

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JOBs AND ENERGY PERMITTING ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2021) to amend the Clean Air Act regarding air pollution from Outer Continental Shelf activity:

Mr. FARR. Madam Chair, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2021, the Jobs and Energy Permitting Act. Since the beginning of the 112th Congress, my Republican colleagues have been relentless in their attempts to weaken offshore drilling regulations and to preserve wasteful and unnecessary subsidies to the most profitable oil corporations in the world. While Americans are facing serious pain at the pump, in the first quarter of 2011, the five biggest oil companies have made a total combined profit of \$35 billion. Yet, as these companies break record profits, the Republican leadership insists that we continue to hand these companies billions of taxpayer dollars in subsidies.

H.R. 2021 is just another blatant attack on human health and the environment in an attempt to shield outrageous Big Oil profits. This bill seeks to evade Clean Air Act standards intended to protect our air and health by allowing the oil companies to pollute as much as they want from their offshore operations. Secondly, this anti-environment piece of legislation would block the right of California and other states to enforce more rigorous emissions standards on vessels servicing an offshore operation. It seems ironic that my colleagues who are arguing against big government now want to take away states' rights to protect their residents from dirty local air.

I strongly support the need to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil. However, H.R. 2021 is not the answer. I am extremely disappointed that my Republican colleagues continue to dismiss renewable sources of energy as part of the solution. The renewable energy sector has the potential to support hundred of thousands of jobs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The number of jobs in the solar industry, for example, doubled from 2009 to 2010. However, in the Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Water Subcommittee Appropriations bill, Republicans have proposed draconian cuts to programs that focus on energy efficiency research and renewable sources of energy such as solar and wind. The proposed cut of \$1.895 billion to the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program is simply unacceptable. These cuts to alternative energy programs and the numerous pro-Big Oil bills, such as H.R. 2021, that have been introduced in the 112th Congress indicate that the Republicans do not support a comprehensive solution to rising gas prices, ending America's foreign dependence on oil, and creating jobs.

My fellow Democrats attempted to improve H.R. 2021 by offering ten different amendments, but the Republicans rejected each and every one, including an amendment that would maintain California's ability to set its own emissions standards. Unfortunately this Republican desired top-down approach will degrade air quality along the coast of California, causing health costs to soar with increasing incidence of respiratory illnesses.

Madam Chair, the quality of the air we breathe and the health of my constituents is of utmost importance. For this reason, I do not support this legislation, and I voted "no" on H.R. 2021.

RECOGNITION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SHUTESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, on June 30, 1761, the incorporation of the town of Shutesbury, Massachusetts, was approved by the colonial Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sir Francis Bernard. Named for former colonial Governor Samuel Shute, the town is an exemplification of the natural beauty of Massachusetts' rolling hills. After 250 years, Shutesbury remains a town largely untouched by the imperfections of modernity.

The town traces its history to 1735, when an east-west inland road was built to encourage commerce from Lancaster to Sunderland. Over the next century, residents constructed a meetinghouse and assembled a small town. The incorporation of Shutesbury in 1761 allowed residents to expand their community to include a church and public library. The town has grown to now include over 1,700 people while maintaining the charm and civility that Shutesbury has continually represented.

Shutesbury continues to thrive in western Massachusetts as a rural community amidst burgeoning cities. The promise of this town is rooted in its commitment to protecting natural resources and recognizing the capacity of forests, streams and rural communities for future generations to enjoy.

On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the town of Shutesbury, Massachusetts, I congratulate its citizens and praise their dedication and perseverance throughout the town's history. I look forward with enthusiastic support as we continue together to work toward a prosperous future.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND THOMAS O'DONNELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Thomas O'Donnell, who has devoted his life to the enrichment of his community.

Reverend O'Donnell was born in Cleveland, Ohio at St. John's Hospital and is one of three children. His brother, Neil is now deceased and his sister Ellen Jane is a nun in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Reverend O'Donnell spent much of his youth interested in music and eventually received a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Oberlin College before entering the seminary. Ordained on May 20, 1967, Reverend O'Donnell first served at St. Clare Church in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Two years later he began teaching Sacred Music at St. Mary Seminary. While he was teaching, in 1972, Reverend O'Donnell began attending Case Western Reserve University to further his studies in Sacred Music.

After fourteen years at the seminary, during which time he also became Diocesan Director of Music and Assistant Director of the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Liturgy, he decided to return to parish ministry. Reverend O'Donnell then began to serve as a hospital chaplain, first at Brentwood and Suburban Hospitals and later as the Catholic Chaplain at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. He underwent a two year training course at the Cleveland Clinic prior to his work as a chaplain.

Reverend O'Donnell has been with Holy Name for fourteen years and has worked tirelessly for the betterment of his parish and the entire community. Reverend O'Donnell brought together a parish life steering committee and was integral in opening the John Paul II—Ozanam Hunger Center, along with churches in Slavic Village and several other suburban parishes. Furthermore, his parish now provides the area with five Alcoholics Anonymous meetings a week, a Parish Wellness Center, a hot meal program which serves the community twice a month, and countless other civic organizations and projects.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Reverend Thomas O'Donnell, a hardworking, heartfelt individual who has devoted his life so tirelessly to God and his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 478, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

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HONORING HUGHSON POLICE
CHIEF JANET RASMUSSEN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Hughson Police Chief Janet Rasmussen, who rose through the ranks to become the County of Stanislaus and the City of Hughson's First Female Chief nearly 7 years ago, announced her retirement as of July 30, 2011; after serving in law enforcement for 36 years; and

Chief Rasmussen started her law enforcement career as a Volunteer Dispatcher-Clerk in April 1975, School Resource Officer and Matron-Dispatcher-Clerk in May 1976, and Dispatcher-Clerk in June 1977 through January 1982, Explorer Advisor in January 1979 through January 1982; and Reserve Police Officer in January 1979 through January 1982; and

Janet Rasmussen continued her career serving in the Tulare County Sheriffs Department, hired by the Corcoran Police Department in 1976, Tulare Police Department in 1977, Tulare Sheriff's Department in 1982; and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department in 1991; while attending College of the Sequoias and receiving her Associates of Science in Criminal Justice in 1981, becoming a P.O.S.T Graduate in 2002, and completing her Bachelors of Science program in 2006; and

Janet Rasmussen was selected as the First Woman Narcotics Detective in Tulare County and First Woman Sergeant to serve in patrol, the First Female selected in Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department, the First Woman Instructor for Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department at the Ray Simon Regional Training Center Police Academy for Firearms, Weaponless Defense, Expandable Baton, Oleoresin Capsicum; the First Woman Team Leader for a Hostage Negotiation Team and in 2005 was selected as the First Woman in Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department serving as Chief of Police for the City of Hughson; and

Allowed attendance only by invitation and through an extensive nomination process she was the 2nd Woman in Stanislaus County to attend the FBI National Academy graduating in 2007, whereby only 12,000 women out of 39,000 attended the academy since its inception in 1935; and during the Chief's tenure in Stanislaus County, Criminal and gang activity remained at a level that placed Hughson as one of the safest communities in the Stanislaus County compared to communities in the area; and

Chief Rasmussen was very active in various organizations and extended her service to society by participating and volunteering in various organization such as serving as Governing Board Member—Stanislaus County Association of Law Enforcement Executive; Joint Powers Advisory Board Member for the Stanislaus County Drug Enforcement Agency; Advisory Board Member for the Stanislaus County Domestic Preparedness Task Force and Joint Board Member for the Office of Emergency Services Operational Area County; and a Member of the FBI National Academy Association; receiving AAA Auto Theft Recovery Award; and the Excellence in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Award.

Chief Rasmussen has been an outstanding and highly effective Police Chief whose quiet and steady leadership is an excellent example to us all of how to serve humanity.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commanding the outstanding contributions made to law enforcement and the Hughson Community by Chief of Police Janet Rasmussen and hereby wish her continued success in her retirement.

THE INTERRELIGIOUS TASK
FORCE ON CENTRAL AMERICA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the InterReligious Task Force on Central America on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

Since its inception, the IRTF has strived to promote peace, justice, human rights, and nonviolence in Central America by raising awareness in Northeast Ohio. It has constantly sought out policies that support anti-militarism, environmental human rights, economic justice, ending the exploitation of labor, and the promotion of fair trade in Central America.

In 1987, the IRTF started the Rapid Response Network for Human Rights, which allowed volunteers to write letters in order to protest urgent human rights abuses. Originally conceived to respond to human rights abuses in Guatemala, this service is currently available for all Central American nations and Columbia.

The IRTF has also worked to expose the negative effects of globalization in Central America. These effects include ecological destruction, privatization of utilities and other public services, a decrease in labor standards, and the disruption of local populations by large multi-national corporations. Through its efforts to promote fair trade, Northeast Ohio is now one of the largest markets for fair trade coffee in the United States.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the InterReligious Task Force on Central America, an organization whose policies work to improve conditions for the oppressed peoples in Central America, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSPICE
AND PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES
ASSOCIATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as a nurse of many years, I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association (HPNA) on the occasion of its 25th anniversary (1986–2011). Representing nearly 10,000 members across the United States, HPNA is now the nation's largest and oldest professional nursing organization dedicated to promoting excellence in hospice and palliative nursing care. Since 1986 HPNA has played an

important role in promoting excellence among palliative nursing professionals through evidence-based educational tools, specialty resources, visionary collaboration, and professional networking. The important role that these nurses play in the lives of individuals and their families is worthy of celebration, and I add my voice to those honoring the organization's 25 years of service.

As my colleagues may know, nurses now comprise the largest group of health professionals with approximately 2.9 million providers offering essential care to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, community or public health areas, schools, workplaces and home care. Nurses represent the public interest and not a special interest. The contributions made by the practice and science of nursing are significant, and in collaboration with other healthcare professionals, significantly improves the quality of our nation's health care system. Simply put, nurses are involved in every aspect of health care, including end of life care. The field of hospice and palliative care nursing is instrumental in treating the person and taking into account the medical, social, psychological, and spiritual needs of a patient and their family at the end of life. This key field of nursing emphasizes quality of life at life's end, and for that I am grateful. Hospice is a covered benefit under Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance plans. I applaud HPNA for educating families and the public regarding these important considerations and care options.

Again, I commend the work, dedication and commitment of the hospice and palliative care nurses and the HPNA to improve the quality of life for individuals and their families at the end of life. I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow nurses in this important field as well as the critical patient population and families that they serve.

HONORING RACHEL ANSZELOWICZ

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an extraordinary constituent of mine, Rachel Anszelowicz.

Rachel visited my office recently to tell me about how difficult it is to live with type 1 diabetes. She told me about the painful glucose monitors and burdensome insulin pumps that she and other children with juvenile diabetes use to manage their disease. And, she told me about her increased risk as an adult for, among other ailments, kidney failure and heart disease. As a 2011 Children's Congress delegate from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Rachel spoke with a poise and maturity beyond her 13 years.

In her fight with the disease, Rachel is not alone. As many as twenty-six million Americans have diabetes, which ultimately accounts for \$174 billion in health care costs in the United States, and twenty-two percent of hospital inpatient days. If we are to bring down this country's rising health care costs, then new cost effective and high quality treatments for chronic diseases like diabetes will be a critical part of that effort.

Research by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and other clinical experts