

(5) H.R. 2247, the Congressional Review Act Improvement Act, which would provide for federal agencies to more efficiently promulgate final rules, while ensuring effective Congressional review;

(6) H.R. 3632, the Federal Judiciary Administrative Improvements Act of 2009, which would improve the efficiency of the federal court system, including by improving the control and protection of confidential information and the reporting of criminal wiretapping orders; and

(7) H.R. 3808, the Interstate Recognition of Notarizations Act of 2009, which would improve the efficiency of federal and state courts by requiring them to recognize documents lawfully notarized in any state where interstate commerce is involved.

In addition to the legislative activity described above, the Committee has conducted extensive oversight aimed at reducing waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement and improving federal government efficiency. A primary focus of the Committee's oversight efforts is the Department of Justice (DOJ) and its component divisions and agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Both the Committee and the DOJ Inspector General have devoted considerable attention to the FBI, DOJ, and other agencies, with several Committee hearings held relating to the Bureau and other agencies this year, including:

(8) Committee Oversight Focusing on FBI-ATF Problems. The Committee's Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee held a hearing on February 24, 2010, focusing on three recent Inspector General reports raising concerns about long-standing problems in FBI and other DOJ operations. These include wasteful and potentially dangerous overlap and rivalry between the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) on explosives investigations, backlog and related problems concerning the FBI's foreign language translation work, and coordination and related problems concerning DOJ and FBI anti-gang activities. The hearing and related oversight of the FBI and DOJ have revealed significant progress in addressing these difficulties, and DOJ indicated at the hearing that it was moving forward vigorously to complete its efforts to resolve the decade-long FBI-ATF problems. In fact, in early August, 2010, the acting Deputy Attorney General issued a memorandum and protocol specifying the division of responsibility between FBI and ATF on explosives-related matters, including the conduct of investigations and the maintenance of a single national explosives database.

(9) Other Committee Oversight Concerning the FBI. On March 24, 2010, the Committee held a hearing including representatives of the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, as well as the National Counterterrorism Center and the Departments of Homeland Security and State, which focused on efforts to improve the sharing and analyzing of information to prevent terrorism. On May 20, 2010, the Committee's Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee held a hearing at which an FBI representative provided an update concerning national efforts to eliminate the DNA backlog in forensic casework and the Combined DNA Index System that supports the national DNA database. A staff briefing on FBI efforts to remedy the backlog is scheduled for September 20, 2010.

(10) Committee Oversight on the Department of Justice and its Divisions. Other Committee oversight hearings have focused on DOJ and its divisions. On May 13, 2010, the Committee held a DOJ oversight hearing at which Attorney General Eric Holder testified and answered a full range of questions from Committee members about many aspects of DOJ operations. The Committee has submitted followup written questions, including questions focusing on efforts to improve DOJ efficiency with respect to financial and grant funds management. On March 4, 2010, the Committee's Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Subcommittee held a hearing on efforts to enforce criminal laws against Medicaid fraud, which included testimony from the Department's Criminal Division. Overall, the Committee has held 12 oversight hearings during this year alone focusing on DOJ, including testimony from officials from the Antitrust, Civil, Criminal, and Civil Rights Divisions, the FBI, and the Executive Office of Immigration Review.

(11) Committee Oversight on Other Federal Agencies. The Committee has also held a number of oversight hearings focusing on agencies within its jurisdiction that are outside DOJ. For example, focusing on hearings during this session, on March 23, 2010, the Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), which included testimony from the Department of Homeland Security's Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office on efforts to improve information technology, fees, and other aspects of USCIS management. On May 5, 2010, the Committee held an oversight hearing on the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), which led to the PTO-related legislation discussed above. On May 20, 2010, the Committee's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the recently revived Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), which featured testimony by the Chairman of ACUS and Supreme Court Justices Stephen Breyer and Antonin Scalia. On June 29, 2010, the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing featuring testimony from the Secret Service. And on July 27, 2010, the Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee held a hearing on Federal Rulemaking and the Regulatory Process, which included testimony from Cass Sunstein, Administrator of the federal Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 519 and 520, I was unavoidably detained due to travel complications. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

MOVE ME IN HONOR OF LT COL. ANNETTE BERGERON "RET." UNITED STATES ARMY MATC SUPERVISOR P.T. AMPUTEE

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American, a former Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, Annette Bergeron. Annette is the MATC supervisor of the P.T. Amputee section over at Walter Reed. She has worked virtually with all of the amputees coming back from the war.

She inspires all of her patients with her motivation and ability to reach so deep down inside of all of her wounded warriors. Inspiring them by demanding the best out of all her heroes, as she brings them to new heights by not pitying them but pushing them beyond their limits. And her greatest gift is knowing her patients, with her strong knowledge and sixth sense to read them.

There are families all across this nation, and magnificent heroes who will carry her in their hearts for the rest of their lives. Knowing the great debt they owe to her, and the angels over at Walter Reed who are but some of our nation's greatest unsung heroes, I ask that this poem penned in honor of her at the request of SSG. Poe of North Carolina and by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

Move Me

Move me. . . .

Bend me, reach me . . . then she. . . .

As she so but brings out, but the very best in me!

As she will not so rest, will she!

So relentless, but to the tenth degree!

Like a Jedi Knight, her light we see!

And from all of us, will not so settle for less . . . will she!

Until, I can but so be. . . .

So but be, but the very best I can be!

Men and women without arms and legs. . . .

Broken into so many pieces, as are they. . . . Magnificent heroes who to this our nation so gave. . . .

As she's rebuilding fine lives night and day! The queen of pain, bringing all of them to a better day. . . .

With but her heart of a lioness, bringing us to the highest degree!

All in what a heart can be, as she so bids us to so believe. . . .

So begs us all to so reach . . . to so reach, so deeply down so deep. . . .

As her promise, to us all as she so keeps. . . . Move me! touch me! motivating all of us, as such she!

As does she!

As against all odds, but to the core, reaching us all so very deeply. . . . Letting us all, but to be . . . but the very best we can be. . . .

From out of the ashes of war, so resurrecting all of our lives indeed!

Making us whole, giving us all that we so need!

For in her world, there is no such word as self pity!

Only, how high a soul can reach!

Making us all so believe!

As an angel on earth, as but her fine worth! To all of our precious men and women, of that red, white & blue. . . .

For them she so bleeds, so tried and true!
A shining star over at Walter Reed, a real
who's who!
For Bo knows hearts, of most heroic hues!
And how to get inside them so very deep to
view!
Bo, you move me! oh yes you do!

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SECOND LIEUTENANT MARK J. PINCEK

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army 2LT Mark J. Pincek, who passed away on July 11, 2010.

Born and raised in Michigan, Mark joined the U.S. Navy in July, 1991 and rose to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. He served two deployments aboard the USS *Vicksburg* as a gunner's mate before graduating from Florida State University with a Bachelor's Degree in communication and film studies.

On September 17, 2009, Mark graduated from Fort Benning's Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was then assigned to Charlie Company of the 304th Military Intelligence Battalion where he completed the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership School and was then assigned to Bravo Company of the 304th and was responsible for updating the Afghanistan training scenario. His work in the training scenario function earned him many laudatory comments.

We remember Mark and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Mark made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Mark and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Mark is survived by his wife, Kerin; father, Stephen; mother, Dianne Heskett-Ward; brothers, Steven, Duane and Devin; and sisters, Diana, Nancy, Susan, Sandy and Mara.

TRIBUTE TO CLYDE "BILL" NEELY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Clyde "Bill" Neely, a World War II Army Air Corps veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Clyde "Bill" Neely was recognized on Tuesday, July 13. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: CLYDE "BILL" NEELY

(By Alexander Hutchins)

Clyde "Bill" Neely, 86, a former Army Air Corps Sergeant, lives a full life. He resides today in his childhood home, and what was once an attached grocery store is now a personal museum to his life's achievements.

Neely served in the Boone Fire Department after the war, drawing strength from the same discipline he called upon when he served in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

Neely was born in Boone in 1924 in a house across the street from his current residence. He graduated from high school and played sports in the community. Neely met his wife Florence while still in high school. They would marry in 1943, and he would be one of the few married men in his unit.

"I had a real excellent childhood. In fact, I've had an excellent life," Neely said with a smile.

His father was a butcher who ran a grocery out of the house that the Neely's now reside in. Neely would run the grocery for several years when he returned from the war, though he would eventually close the store and join the fire department.

Neely's role in the war began in 1943.

"Originally I started right after I got out of school, because we knew after Pearl Harbor that our life was going to be in the military," Neely said.

He had wanted to train in a nearby military Ferry School to ship airplanes overseas for the war effort, but the program was cancelled before Neely entered the Army. He then enlisted in the Air Corps in Des Moines and attended basic training in Miami, Florida. Neely's older brother, Noel, was one of four Boone men he trained with.

"Like I said, I've had good luck all the way through my life," Neely said.

Neely's eyesight kept him from being trained as a pilot, but he entered the Armament service and trained to maintain and repair weapons, as well as load bombs and cargo on the B-24 bombers his unit flew. He would serve part of the war in the U.S. before being stationed in Aldborough, England.

Part of Neely's early duty in the war was in training other Air Corpsmen in the U.S.

"We used to train aerial gunners with a .50 caliber machine gun. We'd start them out with pistols and rifles and work them up to their machine guns. Then, when they went into advanced training, we'd put a big sleeve on behind a tow plane and we'd take all the bullets they would use and put different colors of paraffin on them so when the bullet went through the sleeve it left a color. That's a way we could identify just how many of the gunners could hit their targets," Neely said.

When Neely was stationed in England, he worked in Armament to load the B-24 bombers for missions. His unit, the 8th Air Corps, included Neely's Commanding Officer as the youngest Colonel in the Air Corp and the actor Jimmy Stewart as an operations officer. The ground crew could tell from the bomb and fuel loads where the planes would be flying, and Neely said the crew would always "sweat out" the flights while the bombers were away. The 8th Air Corps had more casualties per unit than any other branch of the service, Neely said.

"From D-day until we won supremacy of the air over there, we were loading out two or three missions a day," he said.

Neely's first experience upon arriving in England was hearing an Axis Sally radio broadcast that promised the German air force would "pay them a visit." The base was bombed that night, and after that engagement drone bombs would sometimes zip over

the base bound for targets further into England.

"People forget how smart the Germans were," Neely said.

At the end of the war, Neely and the 8th Air Corps were assigned to pack up equipment and prepare to deploy to the Pacific theater. That redeployment was thankfully unnecessary and Neely was released from the Air Corps while on duty in California.

Neely returned home and ran the family grocery store, but after marrying his wife Florence and starting a family he was informed of an open position on the Boone Fire Department in 1951. He would serve a career with the Boone Fire Department until retirement in 1984. He also coached baseball for almost 20 years. When a drowning occurred at Ledges State Park, Neely was instrumental in one of the first underwater rescue teams in the state. He and Florence would raise three sons: Allen, Richard and Ronald (who has since passed away).

Neely attributed much of his success in the fire department to the attitude and discipline he acquired as a result of his service.

"People don't realize it, but your fire department to be exact, or your police department, have to be partially military," Neely said.

His training also helped him learn to control his temper, restraining a tendency he had to "fight at the drop of a hat" in his younger days.

Neely said he has no real regrets from his time in the war. "I did it. I'd do it again," Neely said. "The nation came together in a rare way, and everyone did their part in that time."

He did say that modern wars are a different enterprise, as soldiers today aren't able to trust the people around them.

"A fight is one thing, but that's not a fight," Neely said. One of the important things to do, he said, was to thank veterans when the opportunity is available.

Neely has previously served as grand marshal in Boone parades, and a memorial to his son, Ronald, sits in the current fire station, commemorating his years of service.

I commend Clyde "Bill" Neely for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

FINDINGS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS RELATING TO EFFICIENCY AND REFORM PURSUANT TO H. RES. 1493

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, it is the highest priority of the Appropriations Committee to ensure that the American people are well served by sound investments in federal programs and services. To this end, the Committee has been working to produce fiscal year 2011 appropriations legislation in a fiscally disciplined manner. The Committee conducted more than 160 hearings this year in order to thoroughly review the President's fiscal year 2011 budget request and to conduct vigorous oversight of ongoing programs.

In keeping with an overall discretionary funding level of \$14.5 billion below the President's request, two fiscal year 2011 appropriations bills have passed the House and the remaining 10 bills have been approved at the