

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 5, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2868) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend, modify, and recodify the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, and for other purposes:

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Mr. Chair, today the House is considering H.R. 2868, the Chemical and Water Security Act of 2009. Chemical and water security is essential and of course we must take every sensible step to support the establishment of adequate security programs for drinking water and wastewater facilities and a continuation of efforts to properly improve security measures and risks related to chemical facilities.

However, I have heard serious concerns from agricultural retailers and farm groups in South Dakota about the potential implications of this legislation and am concerned that it is being rushed through the House. Specifically, these constituents are concerned about the inclusion of Inherently Safer Technology (IST) requirements, which will affect products important to agriculture in our state such as anhydrous ammonia fertilizer. Anhydrous ammonia fertilizer is a widely-used and essential lower-cost source of plant nutrients on which many farmers in South Dakota rely. The South Dakota Agribusiness Association has informed my office that, while the bill does not require smaller Tier 3 and 4 facilities to switch to a safer product or process, in the face of higher regulatory costs and increased liability concerns, these facilities may well opt to stop handling this product. While there are replacement fertilizers that could be substituted for anhydrous ammonia, the South Dakota Agribusiness Association anticipates that the cost per acre would increase for farmers as more product application would be needed to obtain the same nitrogen levels needed for certain leading crops, like corn. Farmers in South Dakota are already struggling with increased input costs and I believe we should not rush to put in place new rules that could further raise these costs.

This is especially true, where, as here, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is currently engaged in implementing Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS), which were authorized as part of the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007, which I supported. The crop-related chemical facilities have been working cooperatively with DHS throughout the CFATS process to establish appropriate risk-based standards and ensure compliance. This rulemaking process is not yet complete and I would prefer to allow

the Department time to implement CFATS so we can more fully assess the effectiveness of current regulation before authorizing further significant changes to the program. In addition, during testimony before the Committees on Homeland Security and Energy and Commerce, Administration officials expressed concern over whether DHS had the necessary resources and expertise to properly administer IST requirements. Such uncertainty over a critical section of the proposed regulations further supports the view that it is more appropriate to allow the current regulatory process to continue.

At this point there is no companion authorization bill in the Senate. However, as the legislative process continues to move forward, I will continue to work with my colleagues in the House and Senate toward a bill that achieves the goal of properly protecting our citizens, in South Dakota and across the country, from risks posed by accidents or terrorist attacks on chemical, drinking water and wastewater facilities, and ensures that agricultural and other businesses will be protected from overly burdensome regulations. Thank you.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. JIM DURRETT

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Jim Durrett of Clarksville, Tennessee, upon his retirement after 32 years of civil service to the City of Clarksville.

Jim's story is inspiring. A native son, he began his work for the city as a laborer in the Street Department. Jim worked diligently and continued to assume more and more responsibility. Eventually, he became the Superintendent of that department and served capably in that role for 20 years through many difficult times.

Jim's leadership over those years prepared him to be named as the Mayor's Chief of Staff in 2007. Since that time, Jim has overseen the city's involvement in some of Clarksville's most exciting developments—the recruitment of Hemlock Semiconductor, the extension of the RiverWalk, the beginning of construction on the long-awaited Marina, and many other important projects. Despite the heavy load of responsibility, Jim's strong work ethic, pleasant demeanor, and the continuing respect of his colleagues is remarkable.

Please join me in honoring Jim Durrett on his service to the City of Clarksville, and wishing him only the best in the years to come.

DEMOCRAT HEALTHCARE BILL: ABORTION COVERAGE

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, for 30 years, the pro-life beliefs of millions of Americans have been protected by the federal government. Congress passed the Hyde Amendment in 1976 which bars federal funds from paying for elective abortions. This amendment must be renewed yearly in the annual Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill.

However, the programs included in the Pelosi health care bill, including the government-run plan, are not funded by or beholden to this annual appropriations bill and are therefore not subject to the Hyde amendment.

Legislation of this magnitude must contain clear and decisive language that makes certain that federal funds are not used to pay for elective abortions. References to provisions in current law that are susceptible to being stripped in the annual appropriations process is not any kind of protection at all.

The Pelosi health care plan is also a clear departure from the long-standing federal policy against federal funding of health plans that cover abortions. The Pelosi bill explicitly permits federal funds to subsidize health plans that cover abortions.

The bill's proponents will claim that public dollars are separated from private insurance premiums, but this is nothing more than a slick accounting gimmick rejected by the pro-life community at-large.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service, any outlay by a government run plan for abortions or health care services would by definition be federal funds. The Pelosi health care bill also includes a mandate requiring at least one insurance plan offered in the federal exchange to cover abortions.

The bill before us is a clear departure from the longstanding Hyde law and violates the beliefs of millions of pro-life Americans who find abortion morally unconscionable.

I urge Speaker Pelosi to allow an up-or-down vote on a truly pro-life amendment—the Stupak/Pitts amendment. The Stupak/Pitts amendment would prevent federal dollars from funding abortion and preserve the long-standing federal policy of protecting the unborn. In a last-ditch effort to garner votes, the Democrat majority plans to propose a rule for considering the legislation that claims to “fix” the pro-life concerns in the bill, but the new language still allows federal funding for abortions. This is little more than a political scheme, and the language has been rejected by every major pro-life group in the country.

I urge the Speaker to include genuinely pro-life language into one of the most important pieces of legislation we will likely consider in our lifetime. A vote on the Stupak/Pitts amendment must be allowed to ensure the protection and safety of America's future—our children.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, November 2, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 832, "yea" on Roll Call 833, and "yea" on Roll Call 834.

Additionally, I missed three recorded votes on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 835, "yea" on rollcall 836, and "yea" on rollcall 837.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the more than 100 members of the Marine Corps League Rogue Valley Detachment 386 of southern Oregon on the occasion of the Marine Corps' 234th birthday. Since 1921, all Marines—past and present—have heeded the order issued by Major General John A. Lejeune to come together each November to remember the history, honor, and traditions of their Corps.

Next week, on November 10, I will have the honor and the privilege of joining with the Rogue Valley detachment to celebrate and commemorate the founding of the United States Marine Corps when, in 1775, the Second Continental Congress resolved to raise two battalions of Continental Marines.

For the 234 years that have followed, the United States Marine Corps has stood as the epitome of America's military strength. From the Battle of Belleau Wood to the Battle of Khe Sanh, from the sands of Iwo Jima to the streets of Fallujah, from Grenada to Beirut, the Marine Corps has never failed in answering the call to defend this Nation and its interests around the world. Marines truly have served in every clime and place in defense of freedom.

It is this tradition of service and commitment to freedom that most impresses me whenever I meet a Marine or former Marine.

Proving that "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" is more than just a slogan, the members of the Marine Corps League Rogue Valley detachment are dedicated to the purpose of preserving these traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. They do this by promoting the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout their community and by volunteering aid and assistance to all current and former Marines and Fleet Marine Force Corpsman and their families.

In the past year, the Rogue Valley detachment, led by Commandant Loren Otto, organized its first annual "Tee It Up for Local Heroes" golf tournament and raised \$2,100 to support Toys for Tots, the Marines Helping Marines Wounded Warrior program, and to provide care packages for deployed service members. A portion of these funds also went to support the three local Young Marine units

that the detachment sponsors in southern Oregon.

I am very pleased to note that the Rogue Valley detachment is the only Marine Corps League unit in the country that sponsors this many Young Marine units. The detachment's commitment to making a positive impact on America's future is without question and we are indeed fortunate to have members Dave Dotterer and Anthony Guillory serve on the National Board of Directors for the Young Marines.

Other detachment members have sent out nearly 100 comfort packages to deployed Marines and soldiers. The detachment also recently volunteered to support their local community when the Cycle Oregon tour came through the Rogue Valley and in return raised over \$500 to put toward future fundraising efforts. In addition, the detachment regularly offers an Honor Guard detail to the Eagle Point National Cemetery to provide funeral honors for their fallen brethren. Finally, in probably their most fulfilling service to community, the Rogue Valley detachment collects and distributes toys for the yearly Marine Toys for Tots program throughout Jackson and Josephine counties.

By their actions and deeds, the men and women of the Marine Corps League Rogue Valley Detachment 386 have demonstrated the honor, commitment, and values that Marines have been renowned for since their inception. While our gathering next Tuesday to mark this auspicious occasion in the Corps' 234-year history may be small compared to others, I am extremely honored to share this time with such a dedicated group of veterans, constituents, and friends.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members of Congress seek out their local Marine Corps League detachments or active duty Marines on November 10 and raise a glass to celebrate the world's finest fighting force. Semper Fidelis, Marines, and Happy Birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARKANSAS
AVIATION HALL OF FAME IN-
DUCTEE GREG ARNOLD**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg Arnold who will be the 94th individual inducted into the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at the Aerospace Education Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Greg Arnold is president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Truman Arnold Companies (TAC), a Texarkana, Texas, based company founded by Truman Arnold in 1964 as a branded petroleum jobber. Today, TAC is a leading national petroleum marketing company, offering a variety of services through a network of petroleum terminals and aviation Fixed Base Operations (FBO) facilities. A rapidly growing company, TAC currently employs more than 500 highly trained people.

As president of TAC for more than 16 years and CEO for 6, Greg has served as president of the Arkansas Oil Marketers Association, president of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Independent Liq-

uid Terminal Association, board and campaign member of the United Way of Texarkana, board member of CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital and CHRISTUS St. Michael Health Care Center Foundation, chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Flooding on the Lower Red River, board member of Century Bancshares and member of the Red River Redevelopment Authority. He recently completed a term as board chairman of the National Air Transportation Association, one of the aviation industry's leading advocacy organizations.

Greg and his wife, Ashley Arnold, have three children: Anthony, Regan and Carsen.

Established in 1980 by the Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame inducts those who make a difference or play a significant role in the history of aviation on the national or state scenes. Greg Arnold has had a major impact on aviation in Arkansas and in this country and he deserves a place on this esteemed list. His commitment to community, to state, to country and to excellence in his field is what makes Greg the respected and admired leader he is today.

I applaud Greg's vision and leadership in the field of aviation. I offer my deepest gratitude and admiration for all that he has done to make our state a better place to live and I extend to him my congratulations on this prestigious accomplishment.

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SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice to those supporting S. 1211, honoring the life of Jack Kemp by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building."

Jack was an accomplished and respected politician and athlete. He served his country in the United States Army Reserve and was a professional quarterback for 13 years, probably best known for his time with the San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills. He served as a Member of this body from 1971 to 1989, as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1989 to 1993, and as the Republican Party's nominee for Vice President and presidential nominee Bob Dole's running-mate in the 1996 election.

Both as a public official and as a private citizen, Jack was a great voice for common-sense conservatism in America. Laws still bear his name, which is a testament to his effectiveness as a Member of Congress. Jack Kemp left behind a legacy of principled determination and resolve to find practical solutions, not only within the Republican Party, but in the realm of public service as a whole.

Even more important than his career accomplishments was Jack's strong character. He had a deep faith that he lived out every day. He cherished his wife Joanne and their four children, making sure that, despite his many roles and responsibilities, he was there for them as a husband and father.