

COMPETES Act contained additional provisions dealing with coordination and non duplication. Under Title VI of the bill, the Undersecretary for Science at the Department of Energy was given additional authority to coordinate energy technology research, development, and demonstration activities across the Department. There are also coordination provisions relating to the management of federal scientific collections and manufacturing research and development.

NASA ACQUISITION REFORM

Over the course of the past several years, the Committee on Science and Technology has investigated deficiencies in the awarding of major NASA contracts, with a focus on the flawed awarding of the Space Communications Networks Services Contract. This contract award, worth 1.3 billion dollars, has been successfully protested to the Government Accountability Office twice, and significant concerns regarding NASA's contract award management have been raised by these protests. To address these issues, the Committee devoted Title VIII of its 2010 NASA authorization (H.R. 5781) to acquisition management. Notably, this title attempts to avoid organizational conflicts of interest in major NASA acquisitions by prohibiting contractors providing systems engineering or technical assistance to NASA from competing for the underlying management or acquisition contract. Similar provisions applicable to the Department of Defense were included in the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009. In an effort to control spiraling acquisition costs, Title VIII of H.R. 5781 also strengthens a prohibition on expenditure of funds for acquisitions which exceed a 30 percent cost growth.

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT

As a component of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, the Committee included a provision requiring the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to conduct an assessment of the governance of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program. In carrying out the assessment, the Director is instructed to use criteria established pursuant to the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. This novel approach is intended to require the director of NIST to use criteria generally applied in making assessments of private sector proposals on NIST's own programs. It is hoped that this critical assessment will lead to better management of the MEP program.

FUTURE AREAS OF FOCUS

The Committee on Science and Technology continues to look at ways of making the Federal scientific agencies more efficient and better managed. One area of future focus is the management of the Department of Energy's (DOE) civilian research laboratories. DOE's laboratories are currently regulated internally, and, to a large degree, to a single DOE set of standards. However, the safety, environmental, and security requirements of DOE's civilian and military laboratories vary greatly. The Committee has begun to investigate whether turning DOE's civilian laboratories over to non-DOE regulation would prove more cost effective than its current internal management structure. The Committee has also been looking at recommendations from a 2009 report by the National Academy of Public Administration to determine if DOE could imple-

ment practices aimed at better management of its human capital.

I hope these examples of the Committee's legislative work prove helpful to the Congress at large. As the Congress moves forward with future efforts toward deficit reduction and enhanced management of the Federal Government, the Committee on Science and Technology will continue to be an enthusiastic partner in these endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MERYL FRANK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Her Excellency Ambassador Meryl Frank, honoree at the Jewish Outreach Institute's 2010 Tribute Evening. For many years, Ambassador Frank has dedicated her time to serve the local community and advocate on behalf of women's rights. Her numerous achievements and accolades have earned her this prestigious recognition bestowed upon her by the Jewish Outreach Institute.

Ambassador Frank is a graduate of Livingston College, Rutgers University where she majored in history. She also earned multiple graduate degrees from Yale University in International Relations, Political Science, and Public Health in 1987 and 1988.

As Mayor of Highland Park, Ambassador Meryl Frank dedicated her life to serving her constituents. During her tenure, she was known for her commitment to ethics and good government. Under her direction, Highland Park maintained their title as New Jersey's first green community. The Borough of Highland Park continues to promote a tradition of diversity throughout the community and currently also houses one of the best public school systems in the nation. Highland Park's success is a result of Ambassador Frank's dedication to the residents and displays outstanding leadership.

Ambassador Frank touts thirty years of exceptional community service and advocacy work on behalf of women and children. Ms. Frank served at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Copenhagen, Denmark and prepared a report on the Implementation of the International Code on Breast Milk Substitutes. She has also served as Director of the Infant Care Leave Project at the Yale Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy and President of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress. Ms. Frank co-authored and edited *The Parental Leave Crisis: Toward a National Policy*, was a key advocate of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act signed into law by President Clinton, and was an author of the New Jersey Family Leave Act signed by Governor Kean. As a result of her hard work, Ms. Frank was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in February 2010 after already having served as the U.S. Representative to the CSW for nearly one year. Her commitment to improving and empowering the lives of women globally has gained her acclaim as a mentor, trainer, and lecturer on women's leadership and political participation. Ambassador Frank's outstanding

work has undoubtedly touched the lives of many individuals and is worthy of recognition by the Jewish Outreach Institute.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Ambassador Meryl Frank. Her life-time devotion to helping others will continue to serve as a shining example of what steadfast commitment and determination can accomplish.

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes:

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Chair, I submit an exchange of letters between the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means concerning H.R. 3534.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, September 13, 2010.

Hon. NICK J. RAHALL II,
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR NICK RAHALL: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Ways and Means in your amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 3534, the "Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2010."

Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides that the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over "revenue measures generally." Section 802 of H.R. 3534, as amended, raises revenue by imposing a fee of \$2 per barrel of oil and 20 cents per million BTU of natural gas produced on Federal onshore and offshore lands. As a result, Section 802 of H.R. 3534, as amended, is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means.

I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I will not seek a sequential referral of H.R. 3534, as amended. However, I agree to waive consideration of this bill with the understanding that this does not in any way prejudice the Committee on Ways and Means and its jurisdictional prerogatives on H.R. 3534 or similar legislation.

Further, the Ways and Means Committee reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation on provisions of the bill that are within the Committee's jurisdiction. I ask for your commitment to support any request by the Committee on Ways and Means for the appointment of conferees on H.R. 3534 or similar legislation. I also ask that a copy of this letter and your response be included in the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

SANDER M. LEVIN,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, September 15, 2010.

Hon. SANDER M. LEVIN,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter indicating the Committee on Ways and Means' jurisdictional interests in certain provisions of the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 3534, the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2010.

I acknowledge your jurisdictional interests in the bill. I appreciate your willingness to forego seeking a sequential referral of the legislation and understand that this action will in no way waive your Committee's jurisdictional interests or serve as a precedent for future referrals. I also understand that you reserve the right to seek to have conferees named from the Committee on Ways and Means on these provisions, and would support such a request if it were made.

A copy of our respective letters regarding H.R. 3534 will be entered into the Congressional Record.

Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL II,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you and Majority Leader HOYER for introducing this resolution and for honoring the memory of those who perished in 9/11, including the nearly 300 men and women from my district.

Many of us lost family and close friends in the attacks. Their memories are kept alive through the devotion and steadfast commitment of their strong families and kind-hearted friends. 9/11 will never be forgotten, but we must continue to recognize not only all who we lost, but the bravery of so many on that tragic day.

We will never forget the tearful wishes of loved ones speaking their final goodbyes and comfort to their spouses and children, and we will never forget those who heroically ran into the buildings or stayed behind to help others.

In the brutality of those attacks, we saw the heart of the American spirit and the bravery of all Americans.

In particular, I would like to recognize the thousands of emergency service workers and volunteers in New York City who rushed to the pile to aid the rescue and recovery to save lives, with little care for their own health and safety.

To this day, these brave men and women, which include people like Martin Fullam, a 30-year veteran FDNY lieutenant from Staten Is-

land, still suffer from medical complications from the air in the days following the attack, which was thick with toxic smoke and debris.

On each anniversary of the attacks, we hear many touching tributes to the heroism of the innocent victims of that faithful day and of course, the brave men and women who rushed to Ground Zero.

But, remembering the legacies of those who are no longer with us and fulfilling our promises to those who are still here perhaps will be the greatest tribute to all to all those affected by this tragedy—both the victims and survivors of the worst attack on U.S. soil in the history of this great country.

To all the other first responders who are struggling with 9/11-related illnesses, I say we will help you.

To reiterate this significance of this day and of the work that goes unfinished, I would like to tell the story of another young man in my district by the name of Stephen Siller.

Stephen was on his way home when he heard on his scanner news of the attack on the Trade Center and he immediately turned his car around and drove back to Manhattan through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.

With tunnel traffic at a standstill, Stephen got out of his car, strapped on his gear and ran towards the burning towers. He eventually met up with his squad members as they rushed into the World Trade Center, where he helped save tens of thousands of office workers.

But sadly, Stephen and his entire squad were never to be seen again. Stephen's family and the people of New York City honor his memory and bravery with a 5K "Tunnel to Towers" run that retraces Stephen's steps. Stephen's memory also lives on in the good works the family has done by building Stephen's House and Home for orphans.

So in Stephen's honor, and in respect for the memory of the nearly 3,000 others murdered on that fateful day nine years ago, I urge my colleagues to vote for H. Res. 1610.

HONORING ELVAN AND ELEANOR NEWCOMB

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Elvan and Eleanor Newcomb for receiving the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. They have lived a long and distinguished life, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

The Newcombs moved to California's Central Valley from Oklahoma in 1941, the year they married. Elvan started his career as a tractor dealer, salesman, partsman, and mechanic at a dealership in Madera and has expanded his management and ownership since his first job.

Elvan and Eleanor are well connected within their community. They have been involved in Warner Pacific College, Fourth Street Church of God, Madera Valley Bank, Cattlewomen's, Cow-bells, Republican Women, Madera Historical Society, and Women of the Church of God of the Central Valley. In 2007, Elvan and Eleanor were honored as Old-Timers Day's King and Queen and have been faithful and

generous leaders at their church, and are committed to historic California events, such as Mule Days in Bishop, California, where they have attended festivities for over 50 years.

Elvan and Eleanor are proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of three children, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. It is clear that they will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Elvan and Eleanor Newcomb for a life well-lived and wishing them the best of luck and health as he continues setting the standard.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN HARRISON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John Harrison, a World War II Army 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. John Harrison was recognized on Tuesday, July 20. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JOHN HARRISON

(By Alexander Hutchins)

John Harrison, 84, a former Army Staff Sergeant, was raised on a farm south of Perry in the midst of the depression.

"Back in those days we were just coming out of the depression, and we didn't have anything, but we had plenty to eat," said Harrison.

He worked throughout his youth and contributed to his family's income in tough times. This spirit of hard work and the necessity of duty would shape his life as much as his time in the Army during World War II.

Harrison spent much of his youth working on the family farm and for other farmers in the area.

"I vividly remember the summer of 1936, when we'd throw a mattress out under the shade tree in the yard and just hope and pray for a little breeze," Harrison said.

He trained in carpentry in high school, a skill that he would employ in a brief career after the war. He married his first wife, Betty, before joining the service, though she has since passed away.

Harrison was inducted into the Army in September of 1944, took his basic training at Fort Hood, Texas, and went overseas in January of 1945.

"I was on the island of Saipan until they got a convoy together, then we went to Okinawa," Harrison said.

When deploying to the island, the sister ship of Harrison's vessel was hit by a Kamikaze pilot. The soldier above Harrison on the rope dropped his rifle, and Harrison would sport the dent in his helmet for the rest of his time in the service.

He served with the 34th Combat Engineers, primarily building Bailey Bridges and other infrastructure, but did fire and was fired upon by Japanese forces.

"I do remember when we were moving forward we would see trucks going by carrying dead soldiers," Harrison said. "[They] had new combat boots on that didn't even have