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Rooney (FL)  
Ros-Lehtinen  
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Ross  
Rothfus  
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Royce  
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Ryan (WI)  
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Scott, Austin  
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Turner  
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Wilson (SC)  
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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during the vote on H.R. 427 I was inescapably detained and away handling important matters related to my District and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted "no" on final passage.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I missed the following votes: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this motion. H. Res. 380, Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this resolution. H.R. 675, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this bill. Young (IA) Amendment to H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment. Smith (MO) Amendment to H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment. Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment. Johnson (GA) Amendment to H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment. Nadler Amendment to H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment. Pocan/Moore Amendment to H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment. Motion to Recommit H.R. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on the motion. H.R. 427, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this bill.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was absent today to attend the funeral services for U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class Randall Smith. Had I been present, on rollcall No. 470, I would have voted "yes," on rollcall No. 471, I would have voted "yes," on rollcall No. 472, I would have voted "yes," on rollcall No. 473, I would have voted "yes," on rollcall No. 474, I would have voted "yes," on rollcall No. 475, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 476, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 477, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 478, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 479, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 480, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 481, I would have voted "no," and on rollcall No. 482 (Passage of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act), I would have voted "yes."

## ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 387

*Resolved*, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.—Mr. Clay.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL OBJECTORS FOR PRIVATE CALENDAR FOR 114TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On behalf of the majority and minority leaderships, the Chair announces that the official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 114th Congress are as follows:

For the majority:

Mr. GOODLATTE, Virginia  
Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Wisconsin  
Mr. GOWDY, South Carolina

For the minority:

Mr. SERRANO, New York  
Mr. NADLER, New York  
Ms. BASS, California

## RECOGNIZING THE HUNTINGDON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FAIR

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in 1831, a tradition was started in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, which would go on to become a staple of the summertime agriculture expos.

This August 9, the Huntingdon County Fair is celebrating its 125th fair, located at their 69-acre site, which has evolved over the decades to boast hundreds of agricultural exhibits. Ranging from equine shows to wine tasting, the Huntingdon County Fair provides areas of interest for almost everyone.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, I am proud to rise today to congratulate the people of Huntingdon County and those countless volunteers and community members who have made this time-honored event a Pennsylvania tradition, including the parents and friends of 4-H, FAA youth members, and the Huntingdon County Agricultural Association.

Here's to wishing them 125 more successful fairs for the next generation and generations to come.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS

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

## NOES—156

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Beatty  
Becerra  
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Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Bonamici  
Boyle, Brendan F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (FL)  
Brownley (CA)  
Bustos  
Capps  
Capuano  
Cárdenas  
Carney  
Carson (IN)  
Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
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DeLauro  
DelBene  
DeSaulnier  
Deutch  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael F.  
Duckworth  
Edwards  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Esty  
Farr

Fattah  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)  
Gabbard  
Gallego  
Garamendi  
Graham  
Grayson  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutiérrez  
Hahn  
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Heck (WA)  
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Himes  
Hinojosa  
Honda  
Hoyer  
Huffman  
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Johnson (GA)  
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Luján, Ben Ray (NM)  
Maloney, Carolyn  
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Moulton  
Murphy (FL)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal

Nolan  
Norcross  
O'Rourke  
Pallone  
Pascrell  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Rice (NY)  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Sánchez, Linda T.  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schradler  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sherman  
Sinema  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Speier  
Swaiwell (CA)  
Takai  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
Titus  
Tonko  
Torres  
Tsongas  
Van Hollen  
Vargas  
Veasey  
Vela  
Velázquez  
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Walz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters, Maxine  
Watson Coleman  
Welch  
Wilson (FL)  
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## NOT VOTING—25

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Clawson (FL)  
Cleaver  
Conyers  
Fudge  
Graves (GA)  
Green, Al

Jackson Lee  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kelly (IL)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lieu, Ted  
Lucas  
Lujan Grisham (NM)

Lynch  
Meeks  
Moore  
Rangel  
Richmond  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sewell (AL)  
Thompson (MS)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the 50th anniversary of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Since 1965, these landmark programs have provided affordable health insurance coverage and access to care for our Nation's seniors and most vulnerable populations. Few programs have improved the lives of Americans as significantly as Medicaid and Medicare.

Fifty years ago, almost half of elderly Americans lacked health insurance. Today, Medicare provides lifesaving insurance to nearly 100 percent of adults over 65.

Medicaid continues to be a lifeline for millions of children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, seniors, and low-income families. Over 70 million Americans currently rely on Medicaid for affordable health insurance. Medicaid covers more than one in three children, pays for nearly half of all births, and accounts for more than 40 percent of all long-term care.

On the anniversary of this historic law, we celebrate the successes of Medicaid and Medicare. We must renew our commitment to further strengthening them so they remain available in perpetuity for generations to come.

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#### RECOGNIZING JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jewish Community Services of South Florida and its upcoming annual Milk & Honey event, which will take place on August 30 and starts at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

This tremendous, faith-based, non-profit organization has worked to improve the lives of South Florida residents since 1920. It is one of our State's largest and most reliable social service organizations.

Among the many important services that the JCS of South Florida provides are those focused on supporting our elderly. This year's Milk & Honey event will, again, bring together hundreds of volunteers to assemble food baskets and hurricane preparedness kits for vulnerable South Florida seniors.

My community liaison, Harriet Carter, and I have participated in many events of the JCS of South Florida, and I thank all the volunteers who will make this year's Milk & Honey event a smashing success.

#### SUPPORTING DRAFT LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE VA BUDGET AND CHOICE FUNDING

(Ms. BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I participated in laying a wreath at the Arlington Cemetery to honor our fallen veterans and military members.

Today, we need to do more than a ceremony. We need to honor our veterans now by passing the VA budget legislation.

I support this draft legislation because it addresses the \$3 billion shortfall for fiscal year 2015 that veterans had, and it keeps hospital and medical facilities open for our veterans through the end of the fiscal year.

This legislation allows the VA to use the dollars for health care provided to veterans and family members under the program provided by the non-VA provision. This bill allows VA to access this money. In addition, \$500 million may be used for pharmaceutical expenses related to the treatment of hepatitis C at the VA.

This is a cure many of the veterans need, especially those who served in Vietnam; and I urge my colleagues to pass this legislation before we go home.

As the Army says, this is one team, one fight; and we need to look out for the VA and veterans.

#### SUPPORT MONTANA JOBS

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

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Montana jobs and to rally against this administration's war on American coal.

In Montana, coal means good-paying jobs. Those are blue collar, union jobs. Coal means economic opportunity. Coal means affordable utilities for families and manufacturers, and coal means Montana.

In the words of Crow Chairman Old Coyote:

For the Crow people, there are no jobs that compare to the coal job. The wages and benefits exceed anything else that is available. A war on coal is a war on the Crow people.

Montana could lead the Nation in coal production; but, unfortunately, President Obama and his EPA are waging a more aggressive war on coal than they are against ISIS.

Montana alone, and our coal, produces \$1.7 billion in royalty payments; and that pays for schools, bridges, and our infrastructure.

The EPA's Clean Power Plan will kill Montana jobs. Those are real jobs, like in the Rosebud mine in Colstrip, and across our State.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support Montana and support our Nation's energy independence through coal.

#### RENEW VOTING RIGHTS ACT

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, nearly 50 years after the Voting Rights Act was

signed into law, we still see efforts to weaken voter protections and suppress votes.

Discriminatory voting laws, such as strict photo ID requirements and reduced early voting, disproportionately impact minority voters in the name of preventing widespread voter fraud, a problem that simply does not exist.

Clearly, since the Supreme Court's decision 2 years ago to erode some of the VRA's most critical protections, including preclearance requirements that protect against disenfranchising laws, the Voting Rights Act is still needed more now than ever before; yet Republicans have refused to allow a renewed and strengthened Voting Rights Act to come to the floor.

This should concern everyone who believes the right to vote is one of the most fundamental to our democracy. It is time we renew and strengthen the Voting Rights Act.

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because it is past time we call human trafficking what it really is: modern-day slavery.

Every year, up to 300,000 children are at risk of being sex-trafficked here in our country. On average, these children are first sold into sex slavery before their 13th birthday. As a father, I can't fathom anything more disgusting.

Earlier this year, I supported legislation that we successfully passed aimed at stopping sex trafficking, but the fight is far from over. Human trafficking generates \$9.5 billion worldwide each and every year, and the criminals that profit off of sex trafficking aren't going to give in that easily.

For example, right now in my district, backpage.com, a disgusting Web site that facilitates online sex trafficking, is suing Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart because he stood up to the evil and corrupt people who profit off of the exploitation of minors.

It is our collective obligation to do everything that we can to put a definitive end to this atrocity. I commend Sheriff Dart for standing up for what is right, and I pledge to work with my colleagues here in this House, on both sides of the aisle, to stop this abhorrent crime.

#### A SURVIVOR'S STORY

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Amanda Jones was kidnapped in Dallas, Texas. She was 15 years of age, and then she was sold for sex at the hands of human traffickers.

Children right here in the United States are bought and sold for sexual