. We must recognize that our educational system is our greatest investment and fight to put all we can into it. We can't afford to lose children, to lose their talents and their potential contributions to our country. We need every one of them.

H.R. 5 has some good components that move us in a better direction. Unfortunately, this legislation lacks the kind of investment needed to educate our future workforce. Education is the key to a strong democracy, economic competitiveness and continued global leadership for the U.S.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 5, a bill that would take our education system backward instead of into the future.

K–12 education is my passion, and it has been for a long time. In fact, public education issues are what first led me to run for public office. Education is key to rebuilding our economy, to sustaining and improving the quality of life in our communities, and to the functioning of our government and democracy. We are in dire need of long-term thinking about how we can strengthen our public schools.

The policies in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, especially those put into law by No Child Left Behind, need a serious overhaul. The intent of NCLB was laudable: make sure that all students in America's public schools are getting a good education and aren't falling through the cracks. Unfortunately, the law has resulted in an overemphasis on high stakes testing, drastic penalties for low-performing schools, and an imbalanced focus on subjects that are tested at the expense of a well-rounded curriculum. Additionally, the NCLB provisions that prescribe a ''one size fits all'' approach with mandates and restrictions have undermined the teaching profession.

I am extremely disappointed that this reauthorization is moving forward in a rushed manner after only one perfunctory hearing. One of the main reasons I came to Congress was to work with all my colleagues from both sides of the aisle on finding the best policies to ensure that public schools provide all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, with a well-rounded education that prepares them for whatever their future may hold. But this reauthorization has not been given full and fair consideration by the Education and Workforce Committee, and the result is a bill that has little, if any, chance of becoming law. That's not only disappointing; it's detrimental to students across this great country. They deserve better.

H.R. 5 is alarming for a number of reasons. Its massive block grant approach would impede educational equity and make it more likely that students will receive educational opportunities based on where they live and the income of their parents. This, combined with the removal of Maintenance of Effort provisions and cuts to McKinney-Vento funding for homeless students, will result in thousands, if not millions, of fewer students having access to quality education.

I am also extremely concerned about H.R. 5's woefully inadequate funding. A strong system of education is critical to the success of our country and funding it should be a priority. Instead of taking money away from schools, especially those serving the lowest-income students, we should be investing in their improvement.

One important change that's needed to strengthen public education is to move away from high-stakes testing and allow states and school districts to use multiple measures in assessment, including adaptive testing and formative assessments. School performance should be measured in multiple ways, using multiple subjects and indicators. Additionally, teacher evaluations need to be improved and necessary support, including mentoring, given to teachers and school leaders. Though more work is always needed, Ranking Member MILLER's substitute amendment to H.R. 5 makes these improvements and more. I am proud to support it.

The substitute amendment also takes an important step forward with its comprehensive program for STEM education. One of the most exciting provisions in this program is the recognition of the value of arts and design to STEM learning, adding an ''A'' to make STEAM. Enhancing STEM through the arts and design will engage more students in school while helping them develop into innovative critical thinkers. Employers aren't looking for good test-takers; they want people who can create, communicate, and collaborate. The provisions recognizing the importance of the arts and design in STEM will give our students the skills they need to be competitive in the workforce.

It's also important to recognize the benefits of a well-rounded, whole child approach to education. Students must be healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged at school to reach their full potential. Subjects like civics, physical education, and second languages lead to the development of well-rounded students who become productive and innovative adults. A well-rounded education gives students a greater diversity of skills, increases their engagement with subject material, and helps keeps them in school. The Democratic substitute makes significant strides toward achieving these goals.

I am also pleased that Ranking Member MILLER's substitute addresses many other shortcomings in our education system, including the flawed practice of seclusion and restraint, background checks for staff and contractors with access to children, standards for concussion safety, and meaningful funding levels for homeless students.

With that, I urge my colleagues to invest in our students, our teachers, and our schools, and to oppose H.R. 5 so we can return to a full and thorough consideration of our federal education policies.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF BILLY AND LAVERNE CANTRELL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 65th wedding anniversary of Billy and Laverne Cantrell. This event will take place on July 29th.

Billy Cantrell was born to Festus and Mary Lou Cantrell on December 31, 1926, and Laverne Cantrell was born to Oscar and Avis Jeffreys on March 22, 1932.

The couple met in Hamilton, Alabama, while attending high school and only dated six weeks before getting married.

Steve served in the Merchant Marines and worked for 27 years at 3–M in Qwin, Alabama. Laverne worked in garment factories until her retirement.

Together, Billy and Laverne had four children, nine grandchildren, 15 great grand children and three great-great grandchildren. Their favorite songs include ''Tennessee Waltz'' and ''Sentimental Journey''.

Please join me in congratulating this lovely couple on 65 years together.

PANCREATIC CANCER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to pancreatic cancer. As you know, it is one of the most deadly forms of cancer; the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States and eighth worldwide. It is the only major cancer with a five year survival rate in the single digits.

This year, 45,220 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 38,460 will die from this deadly form of cancer. Seventy-three percent will die in the first year of diagnosis. African Americans have the highest risk among racial and ethnic groups; a risk 32 to 66 percent higher than other groups. Further, while most cancers' death rates and incidences are declining, the incidence death rate of pancreatic cancer is increasing. The number of new cases is expected to increase by 55 percent by 2030.

These numbers are staggering. Clearly we need to increase our efforts to reduce the incidence of and treatments for this painful disease. Enacting the Recalcitrant Cancer Act

earlier this year was a significant step forward. This new law will direct and guide the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in developing a strategic plan—a scientific framework—to address pancreatic cancer and other recalcitrant cancers: brain, esophageal, liver, lung, ovarian and stomach. NIH is the world's leading biomedical research institution and, with adequate resources, I am hopeful that we can make significant advances in finding new, effective treatments for pancreatic and all cancers while also finding their causes.

We cannot expect to reap the proposed benefits that will emerge from this strategic plan unless we come together and make a serious financial commitment to NIH. When adjusting for inflation, the NIH budget has decreased 23 percent since 2001. We are eroding the work and future promises of the world's greatest research entity. We are losing a generation of research scientists. And, we are losing lives. We must put NIH on a slow, but steady path of increased funding in order to establish the stability needed for long term research.

HONORING AND SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN TEAM IN THE 2013 DEAFLYMPICS

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and cheer America's deaf athletes and the United States Deaf Sports Federation, USADSF, in their representation of the United States of America at the upcoming 2013 Summer Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The Summer Deaflympics have been held every four years since 1924 and the Winter Deaflympics since 1949—making the Deaflympics the second-oldest international sports games after the Olympics.

From July 26, 2013, through August 4, 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria, will host the 2013 Summer Deaflympics. Over 180 deaf and hard of hearing athletes and coaches will train and travel to Sofia to represent the United States in 11 sports. They have trained their entire lives for the honor and privilege of representing their country in international competition. Their achievements are extraordinary, and I know my colleagues join me in feeling great pride in all they have accomplished.

USADSF was established in 1945 and represents over 100,000 deaf and hard of hearing athletes in the United States and nearly 1,500 individual member organizations. USADSF fosters and regulates rules of competition and provides social outlets for deaf athletes and their friends. It serves as a parent organization of national deaf sports organizations, conducts annual deaf sports athletic competitions, and assists in the participation of American teams in international competition.

USADSF is run by volunteers, who give of their time, talent, and resources for the love of the games and the athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all the athletes, coaches, and support staff from the United States for earning a place to represent our country at the 2013 Summer Deaflympics and I commend USADSF for their efforts in supporting them.

I urge my colleagues to join me in cheering our American athletes on to success at the games, and to co-sponsor my bipartisan resolution honoring their achievements. This resolution, which I introduced today, calls on all members to honor and support our delegation and wishes them well as they represent our country against the world.

RECOGNIZING MARY KAY, INC.'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Mary Kay, Inc. This year marks the Dallas-based company's 50th anniversary, and it has a great deal to celebrate. Founded by Mary Kay Ash and her son, Richard Rogers, the company now operates in 37 foreign markets and will bring in an estimated $3.5 billion in wholesale sales this year.

Beginning today, 50,000 members of Mary Kay's workforce will come to Dallas in waves to celebrate this landmark anniversary and attend the annual Mary Kay seminar being held at the Dallas Convention Center. Those coming to Dallas represent only a fraction of Mary Kay's workforce that includes over 2.5 million independent beauty consultants.

Mary Kay, Inc. supports The Mary Kay Foundation, which has a mission of eliminating cancers that affect women and ending domestic violence. The Foundation supports research on breast, uterine, cervical, and ovarian cancers, and provides grants to women's shelters and community domestic violence programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to celebrate the success of this extraordinary company. As a company founded by a driven and entrepreneurial woman, and employing a workforce composed primarily of women, I am proud that Mary Kay, Inc. has chosen the great city of Dallas as its home base.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 24

9 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, James F. Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Patricia Marie Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Patrick Hubert Gaspard, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, and Reuben Earl Brigety, II, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State.

SD–419

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine America's crumbling infrastructure, and how to fix it.

SD–628

9:50 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. 375, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, and the nomination of Davita Vance-Cooks, of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

SR–301

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the ''Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Solvency Act of 2013''.

SD–538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark E. Schaefer, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

SR–253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century's (MAP–21) ''Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act'' (TIFIA) program enhancements.

SD–406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, and Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations.

SD–430

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, and Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

SD–226

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Miller Ravel, of California, and Lee E. Goodman, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SR–301

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine health information technology, focusing on using it to improve care.

SD–215

10:45 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending legislation.

SR–418

2 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health

To hold hearings to examine cleaning up and restoring communities for economic revitalization.

SD–406

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs

To hold hearings to examine rebalance to Asia III, focusing on protecting the environment and ensuring food and water security in East Asia and the Pacific.

SD–419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

To hold hearings to examine closing Guantanamo, focusing on the national security, fiscal, and human rights implications.

SD–226

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine payday loans.

SD–562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine cruise industry oversight, focusing on the need for a stronger focus on consumer protection.

SR–253

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine implementation of the ''Affordable Care Act'', focusing on understanding small business concerns.

SR–428

JULY 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Susan J. Rabern, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, all of the Department of Defense.

SH–216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine supplemental funding options to support the National Park Service's efforts to address deferred maintenance and operational needs.

SD–366

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 987, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

SD–226

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs and Financial Services and General Government.

SD–106

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine the state of wireline communications.

SR–253

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the crisis in Egypt.

SD–419

11 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD–342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine the issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure in the United States.

SD–366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, John B. Emerson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, John Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to Belgium,

and James Costos, of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, all of the Department of State.

SD–419

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH–219

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine improving cyber security, focusing on the partnership between National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the private sector.

SR–253

JULY 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 37, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 343, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, S. 364, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 404, to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, S. 753, to provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss, S. 1169, to withdraw and reserve certain public land in the State of Montana for the Limestone Hills Training Area, S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1300, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to provide for the conduct of stewardship end result contracting projects, S. 1301, to provide for the restoration of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 1309, to withdraw and reserve certain public land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for military uses, H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, and H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho.

SD–366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1240, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD–366

JULY 31

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 398, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, S. 524, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail, S. 618, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain special resource studies, S. 702, to designate the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as ''The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor'', S. 781, to modify the boundary of Yosemite National Park, S. 782, to amend Public Law 101–377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 869, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 925, to improve the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D–Day, June 6, 1944, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, S. 1138, to reauthorize the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area S. 1151, to reauthorize the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in the State of Iowa, S. 1157, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, S. 1168, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to limit overbroad surveillance requests and expand reporting requirements, S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1253, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 674, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, H.R. 885, to expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, H.R. 1033 and S. 916, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 1158, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

SD–366

AUGUST 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response.

SD–366

SEPTEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD–138