

Republicans have severely undermined the effectiveness of this vital program that helps people who have lost their jobs due to trade.

TAA has had bipartisan support for fifty years. There are workers in all 50 states who received assistance under this legislation. TAA ensures that we support American workers when their jobs are shipped overseas. It provides these workers training for new jobs, health coverage and assistance with their job search.

The 2009 reforms brought TAA into a new era so that service sector workers could also benefit from the program. This improved program allowed workers who lost their jobs to China or India, and not just countries with which we have a Free Trade Agreement, to benefit from the program. It also expanded the health coverage tax credit to 80% from 65% of premium costs and granted an extra 26 weeks of income support for workers in training.

In just the last eighteen months, over 400,000 workers qualified for benefits under the TAA program, and nearly 27,000 of them are in California. Nearly half of those workers qualified under the provisions adopted in 2009. These new, expanded benefits have now expired because of Republican inaction.

The Republican majority is focused on cutting \$100 billion from the budget, voting on Patriot Act wiretaps, and taking away health care from millions of Americans. What they aren't doing is helping workers. By allowing the 2009 TAA reforms to expire, the Republicans have once again demonstrated that their priorities are out of line with the needs of ordinary Americans.

We owe it to these hundreds of thousands of workers to support them when their job moves overseas. I urge the Republican leaders of Congress to bring an extension of Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 to the floor as quickly as possible.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO MODIFY THE INCENTIVES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BIODIESEL

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that extends to the end of

2016 the \$1.00 per gallon biodiesel tax credit and the additional \$0.10 per gallon tax credit to small agri-biodiesel producers. Extending the biodiesel tax credit for another five years will provide the certainty and stability in the marketplace that is needed to encourage companies to invest in the development and production of biodiesel.

Companies throughout the United States have emerged as pioneers in this growing renewable energy sector. The founder of Hawaii's Pacific Biodiesel observed that large quantities of used cooking oil were going directly to a local landfill and proposed converting this restaurant waste into biodiesel in order to fuel the landfill's generators. This is but one example of how an innovative idea can turn a problem into a solution. By producing a more sustainable and environmentally friendly fuel, companies like this one have helped Hawaii—the most oil-dependent state in the country—become more energy self-sufficient. In addition, producers like these not only diversify our domestic energy portfolio but also boost our local economies by creating jobs for biodiesel production and distribution as well as for feedstock farming and collection.

President Obama noted in his recent State of the Union speech that he supports incentives to invest in and develop the biofuels industry in order to break our country's dependence on oil. This legislation takes us a step forward to achieving that goal.

INTENT TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT ON H.R. 1

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time during the debate on H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, I plan to offer the following amendment to amend Page 303 of H.R. 1 by striking lines 3 through 9 and inserting the attached language.

This amendment would fully restore all funding to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) that H.R. 1 aims to eliminate. A portion of this funding would provide CPB with the funds necessary to assist with the transition to digital broadcasting, provide for the costly infrastructure and maintenance that connects

rural to urban, and assist with radio interconnection.

RECOGNIZING THE GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH BRUNCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Genesee District Library as it celebrates the 10th Annual Black History Month Brunch on Saturday, February 19th in Grand Blanc Michigan.

Proceeds from the Brunch help fund the Genesee District Library's Summer Reading Program. The Library operates this program at its 19 locations with 5,000 young people participating. This year the program will feature renowned gospel singer, Vickie Winans, and jazz recording artist Randy Scott.

The Genesee District Library will also present six individuals from Genesee County with the Award of Excellence. These individuals have made significant contributions to the community and provide inspiration to future generations. These individuals are: Dr. George Ross, a Flint Northern High School graduate who is the first African-American President of Central Michigan University; former state representative and educator, Genesee County Commissioner Brenda J. Clack; Floyd Clack, former state representative and educator, currently an Eastern Michigan University Regent; Samuel Cox, owner and operator of three area McDonalds Restaurants; Dr. Reginald G. Flynn, pastor of Foss Avenue Baptist Church and community activist; and Judge Tracy Collier-Nix of the 68th District Court and the second African-American female to join the Genesee District Bar Association.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Genesee District Library for showcasing Black History Month through its recognition of these outstanding citizens and providing a nurturing environment for all generations to contemplate new ideas, discover new skills, encounter new cultures, and develop the enthusiasm to work for a brighter tomorrow.

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, February 15, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
FEBRUARY 16

Time to be announced

Finance

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress.

SD-215

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress.

Room to be announced

9:15 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine saving the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Department of Energy's budget for fiscal year 2012; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to examine subcommittee assignments, revise recusal policy for executive nominees, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine safeguarding our future, focusing on building a nationwide network for first responders.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine national leaders' call to action on transportation.

SD-406

Finance

To continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine targeting websites dedicated to stealing American intellectual property.

SD-226

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the worldwide threat.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress, Public Health Service nominations, and an original bill entitled Technical Amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act.

SD-430

11:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider electing Chairman and Vice Chairman, committee rules, and any other organizational business items during the 112th Congress.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving Federal employment of people with disabilities.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress.

SR-253

Judiciary

Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee membership and jurisdiction, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress, S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, S. 49, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, and the nominations of Sue E. Myerscough, and James E. Shadid, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Susan L. Carney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Michael H. Simon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Mae A. D'Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice.

SD-226

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the SBIR and STTR programs.

SR-428A

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Latin America.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine agriculture and growing America's economy; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress.

SR-328A

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:30 p.m.

Rules and Administration

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for the 112th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine Senate committees that have presented budgets above guidelines for the 112th Congress.

SR-301

MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012

and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

MARCH 2

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

MARCH 3

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the USDA Forest Service.

SD-366

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SH-219 following the open session.

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