

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 8, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Chair, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill is yet another glaring example of the flawed nature of the Republican budget. To try to meet their unrealistic goal of reducing the deficit solely through domestic non-defense discretionary spending cuts, Republicans are proposing to make crippling cuts to our national investment in improving energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources.

These cuts will only serve to make our Nation more dependent on the coal, oil, and gas interests that own the Republican Party and more dependent on importing our energy from insecure foreign sources. Meanwhile, our global competitors recognize that this is an area in which there are many gains to be made and they are investing heavily to develop their own renewable resources and promote domestic economic and job growth.

Investment in clean energy is much more cost effective than continued giveaways to the oil and gas industry—the Commerce Department has found that clean energy generates 17 jobs for every \$1 million spent on it, compared to just 5 jobs for every \$1 million we throw at an oil and gas industry that doesn't need subsidies but continues to fight for subsidies and tax breaks.

As a representative from Silicon Valley, I hear every day from the companies in and around my district about how renewable energy sources like solar, wind, fuel cells, and hydrokinetic are the wave of the future. To reach their full potential, these sources must be enabled by basic science underlying new energy technologies, by the development of advanced batteries for electricity storage and through improved energy efficiency across the board, through solid state lighting technologies, building technologies, and smarter electronic devices that know when to reduce their energy consumption.

These fields are where the jobs are—WIRED magazine asked the professional networking service LinkedIn to survey its members who have switched industries in the last 5 years, and what it found was that the growth in Renewables and the Environment was 56.8 percent, far more than any other. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, an organization of influential high-tech CEOs, includes “greater deployment of clean energy and clean technology coupled with investments in energy ef-

iciency” in its federal policy agenda, because they know it “will contribute to this objective [energy independence] while generating hundreds of thousands of new, sustainable jobs here in the United States.”

Sadly, this Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill does not reflect these important priorities. Instead, it provides only \$1.3 billion for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs, 27 percent below the current funding level and 59 percent below the President's Budget Request. Funding is slashed for many activities: solar energy, 64 percent below the President's request; fuel efficient vehicle technologies, 57 percent below the President's request; building technologies, 68 percent below the President's request; biomass and bio-refinery research and development, 56 percent below the President's request; home weatherization assistance, nearly 90 percent below the President's request; and the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, 82 percent below the President's request.

The unrealistic Republican budget has left us with an allocation for this bill that is too small for our Nation's needs, and too small to offer meaningful amendments to improve these woefully inadequate funding levels. To make matters worse, Republicans have been so driven by ideology that they required the chairman to include an offset in this bill for emergency spending to deal with recovery from the storms and flooding along the Mississippi River, an offset that would gut our national investment in High Speed Rail. This requirement marks yet another way in which this Energy and Water Development bill would take our Nation backwards, away from achieving a sustainable future.

We need to do better than this bill. We need to aggressively pursue clean energy while we still have control of the game, before it is too late and our climate has changed forever, we are running out of oil, and we are running out of time. Silicon Valley is ready to lead, we just need the rest of the Nation to join us. I oppose this bill because it fails our Nation.

### HONORING LUPUS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERING SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

**HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, In 2003, Ms. Kim Schofield founded the Lupus And Community Empowering Support organization better known as “LACES”; and

Whereas, LACES is an organization that continues to serve those who live with or are affected by the chronic autoimmune disorder lupus, by empowering patients, bringing attention to the disease, and leading the way to find a cure through research; and

Whereas, today LACES sponsors its 3rd Annual Ride 4 Lupus Motorcycle ride to raise awareness and funds to assist individuals living with lupus; and

Whereas, this unique organization has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to advocate for our citizens and their families who battle lupus; and

Whereas, LACES continues to serve our county, state and country by being the sword and shield for those who live with lupus, encouraging better treatments, funding research and educating people about the disease to help heal families and strengthen our resolve to find a cure; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize LACES for their outstanding service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim July 9, 2011 as Lupus And Community Empowering Support Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of July, 2011.

### HONORING EVA LYNN GANS

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Eva Lynn Gans, outgoing president of the Jewish Center of Teaneck and a dedicated leader of the Jewish community in northern New Jersey.

Throughout her tenure as president, Eva's inspired leadership and unwavering devotion has been instrumental in strengthening the Jewish Center of Teaneck and moving the synagogue toward a bright future. She has guided the center's transition from what was an independent traditional/conservative Jewish congregation to a fully Orthodox congregation, which puts the center in a great position to benefit from exciting new growth in the Teaneck community. With nearly 80 years of serving the community, the Center is Teaneck's first and oldest Jewish house of worship, and Eva is its first-ever female president. She is no stranger to this particular accomplishment, having also been the first woman to serve as president of the Endowment Foundation of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of Bergen County and its successor organization, UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey; as well as the first female Campaign Chairman for the Bergen County Federation. Additionally, Ms. Gans has served as the Women's Division President of the United Jewish Communities (UJC) of Bergen County.

Eva Lynn Gans is a proven local leader, yet she also works to strengthen the Jewish community on the national level and abroad. She is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Jewish Federation of North America, as well as several national committees. She has traveled to Israel an impressive 26 times since

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1970, including 14 UJA Israel missions during which she has worked to continue the strong and vibrant relationship between Israeli and American Jews. Her deep personal connection to and involvement with the State of Israel is one of the many reasons Ms. Gans has been a successful leader in the Jewish community.

Eva has received numerous accolades and distinctions from the grateful organizations which have been privileged to have her involved in their causes. These include the Gates of Jerusalem Award from Boys Town Jerusalem, the Woman of Valor Award and the Award of Honor from Bergen County Israel Bonds Women's Division, the Woman of Vision Tribute from Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) Northeastern New Jersey Region, the Lion of Judah Award from Israel Bonds, and selection as an Honoree at the United Jewish Community Women's Division Spring Luncheon. Additionally, Ms. Gans was the first woman in Bergen County to receive the Shofar Award from the Boy Scouts of America's Jewish Community on Scouting, Bergen Council.

A resident of Teaneck, New Jersey, Eva Lynn Gans and her loving husband Leo have raised three wonderful sons, who have enriched her life with five amazing grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my constituent and dear friend, Eva Lynn Gans, on her successful tenure as president of the Jewish Center of Teaneck. I join with the grateful members of her synagogue in thanking her for innumerable contributions to the northern Jersey Jewish community and American Jewry at large. I am confident that her involvement in Jewish life and leadership will continue to strengthen this special community.

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INTRODUCTION OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER HEALTH DATA ACT OF 2011

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have reintroduced legislation to amend the Public Health Service Act for the purposes of providing the resources necessary for the Department of Health and Human Services to survey the health of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, NHOP. Specifically, the bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and implement an ongoing national strategy for evaluating the health status and needs of NHOP populations living in the continental U.S., Hawaii, American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, and the Freely Associated States. The Secretary would conduct a health survey to determine the major regions in which NHOP people reside and include data helpful in determining the health care needs of the respective NHOP communities. In developing both the national strategy and survey, the Secretary would work in consultation with community groups and non-governmental organizations to develop the best methods and practices. Additionally, the legislation would update the work of the 1998 Institutes of Medicine report: "Pacific Partnerships for the Health: Charting a New Course for the

21st Century." The report would include the data regarding the status and performance of health care systems in the insular areas, and determine the effectiveness of donor aid in addressing the insular areas' needs.

In 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revised federal data collection standards to recognize the significant demographic, historical, cultural, and ethnic differences that exist between Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans. These important distinctions are not simply cultural or historical, but also encompass unique health and socio-economic challenges among the different populations. The standard requires that Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander data be collected, disaggregated and reported separately from Asian American data by all federal agencies no later than January 1, 2003.

However, not all federal agencies are in full compliance with OMB Revised Directive 15. In the places where limited agency data do exist, they are not made publicly available or it takes years to release. On a national level, the sample size of the NHOP population in studies and reports is not represented because of a lack of data—resulting in meaningful information and statistics being unavailable to health organizations, federal, state, territorial and local agencies and policymakers.

Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders are ready to move forward with efforts to improve public health in their communities. This scientific survey would establish baseline health information to inform health policy and interventions so that individual and community health can be properly tracked and evaluated. Additionally, it would provide critical information for both NHOP communities' health care providers and organizations that work with these communities to develop appropriate health care strategies for public health education and resources.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing this need and the larger cause of eliminating health disparities. I would like to thank Chairman DANIEL INOUE for his leadership introducing companion legislation in the Senate. I would also like to thank my fellow cosponsors in the House for their support: Congresswoman JUDY CHU, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congresswoman MAZIE HIRONO, Congresswoman COLLEEN HANABUSA, Congresswoman DONNA CHRISTENSEN, Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA, and Congressman GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN.

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IN HONOR OF GREG BALDWIN

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my hometown is often held out as an example of a community where livability is a primary goal. For the last forty years, people have been pioneering efforts to make cities work better through creative land use planning, zoning, transportation initiatives, public art and public spaces.

There have been many who have helped shape this way of thinking and prove its effectiveness with results on the ground. Politi-

cians, civic and business leaders have all played important roles, but none has been more influential but less publicly known than Greg Baldwin.

Greg was a prominent Portland architect and designer who grew up in the city and went on to earn three Harvard degrees and study abroad. He came by his vision and commitment honestly; his father was a dedicated public servant and a key administrator in Portland for years with schools, the Port Commission, and later in life as the first real Commissioner of Transportation for the state of Oregon.

Greg played a leadership role, striving for excellence in design in our community with revitalization of our schools, creating our light rail system, and the Portland Transit Mall. Greg Baldwin was sought after for projects around the country that benefited from his keen eye and grand sense of aesthetics—the things that one would expect from a leading architect.

Yet, his most enduring gift was an insight into how planning and civic engagement can coax more out of these opportunities to shape our built environment, which in turn shapes us. Greg was patient, thoughtful, and a good listener, as well as being fair and smart. He excelled in bringing various groups together. He seemed able to help anyone who shared the ultimate goal of a signature project to help understand the contributions that everyone could make to achieve the desired objective.

With all his intellect and professional accomplishments, he was foremost a great friend and accomplished artist. Committed to family, friends, and coworkers he was an outstanding human being. While he will be deeply missed, those who mourn his passing will take comfort knowing his many contributions will influence communities across America for generations to come.

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CONGRATULATING VERSAILLES RESTAURANT ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this week a true Miami landmark celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Versailles restaurant has been a beloved institution in my South Florida community for decades.

Felipe Valls, Sr., opened Versailles in 1971. From the very beginning, Versailles has been a family affair.

Early on, his son, Felipe Valls, Jr., bussed tables and worked with maintenance crews after school.

From these humble beginnings, Versailles has become a franchise with restaurants throughout Miami, Doral and even Pembroke Pines.

The secret to Versailles' success has been its family-oriented atmosphere and its simplicity.

Its menu of traditional Cuban cuisine has enriched the cultural palate of South Florida.

From ropa vieja to its house-made fried plantains and yes, even its famed "cafecito," Versailles has become a culinary delight for its patrons.

Versailles allowed many Cuban-Americans to reconnect with their heritage.

For countless Cuban exiles, Versailles is much more than a restaurant.

It is a tangible piece of what they left behind when they fled Castro's gulag.

As a Cuban-American, I know the cultural and emotional link Versailles has with so many members of our community.

Versailles is a place where the Cuban community can come together and discuss topics as far ranging as politics, sports or the latest gossip or "chisme."

But Versailles has also become a destination for individuals from all backgrounds.

Its status as a cultural landmark has brought politicians, artists and celebrities of all stripes to its doors.

Today the Valls family is celebrating 40 years of Versailles.

Despite all their success, family is still the most important component in their lives.

It is also the reason why Versailles resonates with so many members of my community.

It reflects the love and devotion the Valls family has for one another and their community.

I congratulate Felipe Valls and the entire Valls family on this milestone.

#### REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2011*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I have always strongly supported Israel's security and rights as a nation, and I continue to support a two-state solution that would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state, which is essential to achieving peaceful reconciliation among Israel, the Palestinians and their neighbors in the region. Consistent with those principles, yesterday I voted "present" on House Resolution 268 because it did not move the parties forward on negotiations or toward these goals. My concern has always been to bring the parties to the table so they can resolve their differences.

#### PROCLAMATION FOR CHIEF MICHAEL MOYER FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2011, Chief Michael Moyer retired from the Laconia Police Department after twenty-seven years of faithful service. The Chief began his career as a Special Officer on January 3, 1984 and became a full time Police Officer the following February 11. After rising through the ranks, he was appointed the Chief of Police in Laconia on November 1, 2007 and served in

that position for the next three and one-half years.

Chief Moyer is a native of Laconia, New Hampshire and has dedicated his professional life toward the safety and wellbeing of his home town. Chief Moyer is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and is a recipient of the Congressional Law Enforcement Award for his actions involving the Hells Angels during the 1998 Motorcycle Week Rally. Among many noteworthy achievements, Chief Moyer is to be commended for starting Laconia's first Citizens Police Academy.

I congratulate Chief Moyer on his well earned retirement and thank him for his outstanding support of the community. I wish both Chief Moyer and his wife Robin continued success in their life together.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF NADINE MCCAW

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Nadine Driskell McCaw of Century, Florida who passed away on July 7, 2011. Nadine was a tremendous public servant committed to helping others, and I am humbled to commemorate her life.

Born 57 years ago, Nadine is a lifelong Century resident and graduated from Century High School in 1972. She worked at the Century Branch Library, and her life's passion was service to others. As a Century Town Council Member, Nadine worked to better the lives of those in her community. She was an avid supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and numerous other causes. Nadine and her husband Eddie were married for more than 39 years.

Four years ago, Nadine was diagnosed with invasive cancer and given six months to live by doctors. She survived and went on to continue her service as Councilwoman and active community member. Her smile touched all of those who had the pleasure of her company, and her service to the Town of Century will not be forgotten. Nadine was a dedicated, courageous, and loving person, and it is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge her passing to be in God's hands.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Nadine McCaw. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for her husband, Eddie, her children, Juanita Watson and Felicia Jones, eight grandchildren, and entire extended family. She will be missed by all of us.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 502 on Representative BARBARA LEE's amendment to the 2012 Defense Appropriations Act

to "strike \$33,000,124,000 from title IX and increase the Spending Reduction Account by the same amount" in order to redeploy U.S. armed forces out of Afghanistan by the end of 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

#### HONORING KERA-TV (CHANNEL 13)

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KERA-TV and Radio, a broadcasting station in Dallas, Texas, for 50 years of quality programming on the air.

In the late 1950's, in my home of North Texas, community leaders, educators and owners of commercial television stations had a vision to build a television station centered around educational issues. KERA Channel 13 went on the air in late 1960 with only a few programs intended for teachers and students. Since then, KERA-TV has grown and has evolved to carry a full slate of public television programs and independent productions, including an extensive lineup of weekday programs committed to the intellectual and social development of children.

KERA expanded its outreach and founded its public radio station 90.1 (KERA FM) which went on the air in 1974, serving Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton. KERA FM has a news and information format. The station's own productions include reports and specials from the KERA news staff, Think with Krys Boyd and Anything You Ever Wanted to Know with Jeff Whittington.

A second radio station, KKXT 91.7 FM, with a music format, began broadcasting in late 2009 to the greater Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton metropolitan area. This station's programming is also streamed online at kxt.org. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, KERA-TV will be airing vintage episodes of shows, documentaries and concerts from its archives on select Friday and Sunday nights through the end of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, my community has benefitted immensely from the quality programming of KERA-TV and radio. I congratulate them on 50 years of excellence in public broadcasting.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SPECTRUM AND WIRE- LESS INNOVATION ACT

#### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, along with my good friend and colleague, Congressman GENE GREEN of Texas, I am introducing the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act today to address the sensible and long neglected needs of public safety. This legislation builds on S. 911, Senators ROCKEFELLER and HUTCHISON's outstanding bipartisan bill, which was recently reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Congressman GREEN's and my bill do all the same things as S. 911. It allocates the D-Block free of charge to public safety and establishes a framework for the deployment of a nationwide, interoperable, wireless broadband network for public safety. The bill also establishes a funding mechanism to ensure the construction, maintenance, and upgrade of this network. It has been nearly 10 years since 9/11, and Congressman GREEN and I find it disgraceful that public safety has neither sufficient spectrum nor a national interoperable network to use. Our bill will remedy that and help public safety better protect American lives.

The one important difference between our bill and its Senate companion is that ours builds in stricter conditions and requirements for a voluntary incentive auction of broadcaster spectrum. Our bill, like S. 911, seeks to tackle the Nation's growing need for wireless spectrum, but ours makes explicit that the Commission may conduct only one incentive auction, that broadcasters not be coerced into relinquishing spectrum, and that broadcasters be fully compensated for costs associated with repacking. Congressman GREEN and I have sought answers from the Federal Communications Commission about the effects of broad incentive auction authority on broadcasters and consumers. The Commission has provided us little assurance that these effects will not be far-reaching and negative, so Congressman GREEN and I feel compelled to include more rigid protections in our bill.

Mr. Speaker, this is a strong bill and one worthy of the entire House's support. I would note that this bill has been endorsed by many stakeholders, including the Communications Workers of America (CWA), the Public Safety Alliance (PSA), APCO, the National Association of Sheriffs (NSA), and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). I urge my colleagues to join with Congressman GREEN and me in supporting public safety and addressing our country's critical spectrum needs by co-sponsoring the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act.

A TRIBUTE TO PATROLMAN WILL  
PHILLIPS

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the life of Patrolman William Edward (Will) Phillips III of Greenfield, Indiana who died on September 20, 2010 while serving the city of Greenfield.

Will's life was one dedicated to duty. After graduating from Elwood Community High School in 1996, he promptly joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served from 1996–2000. Upon his return, he entered the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, graduating 5th out of 163 students. Will served with the McCordsville Police Department before joining the Greenfield Police Department, where he served on both the Bike Patrol and SWAT Team, dedicating himself to the force for the past 4½ years. Will's commitment for this community is something we can all be proud of.

On September 30, 2010 Officer Phillips and two other members of the bike patrol team

had just finished their shift and were conducting a training ride on department-issued bicycles. While riding westbound on U.S. 40, at approximately 12:45 am, Will was struck from behind by a vehicle, which then fled the scene. Although all of the officers took the proper safety measures, Will sadly lost his life.

This past weekend, during the 6th Annual Indiana Fallen Heroes Memorial Ride in Indianapolis, Hoosiers came out to honor our fallen Police, Firefighters, Military and emergency first responders. Fellow Officers were in attendance to honor Will and keep his memory alive. He will be deeply missed, but the strength of his character and the courage he demonstrated through his service will live on.

Patrolman Will Phillips, husband of 7 years, father of two, and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran was and forever will be an All-American hero whose dedication to the force, determination and selflessness continue to serve our country and inspire our hearts. Today, we salute you.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 8, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I would like to express my appreciation to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee for the work they and the subcommittee staff have done in developing the FY12 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

It is impossible to make everyone happy when the fiscal reality requires reductions, but at a time when we borrow 40 cents for every dollar we spend we need to be willing to set priorities and make difficult decisions.

The bill before us makes responsible investments in energy research and development and it funds critical waterway infrastructure improvements, but it does it in a responsible and sustainable manner. One of the lessons that we all should have learned over the past several years is that it is in nobody's interest to expand budgets at an unsustainable rate. We are now faced with the unpleasant task of trimming back the budget to remove the excesses of the past several years so that we can get back to a responsible baseline.

The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee has always worked in a bipartisan basis to address the energy and infrastructure challenges facing our nation, and I believe that this product is better for the cooperative and problem-solving approach of both the staff and subcommittee members. It is an honor for me to be able to serve on this subcommittee, and I am pleased to be able to support this bill.

I would also like to speak directly to the Administration and NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko. I'm deeply concerned that Chairman

Jaczko has allowed politics to influence the NRC's decisions, and in my opinion, in order to restore public confidence in the NRC, the Chairman should step aside. Absent that, the President and Chairman Jaczko should take note that the bill we are passing contains funding to continue with the Yucca Mountain repository and the associated licensing activities in the NRC.

Congress is making a statement here: continuing funding of Yucca is the fiscally responsible thing to do to prevent billions of dollars in future liability and to ensure that the \$15 billion already invested has not been wasted.

Again, I want to express my appreciation for Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN, Ranking Member VISCLOSKY, and the subcommittee staff for the fine work they have done this year.

HONORING DR. ELLEN C. WEAVER

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ellen C. Weaver who passed away May 14, 2011. Dr. Weaver was a modern-day Renaissance woman who was a world-class scientist as well as an artist, musician, environmentalist, skier, cook, and beloved wife and mother.

Dr. Weaver received her BA in Chemistry from Flora Stone Mather College at Western Reserve University in 1945 and worked as an analytical chemist for the Manhattan Project where she joined her physicist husband, Harry Weaver after their marriage in 1946. After World War II, the couple moved west to attend Stanford University, where she earned her MS in Chemistry followed by a Ph.D. in genetics from U.C. Berkeley. She had a life-long career as a research plant physiologist, including a collaboration with Jacques Cousteau at NASA Ames Research Center helping to map the photosynthetic productivity of fishing areas off the South American coast.

Joining the faculty of San Jose State University, Dr. Weaver taught plant physiology, served as Director of the San Jose State University Foundation and as Interim Executive Vice President. Retiring from teaching in 1991, she held the position for two years of Associate Dean for Development for the University. She also served on the boards of many professional societies and tirelessly promoted the advancement of women in science.

As a political liberal and dedicated environmentalist with a passion for preservation of redwoods, Dr. Weaver was active as Chairman of the Board for Sempervirens Fund and was a member of the science advisory committee for the Save the Redwoods League.

With her husband Harry and their three children—Lynne, Mark, and Tom—Dr. Weaver lived in Portola Valley, CA, for most of her life before retiring to San Rafael in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Dr. Ellen Weaver's full and rich life which touched countless people.

## HONORING THE GULLETT FAMILY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Jim Gullett, Sr., was born in Camden, Alabama between 1850 and 1852 in slavery, his life has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Gullett Family has produced many well respected citizens and their patriarchy and patriarchs of the family are pillars of strength not only for their families, but for our nation as well; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Gullett family, including Mrs. Adrienne Clark one of our most beloved citizens in our District who resides in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Gullett family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Gullett family in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim Friday, July 15, 2011 as Gullett Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of July, 2011.

## HONORING JAVIER COLON, WINNER OF THE FIRST SEASON OF "THE VOICE"

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pride that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Stratford, Connecticut's native son, Javier Colon, the winner of the first season of television's "The Voice." Javier has an extraordinary talent and I am honored to join his hometown community of Stratford in congratulating him on his success.

Those who knew Javier as he was growing up in Stratford knew that he was destined for success. As a student at Bunnell High School, he was known as a performer—acting in many school plays and standing out in the choir. He pursued his dream as a singer-songwriter, attending the Hart Music School in West Hartford, Connecticut and playing locally—solo at Starbucks in Bishop's Corner and fronting EmcQ at the Arch Street Tavern. He even self-produced an album last year. Javier took a risk when he auditioned for "The Voice"—taking time off from the job he was holding to support his family—but it was a risk he had to take to realize his dream.

In its first season "The Voice," the NBC vocal competition, invited talent from across the country to compete on live television for a

chance at a cash prize and recording contract. Javier was one of thousands who chose to audition and he battled his way through three additional stages of competition and in the end, his unique style and renditions of Cyndi Lauper's "Time After Time," Ben E. King's "Stand by Me," and Coldplay's "Fix You" won the hearts of the shows judges and the American public to become "America's Voice."

Throughout the competition, Javier said that his inspiration was his two girls—that he was doing it for them, so that they could have a better life. As they grow older, they will certainly be proud of all that he has achieved. Javier has made us all proud. In fact, in Connecticut, week after week, hundreds would gather in bars, restaurants, and living rooms to cheer him on. His dedication to his singing and his commitment to the hard work it takes to succeed has inspired countless people, not only in Connecticut, but across the country to pursue their own dreams. Today, the Stratford community will gather to welcome him home and wish him well as he enjoys this remarkable achievement.

I am honored to stand today to extend my sincere congratulations to Javier Colon, his parents, Migdalea and Pablo, as well as his wife, Maureen, and two daughters, Solana and Amaia. I can only imagine what a special time this must be for them and I wish them all the best for many more years of health, happiness, and success.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this bill.

I thank the majority for allowing the House to work its will in a completely open fashion on this bill. It was a refreshing change. I only wish the outcome had been a bill that reflected better the international security and economic realities we are facing today.

To be sure, there are many things in this bill that I strongly support. The 1.6 percent pay increase for our troops is important and necessary. The additional \$1.5 billion for Guard and Reserve equipment modernization is badly needed. The \$2.3 billion for family support and advocacy programs will help military families cope while their loved ones are away and help our troops reintegrate when they come home. And the bill also includes a critical suicide prevention amendment I offered.

My amendment would give the Defense Department \$20 million to initiate suicide prevention and counseling calls to help prevent these reservists from taking their own lives, as Coleman Bean, my constituent, tragically did in September 2008. For reservists like Coleman Bean of East Brunswick, New Jersey—those in the IRR, Individual Mobilization Augmentees, and Inactive National Guard members—

there remains no dedicated suicide prevention programs to help them cope with the war-time experiences. These reservists need our help, and I'm pleased my amendment was accepted.

Unfortunately, the good provisions in this bill are vastly outweighed by the absolute failure of the majority to make the Pentagon subject to the same kind of budget reductions they are so eagerly imposing on every other federal agency.

Since the year began, we've heard constantly from the majority that our debt is the greatest threat to our national security. If they really believed that, they would have supported the \$70 billion in cuts to the budget that I voted for during the debate on this bill. Instead, the only true cut they supported to this bloated, \$650 billion defense budget is a \$125 million reduction in funding for military bands.

The majority's message is clear: we will continue down the path of trying to balance the budget on the backs of the poor, the disabled, school children, and seniors. The Pentagon budget—which now funds a weakly justified war in Libya, a continued occupation of Iraq, and a military quagmire in Afghanistan—remains as the great sacred cow in the federal budget. There is no greater example today of our upside-down priorities than this budget.

This bill will provide nearly \$13 billion for an Afghan security force that is riddled with corruption, Taliban sympathizers, and drug traffickers. The bill continues to fund our presence in Iraq—tens of thousands of American troops remain in that country, and as we've seen they remain targets, with still more killed and wounded this year.

So much of this bill continues to be devoted to spending tens of billions of dollars on weapons systems that were designed to meet a Soviet threat that vanished 20 years ago. This week, a colleague from Vermont, Mr. WELCH, offered an amendment to this bill that would have eliminated funding for a next-generation nuclear bomber, a bomber to replace the B-2. Why in the world do we need such a platform in the first place? It was not a B-2 bomber that killed Osama bin Laden, but a U.S. Special Operations Forces team working with our intelligence community that eliminated the al Qaeda leader. Buying new nuclear bombers would simply be a form of defense-sector corporate welfare to protect against a threat that does not exist. Yet Mr. WELCH's amendment was defeated, and so we will continue to fund the development of an airplane we don't need.

I offered an amendment with several of my colleagues that would have simply cut the rate of increase in Pentagon spending. Instead of allowing a \$17 billion increase over last year's Pentagon budget, it would cap the increase at \$8.5 billion without impacting military pay or benefits. That amendment was also defeated—and its defeat only proved what I suspected: the majority is not serious about reigning in government spending.

Most of the attention this week was directed toward spending more for the military than we even have, spending more than the rest of the world—all together—and more than we can afford, even as so many people are calling for austerity measures to cut college aid, bridges and trains, environmental protection, and even Medicare. Yet the majority did not hesitate to deny training to military chaplains for implementing the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", or to prevent the Defense Department from

buying more fuel efficient vehicles, or to prevent taxpayers from finding out about political contributions by defense contractors. For all of these reasons, I am voting against this bill.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Chair, I rise to strike the last word.

Mr. Chair, I rise today to object to the offset in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill that rescinds all unobligated funds for the High Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail program. This is funding that has been appropriated by Congress and awarded to worthy projects. Pulling it back now would break our commitment to our state partners, and cause costly delays for these job-creating infrastructure projects.

In opposing this bait-and-switch to high speed rail funding for our states, I am in no way discounting the need for emergency disaster relief for our friends in the South and Midwest who have survived catastrophic flooding and tornadoes this spring. Additionally, I've consistently been a champion of deficit reduction, believing firmly that we need to pay for what we spend.

However, I rise today to call attention to the absolute charade the majority is engaged in of requiring cuts to vital infrastructure investments to offset the cost of emergency spending. When this body appropriated funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, no other community was made to suffer. When this body appropriated funds for the victims of the California wildfires, no other community was made to suffer. When this body appropriated funds for the victims of the wildfires in Arizona, no other community was made to suffer. Yet, today, on the floor of this House, we are being asked to make a choice between one suffering community and another, for no reason at all.

Mr. Chair, I've come to the floor of this House numerous times explaining the dire economic situation facing my constituents. The foreclosure rate in my district is almost double the national average; three of the top ten cities in the country with the highest foreclosure rates are in my district. My district is home to three of the top ten communities with the highest unemployment in the nation. We have some of the highest poverty rates and lowest per capita income and educational levels in the nation. As if that weren't enough, the San Joaquin Valley also has some of the worst air quality in the nation. In a nutshell, there is no area in the United States that cries out for job-creating infrastructure investments more than my district.

Yet despite this incredible need, this bill proposes to eliminate \$386 million dollars of fund-

ing for two rail infrastructure projects in my district, resulting in the elimination of over 10,000 direct jobs and an untold number that could be created by private economic development around the train stations. Further, recalling this funding would hobble a project that will ease traffic congestion and help to improve the air quality of my district. And this bill, for the first time, cuts funding for a regional and national priority in order to provide emergency relief. It is simply unconscionable to subjectively and maliciously force one community to suffer due to natural disaster somewhere else. It is simply unconscionable to make disaster relief for one region of the country come at the expense of a region that has been struggling for years due to the economic downturn. It is unconscionable and because of that, I urge my Colleagues to vote no on this bill.

THE WORLD WILL MISS KIP TIERNAN

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, an extraordinary woman died earlier this month and she is mourned by a vast number of her closest relatives—the poor, the people down on their luck, and the homeless. Kip Tiernan had a passion for helping those most in need of help that was coupled with an extraordinary understanding of how to get things done, even in the bleakest situations. She was inspired both by her own passion for battling the pain of her fellow human beings, and by Dorothy Day, another extraordinary woman who, like Kip Tiernan, translated her Catholic faith into a daily routine of charity to the best sense. Among those who worked closely with Kip on behalf of the homeless was my mother, Elsie, and I take great pride that these two women, both now passed away, admired each other strongly, and each often told of their great respect for each other.

Mr. Speaker, on the Fourth of July the Boston Globe ran an article by Bryan Marquard that did a first-rate job of telling those who did not know Kip Tiernan about her, and giving those of us who did know her and benefitted from the warmth that she radiated for humanity, a chance to remember the best of times.

Mr. Speaker, in the hopes that Kip Tiernan's life will inspire others the way she herself was inspired by Dorothy Day, I ask that Mr. Marquard's eloquent obituary of this great woman be printed here.

[From the Boston Globe, July 4, 2011]

(By Bryan Marquard)

Kip Tiernan, who founded Rosie's Place, the nation's first shelter for homeless women, and whose persistent, raspy voice echoed from the streets to the State House as she advocated for the poor, died of cancer Saturday in her South End apartment.

She was 85.

Usually clad in a canvas hat and work pants, a cross and a skate key dangling from a leather strap around her neck, Ms. Tiernan helped create an A-to-Z of agencies that assist the disadvantaged in Massachusetts. By example, she also inspired so many people to try to ease suffering that, directly or indirectly, she may have touched more lives of

the poor in the Commonwealth than anyone else in the past four decades.

"Every day of her life she lived for social justice, and the lives she saved were untold," Mayor Thomas M. Menino said. "She always said that someday we will stamp out homelessness, but until that day we have to make sure everyone understands that a homeless person could be one of us. She was a very special person, and there's a big hole in our lives today because Kip's not here. This nation is going to miss Kip Tiernan because of her fight for social justice."

Along with Fran Froehlich, her partner in advocacy for more than 35 years, Ms. Tiernan founded, helped found, or was a founding member of a number of agencies and panels, including Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Boston Food Bank, Community Works, Aid to Incarcerated Mothers, Pinex House, Food for Free, John Leary House, My Sister's Place, Transition House, the Greater Boston Union of the Homeless, and Boston's Emergency Shelter Commission.

The range of suffering was such that "sometimes you think there aren't any tears left," Ms. Tiernan told the Globe in 1988, "and you find yourself sobbing."

Strong words were her response more often than tears, however. Drawn by faith to her calling, she brought unconditional love to each encounter with the homeless, and she didn't hesitate to criticize the powerful if they backed what she believed were unfair policies or tried to slide by with words of pity.

The cross she wore was more than a symbol.

"A rooted woman, Kip always wears that cross," Globe op-ed columnist James Carroll wrote in 1996, "which marks her not for piety or for a religion of easy answers, but for being, in her words, 'an angry daughter of Christ. . . . I find that the cross of Jesus is the radical condemnation of an unjust world. You have to stay with the one crucified or stand with the crucifiers.'"

Sue Marsh, executive director of Rosie's Place, said in a statement she was "so sorry to be saying goodbye to a good friend of mine. . . . She has been the fiery, feisty, and beloved touchstone for the mission and vision of Rosie's Place, a compassionate friend to every woman in need."

On behalf of housing, health care, and an array of social justice issues, Ms. Tiernan lobbied, fasted, marched in protest, and was arrested during sit-ins at government offices. In November 1990, she began a fast in Arlington Street Church and explained why in an op-ed essay for the Globe.

"We should atone for what we have allowed to happen to all poor people in this state, in the name of fiscal austerity or plain mean-spiritedness. . . . We have, as citizens, much to repent for, for what we have and have not done, to ease the suffering of our sisters and brothers who have no lobby to protect them."

Before founding Rosie's Place in 1974, Ms. Tiernan traveled to meet with legendary Catholic activist Dorothy Day, from whose life she drew inspiration and spiritual sustenance for the decades that lay ahead.

Beth Healy, a Globe reporter who is writing a biography of Ms. Tiernan, said: "She had this soft spot in her heart for broken people, whether they were sick or mentally ill or struggling with addiction. Kip would hug a person dying of AIDS back in the 1980s when everyone else was running away. She would talk to someone living on the streets that no one else would talk to."

Ms. Tiernan, Froehlich said, combined compassion with "a pragmatic approach to solving issues, like: Hungry? Food. Homeless? Housing. And she challenged people with that clarity."

Though Ms. Tiernan asked “hard questions, at the same time, I was always impressed that she embraced people of all persuasions because she wanted them to see what she saw,” Froehlich said. “And I mean really embraced them. She would hold somebody’s hand while they were disagreeing with her. She really wanted you to join her in this pursuit of justice for people who have nothing.”

Born in West Haven, Conn., Ms. Tiernan was 6 months old when her father died and 11 when her mother died. Raised by her maternal grandmother, she learned during the Great Depression to help others.

“Her grandmother always had soup or stew on the stove,” Froehlich said, “and when people came to the house who were down on their luck, she always had bowls of soup or stew ready for them.”

By her teens, she was learning to fly a plane and play jazz piano. She also was expelled from a Catholic boarding school, telling the *Globe* she had failed math and asked too many difficult moral questions.

She worked as a newspaper reporter and moved to Boston in 1947 to attend the Boston Conservatory on a scholarship, only to be expelled for drinking. “I was raped once,” she told the *Globe* in 1988. “I was 19. Drunk.”

Speaking of the women she served at Rosie’s Place, she added: “I’ll tell you one thing. It helps me identify with what some of these women have been through.”

Ms. Tiernan joined Alcoholics Anonymous, learned from recovering street drunks how to stay sober, and became a successful advertising copywriter with her own agency. In 1968, she did some free work for priests who had invited activist Daniel Berrigan to speak at a church.

Listening to him, she later recalled, it was as if a voice inside her head said, “I have just passed through a door, and there is no going back.”

Leaving the affluence of her advertising life, she moved into Warwick House, an urban ministry center in Roxbury. Using her copywriter’s facility with language, she became one of Boston’s most quotable advocates for the poor, coining phrases such as “from the Great Society to the Grate Society.”

A service will be announced for Ms. Tiernan, whose longtime companion of decades, Edith Nicholson, died in the 1990s.

Ms. Tiernan helped raise Nicholson’s three children and leaves one of those children, Peg Wright of Saugerties, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. For the past 15 years, Ms. Tiernan and Donna Pomponio have been a couple. They married in 2004.

“The tragedies in the world continued to propel her to fix things and make them better,” Pomponio said of Ms. Tiernan. “She knew that as human beings, we could do better for each other. There was a support and strength that came from that woman, and having her by your side and in your life, you knew that you could do it, too.”

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
MEMORY OF BARBARA DONNELLY

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of my longtime friend and staff member, Barbara Donnelly.

Mr. Speaker, the first person I hired for my office when I was elected back in 1976 was

Barbara, which was one of the best decisions I have made during my 35 years in Congress. From the moment I took the oath of office, Barbara served the people of my district with a level of selflessness, loyalty and dedication to helping others that is unrivaled. You will never meet a more reliable or meticulous staffer, or a more caring person than Barbara Donnelly was. She was a perfectionist with a heart.

Throughout her career, Barbara touched the lives of thousands of residents in my district. From helping constituents with Social Security or veterans benefits, to assisting with immigration difficulties or the adoption of a child, Barbara did it all with compassion, discretion and determination. With Barbara at the helm of my constituent service program, I knew that she would not rest until our office had done everything possible to help people in need.

Barbara was the definition of a public servant, giving everything to her job and never asking for any credit. People like Barbara are the unsung heroes of public service, who work day and night to help others and almost never see their names in the newspapers or on TV. Barbara did not seek glory or recognition for her work, she only sought to improve the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, there are few people like Barbara in this world. I feel blessed to have had the honor of knowing her and calling her my colleague. Over the years, I learned a lot from Barbara’s example and it is my hope that she will inspire others to lives of public service and good works.

Mr. Speaker, Barbara was an irreplaceable friend, staffer and human being. My condolences go out to her family, friends and all the people who had the privilege of knowing her and working with her. At this time of great sorrow, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and memory of Barbara Donnelly.

A BILL TO AMEND THE AFRICAN  
GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 11, 2011*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would update one of our most important preference programs—the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). This bill addresses two important issues.

First, it extends the “third-country fabric” provision of AGOA for three years, which is due to expire in September 2012. This will align the third-country fabric provision with the rest of the AGOA program which expires in 2015. Of course we are working on an improvement and extension of the AGOA program beyond 2015 right now.

The “third-country fabric” provision is one of AGOA’s most important elements. It allows apparel producers in lesser-developed sub-Saharan African countries to use third-country fabric in making apparel that gets duty-free treatment under AGOA (subject to a quantity limit).

In 2010, textiles and apparel were one of the leading AGOA import categories—\$730 million in trade last year alone. Much of these

imports require fabric that is not commercially available in sub-Saharan Africa. They depend, in other words, on use of the third-country fabric benefits.

Textiles and apparel are key exports for a number of AGOA countries including Lesotho, Kenya, Mauritius, and Swaziland who last year exported \$692 million of goods to us, mostly in apparel.

As U.S. Trade Representative Kirk recognized at last month’s “AGOA Forum” held in Lusaka, Zambia, “AGOA textiles and apparel have created new opportunities for investment and trade that benefit businesses and consumers in both the United States and Africa. This sector remains an important foundation for Africa’s growing industrial base.”

It is critical that the AGOA third-country fabric provision be extended now. It’s critical for businesses here in the U.S. and for jobs.

Buyers and retailers work on substantial lead times and need stable terms and conditions into the future. If there is uncertainty about whether AGOA apparel products will be there next year, they will begin to turn away from Africa. We cannot allow that to happen.

The second part of my bill takes another step in welcoming the new Republic of South Sudan to the community of nations.

On July 9—the South Sudanese took their future into their own hands and created the Republic of South Sudan.

The democratic process that resulted in the birth of this new country is an astonishing achievement—honoring the results of a referendum in which more than 4 million people, or 97 percent of registered voters, participated with 98 percent voting for secession.

The fact that this comes at the end of the longest and bloodiest civil wars in Africa makes it all the more incredible.

President Obama and Secretary Clinton have already signaled U.S. support for the new Republic of South Sudan.

We need to make sure we do all we can to help South Sudan be successful. We should act expeditiously, which is why I am introducing this bill on the first legislative day after the creation of this new nation.

I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support it.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT  
AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. JUDY BIGGERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 8, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Chair, I submit the following letter in support of funding for the Department of Energy’s Office of Science in H.R. 2354, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2012.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, May 13, 2011.

Hon. RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN,  
Chairman, Energy and Water Development Ap-  
propriations Subcommittee, House Appro-  
priations Committee, Washington, DC.

Hon. PETER VISCLOSKEY,  
Ranking Member, Energy and Water Develop-  
ment Appropriations Subcommittee, House  
Appropriations Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN FRELINGHUYSEN AND RANK-  
ING MEMBER VISCLOSKEY: As you begin work  
on the Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Water  
Appropriations bill, we write to express our  
strong support for robust and sustained fund-  
ing for the Department of Energy (DOE) Of-  
fice of Science, and the critical research,  
unique scientific facilities, and expert per-  
sonnel that it supports.

We recognize the fragile state of the na-  
tion's economy, and support efforts to reduce  
the deficit and create jobs. But to do so, we  
must set priorities and make smart, strate-  
gic decisions about federal funding. We be-  
lieve that scientific research is the founda-  
tion for the innovative solutions that will  
enable us to overcome many of our greatest  
challenges—from economic stagnation and  
dependence on foreign energy to curing dis-  
eases and addressing threats to our national  
security. That is why we believe funding for  
the DOE Office of Science must be a priority  
in fiscal year 2012.

As the nation's primary sponsor of re-  
search in the physical sciences, the DOE Of-  
fice of Science has built—and maintains—a  
unique collection of large-scale, cutting-  
edge, one-of-a-kind user facilities relied upon  
by approximately 25,000 researchers annu-  
ally. Nearly half of these users are univer-  
sity faculty and students. Others come from  
U.S. industry and many are conducting re-  
search for other key federal science agencies,  
such as the National Institutes of Health  
(NIH) and the National Science Foundation  
(NSF). Without these critical facilities,  
thousands of users would be forced to move  
their job-creating research activities over-  
seas, or terminate their research altogether.

The DOE Office of Science also supports a  
first-rate workforce of research scientists,  
engineers, and support personnel who work  
as teams on long-term solutions to some of  
the nation's greatest challenges and who are  
ready to tackle pressing problems at a mo-  
ment's notice. Moreover, it plays a unique  
and critical role in the education of the next  
generation of American scientific talent, in-  
cluding thousands of graduate students and  
postdoctoral researchers at hundreds of U.S.  
institutions who depend upon DOE Office of  
Science support and facilities for their re-  
search and training.

This collection of research, facilities and  
scientific talent has enabled the DOE Office  
of Science to contribute greatly to our qual-  
ity of life, our health, and our security. The  
DOE Office of Science has been integral to  
the development of several innovative tech-  
nologies, including MRI machines and PET  
scans, new composite materials for military  
hardware and motor vehicles, medical and  
industrial isotopes, drop-in biofuel tech-  
nologies, DNA sequencing technologies,  
more aerodynamic and fuel efficient long-  
haul trucks, electric vehicle battery tech-  
nology, an artificial retina, newer and safer  
nuclear reactor designs, 3-D models of patho-  
gens for vaccine development, tools to manu-  
facture nanomaterials, and better sensors  
and detectors for biological, chemical, and  
radioactive materials.

By prioritizing funding for DOE scientific  
research—thereby supporting both the  
human and physical capital—Congress will  
preserve our capacity to innovate, reduce  
our dependence on foreign sources of energy,  
enhance our competitive edge in the global  
economy, improve our quality of life, ensure  
our national security, and create good Amer-  
ican jobs well into the future. For these rea-  
sons, we urge you to make strong and sus-  
tained funding for the DOE Office of Science  
one of your highest priorities in fiscal year  
2012.

Sincerely,  
Judy Biggert, Rush Holt, Randy  
Hultgren, Anna Eshoo, Daniel Lipinski,

John C. Carney, Jr., Barney Frank  
(MA), Michael Capuano, Russ Carna-  
han, John Garamendi, Grace Napolit-  
tano, Alcee Hastings, Barbara Lee, Ron  
Kind, Donna Christensen, Lloyd Dog-  
gett, Tim Bishop, George Miller,  
Tammy Baldwin, Steve Israel, Bob Fil-  
ner, David Wu, Jerry McNerney, Chris  
Van Hollen, John Dingell, Stephen  
Lynch, Hansen Clarke, Zoe Lofgren,  
Jason Altmire, Sander Levin, Laura  
Richardson, Marcia Fudge, Henry Wax-  
man, Robert Dold, Doc Hastings, The-  
odore Deutch, David Price, Jared Polis,  
Louise McIntosh Slaughter, Roscoe  
Bartlett, Silvestre Reyes, Danny Davis,  
Paul Tonko, John Yarmuth, Mike  
Quigley, John J. Duncan, Jr. (TN),  
Judy Chu.

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HONORING THE CITY OF TACOMA

**HON. NORMAN D. DICKS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend  
the City of Tacoma for ensuring that sustain-  
able policies and business practices are con-  
sidered in utility operations and all depart-  
mental decisions. I was gratified to see that  
the City of Tacoma has partnered with the In-  
stitute for Environmental Research and Edu-  
cation and local businesses to become a  
“Life-Cycle City”—making a formal commit-  
ment to evaluate the life cycle environmental  
impacts of goods and services. Those environ-  
mental costs added up over time are signifi-  
cant to our constituents and I commend Taco-  
ma's efforts to ensure that we are making the  
best possible investments with taxpayer dol-  
lars while being responsible stewards of our  
environment.



SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on 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 12, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED JULY 13

9 a.m. Finance To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of debt and equity. HVC-210

10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why crammers win and consumers lose. SR-253

Environment and Public Works Business meeting to consider S. 538, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act, S. 899, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria, S. 861, to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine habitats, and coastal wetland of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse, S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy, S. 1313, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, a proposed resolution in the Corps Study, and a proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration. SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs To hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on preventing terrorist travel. SD-342

Judiciary To hold hearings to examine the "Violence Against Women Act", focusing on

building on seventeen years of accomplishments. SD-226

2:30 p.m. Judiciary To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware. SD-226

Armed Services SeaPower Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration's request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-232A

3 p.m. Foreign Relations To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul D. Wohlert, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State. SD-419

JULY 14

10 a.m. Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry To hold hearings to examine growing jobs in rural America. SD-G50

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to Congress. SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366

Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the safety and economics of light water small modular reactors. SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine learning from what works for employment for persons with disabilities. SD-430

Judiciary Business meeting to consider S. 1231, to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of

2007, S. 27, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 1228, to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Stephen A. Higginson, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alison J. Nathan, and Katherine B. Forrest, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Susan Owens Hickey, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bissoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute. SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science and Space Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation. SR-253

Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on closing the gaps. SR-418

2:15 p.m. Indian Affairs Business meeting to consider the nominations of Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, Barbara Jeanne Ells, of Colorado, and Deborah Downing Goodman, of Oklahoma, all to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine native women. SD-628

2:30 p.m. Foreign Relations To hold hearings to examine Sudan, focusing on a roadmap forward. SD-419

Intelligence To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

JULY 15

10 a.m. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe To hold hearings to examine internet freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on current trends in internet governance. 210, Cannon Building

JULY 19

2:30 p.m.  
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine 2011 spring storms, focusing on picking up the pieces and building back stronger.  
 SD-342

JULY 20

10 a.m.  
 Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Mexico, and Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, both of the Department of State.  
 SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 958, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, S. 1094, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-416), an original bill entitled, "Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization of 2011", and any pending nominations.  
 SD-430

JULY 21

2:15 p.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine floods and fires, focusing on emergency preparedness for natural disasters in the native communities.  
 SD-628

JULY 27

2 p.m.  
 Armed Services  
 Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense.  
 SR-232A

JULY 28

2:15 p.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcing the "Indian Gaming Regulatory Act", focusing on the role of the National Indian Gaming Commission and tribes as regulators.  
 SD-628