

SUPPORT THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, well, once again, the Republican leadership in Congress is bringing us to the brink, this time by endangering hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs by threatening the Export-Import Bank.

The Export-Import Bank gives American manufacturers the tools that they need to sell U.S. goods overseas. That is direct and real support for American businesses and real jobs for American workers, and it is all at no cost to the taxpayers.

For ideological reasons, this Bank could close by June 30 if Congress does not act. It is more of the same of this sort of reckless brinkmanship and irresponsible behavior that we have seen from the Republican leadership in Congress.

One might ask: Why would you threaten hundreds of thousands of American jobs just to make an ideological point? If you want to make a point, send a letter; don't threaten the American worker to pursue an extreme ideological agenda.

Mr. Speaker, enough is enough. Let's end the political games. Let's get back to the work we were sent here to do and support the Export-Import Bank and our small businesses and the hard-working Americans that depend upon that.

HONORING DR. RICHARD HELTON

(Mr. BUCSHON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Hoosier, Dr. Richard Helton, the retiring president of Vincennes University.

Few have exemplified the university's timeless motto, "Learn in order to serve," more clearly than Dr. Helton. Under his dynamic leadership, this 214-year-old institution founded by our ninth President, William Henry Harrison, has become a cutting-edge center for career and technical education that offers students tangible, employable skills and an opportunity for lifelong growth.

Throughout his career, Dr. Helton has maintained a commitment to public education that has positively impacted the lives of countless students. Our State has benefited greatly from his vision and will forever be indebted for his service.

Best wishes to Dick and Cindy Helton in the future ahead.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mr. HINOJOSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, as of today, we have only 11 more legislative

days to act in order to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.

Reauthorizing the Bank is common sense. Sadly, however, the opponents of the Bank are operating out of ideological fervor, not on facts. We should be here dealing with and solving real problems, not endangering American jobs with fantastical ideology.

The truth of the matter is that the Bank is a vital free market economic engine for our manufacturers, for exporters, and job creators. Last year alone, the Bank financed \$4 billion worth of exports in my home State of Texas, supporting thousands of hard-working Americans.

We cannot and should not let the Bank expire. Let's put an end to this nonsense.

Mr. Speaker, I want to vote in our House of Representatives on this issue.

WORLD WAR II VETERAN SERGEANT HARRISON DOYLE

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to talk about one of my heroic constituents, World War II veteran Sergeant Harrison Doyle.

Sergeant Doyle was assigned the task of recreating maps as a cartographer based on the remains of destroyed Nazi maps and aerial photography.

Sergeant Doyle served in three theaters, including the Battle of the Bulge. His contributions were crucial in recreating the topography into maps that were used to win the Battle of the Bulge.

Dedicated caseworkers in my office were able to help him recover lost personnel records. They worked tirelessly to get Sergeant Doyle's personnel records and medals, including the European-African-Middle East Campaign with Bronze Star attachment to give him the recognition he deserves.

I am honored to represent Sergeant Doyle. Helping heroes like him and any constituents being stonewalled by a Federal agency makes this job more meaningful.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 3 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 3 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2088) to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to improve inspection services performed at export elevators at export port locations, to reauthorize certain authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under such Act, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2088

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "United States Grain Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT.

(a) POLICY AND PURPOSE OF ACT.—Section 2(b) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 74(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "to both domestic and foreign buyers" and inserting "responsive to the purchase specifications of domestic and foreign buyers";

(2) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (2);

(3) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting "; and"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) to provide an accurate, reliable, consistently available, and cost-effective official grain inspection and weighing system."

(b) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) MAJOR DISASTER DEFINED.—Section 3 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 75) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(aa) The term 'major disaster' has the meaning given that term in section 102(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(2)), except that the term includes a severe weather incident causing a region-wide interruption of government services."

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 75) is further amended—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (a), by striking "otherwise—" and inserting "otherwise";

(B) by striking "the term" at the beginning of each paragraph (other than paragraphs (n) and (t)) and inserting "The term";

(C) in paragraph (i)—

(i) by striking "Act (the term)" and inserting "Act. The term"; and

(ii) by striking ")," and inserting a period;

(D) in paragraphs (n) and (t), by striking "the terms" and inserting "The terms";

(E) in paragraph (o)—

(i) by striking "personnel (the term)" and inserting "personnel. The term"; and

(ii) by striking ")," and inserting a period;

(F) in paragraph (s), by striking "the verb" and inserting "The verb";